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*A senior citizen casting her vote at
Government Middle School, Tuophema.*



All women polling teams at the DC Office Complex, Kohima.



Around 800 vehicles arranged for dispatching polling personnel in Dimapur 1, 2 & 3 for the 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024.



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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES OFFICERS AS AA, PIO AND APIO

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POLLING DAY DECLARED PAID HOLIDAY NOTIFIES HOME DEPARTMENT

The Home Department of Nagaland has notified that in accordance with Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and in view of the forthcoming General Election to the Lok Sabha; the day of polling i.e. 19th April 2024 (Friday) is declared as Paid Holiday for all the employees of Government/Private and Business Establishments in the State of Nagaland to enable them to participate and exercise their franchise.

This applies to all categories of employees including the daily wage/casual workers and also all those electors working outside the Constituency concerned. However, this shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.

The day of polling is also declared Paid Holiday to all the employees of Banks and Financial Institutions in Nagaland under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (Act, XXVI) to enable them to exercise their franchise.

H&FW NOTIFIES CHANGES IN MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME

The Health & Family Welfare Department has issued a notification regarding changes in the Medical Reimbursement (MR) Scheme following the launch of the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) effective from November 1st 2022, fresh approval for treatment under the MR Scheme has been discontinued.

However, the implementation of CMHIS faced some initial challenges, including

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hospitals refusing to provide services to beneficiaries. As a result, certain patients were unable to utilize the benefits of the scheme and had to bear the costs of treatment themselves.

To address this issue and ensure that CMHIS (EP) beneficiaries are not deprived of their entitled benefits, the following guidelines have been issued:

1. Regardless of whether the treatment is received at a hospital empanelled under CMHIS or under the old MR scheme, if the treatment cost is deducted from the beneficiary's Medical Allowance, reimbursement for the cost of treatment will be covered under CMHIS (EP).
2. For government employees, if the treatment was undertaken before the deduction of Medical Allowance from the beneficiary, reimbursement for the cost of treatment will fall under the old MR scheme, regardless of whether the treatment was received at a hospital empanelled under CMHIS or the old MR scheme.

These reimbursements are subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The cost of treatment will be considered for reimbursement according to the approved CMHIS (EP) Health benefit Package rate or as recommended by the State Medical Board constituted under the Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS).
- b. Reimbursement will only be permissible for treatments undergone between November 1st, 2022, and December 31st, 2023.
- c. Applicants seeking reimbursement must submit their application along with all supporting documents as prescribed by NHPS.

The notification also clarified that treatment in non-empanelled hospitals will only be allowed in cases of emergencies or when a specific procedure is not available at any of the empanelled hospitals. Prior approval from the State Medical Board is required in such cases to facilitate treatment under these circumstances.

PM-JAY CMHIS NAGALAND TO CONTINUE DELIVERY OF CASHLESS SERVICES

The Nagaland Health Protection Society stated that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) & Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) in Nagaland has ushered in a new policy period effective April 1, 2024, operating under the Insurance Mode. However, the implementation has encountered intermittent technical issues within the National Health Authority (NHA) IT Portal for CMHIS (EP).

While all efforts are underway to resolve the issues promptly, it said that empanelled hospitals have been directed to submit offline registrations and preauthorization requests along with all necessary documents by email to SUA and Claim Processing team of the Insurance Company to ensure seamless service delivery till the portal issues are resolved.

Further, all empanelled hospitals have been directed to continue delivery of cashless services to beneficiaries, failing which necessary disciplinary actions as per the provision of the Contract will be initiated against erring EHCPs, it added.

Beneficiaries have been requested to immediately contact the following contact points

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in the event of any empanelled hospitals refusing cashless benefits:

- Phone: 8880515011/8880515012/8880515013/8880515014.
- Email: nagaland.nhpm@gmail.com,
- Toll-Free Helpline Number: 14555 / 1800111565,
- Central Grievance Redressal and Management System: <https://stgegrams.pmjay.gov.in>,
- Office Address: NHPS Office, 4th Floor, Drug Control Building, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Kohima, Nagaland.

ECI PROHIBITS PUBLISHING OF EXIT POLL IN ANY FORM RELATED TO 18TH LOK SABHA ELECTION 2024

In exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951 the Election Commission of India, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, has notified the period between 7.00 AM on 19th April, 2024 (Friday) and 6.30 PM on 1st June, 2024 (Saturday) as the period during which conducting and publishing or publicizing exit poll by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim, 2024 and bye-election to 25 Assembly Constituencies in 12 States to be held simultaneously with the general election to Lok Sabha, shall be prohibited.

It is further clarified that under Section 126(l) (b) of the R.P Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of the poll in connection with the aforesaid general elections and bye-elections.

ASST. LABOUR COMMISSIONER KOHIMA INFORMS

As required under Sub-Section (1) (2) and (3) of Section 36 of the Nagaland Shops & Establishments Act, 1986, all owners and employers of those Shops, Commercial Establishments except those exempted by the Act, have been informed to get registered/renewed their Establishments in the Assistant Labour Commissioner's Office, Kohima District below New Secretariat Complex on or before 10th May for the year 2024.

It also informed that if any employer carries on business without a valid Registration Certificate after 10th May, 2024, he/she shall be liable to pay penalty equal to the fee prescribed for registration or renewal of registration, as the case maybe, plus an additional penalty at rupees two per day of continued default as per Sub-Section(6) of Section 36 of the Nagaland Shops & Establishments Act, 1986. The certificate or the renewal certificate as the case maybe, shall be kept prominently displayed at some conspicuous place of the establishment as prescribed under sub- Section 5 of Section 36 of the Act.

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ECI DIRECTS DISCLOSURE OF PUBLISHERS AND PRINTERS FOR TRACEABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Sending a strong message, the Election Commission of India today has directed all the States/UTs mandating the clear identification of printer and publisher on printed election-related material including hoardings, ensuring accountability and transparency in campaign communications. The decision was taken by the Commission consisting of Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu after representations were received in the Commission stating that in hoarding spaces controlled by Municipal authorities, hoardings without the identity of the printer or publisher have been noticed.

Section 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, unequivocally prohibits the printing or publishing of election pamphlets, posters, placards, or banners without prominently displaying the name and address of the printer and publisher. This requirement of disclosing the identity of publishers serves as a cornerstone for regulating campaign financing and fixing of responsibility in case content is found unbecoming of the framework of Model Code of Conduct or the statutory provisions.

It may be recalled that CEC Rajiv Kumar has highlighted addressing the issue of Misinformation as one of the challenges along with Money and Muscle power, for a level playing field. With this directive, the Commission now has put the accountability on printers, publishers, licensees/contractors of urban local bodies renting out outdoor advertising space for the political advertisements published on outdoor media. This is in continuation of the ECI recent advisory vide press note dated 02.04.2024 to editors of all newspapers to be cautious while publishing political advertisements in newspapers.

Attention of all stakeholders is also brought to the instructions issued by Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) dated 03.04.2024 to all its licensees and contractors on political advertisements on Outdoor media of MCD. The instructions while allowing political ads for promotion of a party/candidate, prohibits any political advertisement given against a party or candidate. Any political ad released at the cost of exchequer regarding advertisement of a party/government in power is also prohibited. All political advertisements will be displayed only after certification/approval of the designated authority responsible for approving advertisement.

CEO NAGALAND INFORMS ON DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VOTING

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Nagaland has issued a public notice for general information that the General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024 from Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency, that the Voter Information Slip will not be allowed as proof of identity of voters, although it is prepared and issued to electors to facilitate voters in knowing the serial number of electoral roll in their polling station, date of poll, time etc.

All electors who have been issued Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) have to produce

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the EPIC for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:

1. Aadhaar Card.
2. MNREGA Job Card.
3. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/ Post Office.
4. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour
5. Driving License.
6. PAN Card.
7. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR.
8. Indian Passport.
9. Pension document with photograph.
10. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/ State Govt. PSUs/ Public Limited Companies.
11. Official Identity Cards issued to MPs/ MLAs/ MLCs; and
12. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

NAGALAND HEALTH PROTECTION SOCIETY INFORMS

Nagaland Health Protection Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that employees and pensioners who have undergone Medical Treatment w.e.f. 1st November 2022 to 31st December 2023 and had to make self-payment for the cost of treatment during the initial period of CMHIS (EP) are eligible for reimbursement of cost of treatment vide Notification No. HFW- 45/B/6/CMHIS/2022/165 Dated 28th March 2024.

It said that an online portal for submission and processing of such claims is under development and will be ready soon. Meanwhile, all concerned beneficiaries have been requested to prepare the documents for reimbursement of medical expenses as soon as the portal goes live by visiting <https://cmhis.naaaland.gov.in/>. The portal has details of eligibility criteria and list of documents required for a successful claim application.

P&AR INFORMS ON TIMELY REGISTRATION IN PERSONAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PIMS)

In reiteration and addition to the department O.M of even number dated 5th July, 2019 and O.M. NO.PAR/PIMS-10/2017 Dated Kohima the 4th March 2022 regarding instructions on PIMS, it may be brought to the attention of all Departments that the Government has noticed delay in submission of application for registration of new appointments in various Departments in PIMS which is causing unnecessary hardship and inconvenience to the Government employees.

It is hereby directed that the application for registration of fresh appointments must be

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submitted to P&AR department within 2 (Two) weeks of the issue of the appointment order.

Only the following documents are to be submitted for registration:

1. Appointment Order.
2. Appointment Order and Release Order of the retired employee and their PIMS number. This is to ensure 1 (one) post 1 (one) incumbent or post creation order if it is a new post and there have been no former incumbents. Please note promotion orders will not be accepted as vacancy detail.
3. Recommendation of NPSC/NSSB/DRB/DLRB
4. Approval of AHoD.
5. Advertisement order.
6. Compassionate appointments must enclose clearance of P&AR Department for the same.
7. Aadhaar number with photocopy of Aadhaar card.
8. In case of Government employees who were initially appointed in a non-regular capacity (work charge/contingency/contract/casual/ad-hoc) but have subsequently been regularized, the order of regularization must also be submitted.
9. With regard to appointments made on the basis of land ownership, the departments are required to submit the documents as listed in O.M. No.LR/LAND-PLCY/5-26/2011 dated Kohima, the 16th August 2018.

Further, HoDs are reminded to thoroughly verify the applications before forwarding to P&AR Department through the AHoD.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION NOTIFIES

In accordance with relevant provisions of Rule 20 of the Nagaland Municipal Election Rules, 2023, the State Election Commission has notified the Election Programme for conduct of general election to 3 Municipal Councils and 36 Town Councils in the State as per the schedule given below:

SN	Schedule of Programme	Date & Time
1	Publication of Election Programme	29 th April 2024 (Monday)
2	Period for filing of nomination	7 th –11 th June 2024 (Friday - Tuesday) [Up to 3 pm]
3	List of validly presented nomination papers shall 1 be posted	12 th June 2024 (Wednesday)
4	Scrutiny of validly presented nomination papers	13 th June 2024 (Thursday)
5	List of validly nominated candidates shall be posted	14 th June 2024 (Friday)
6	Application for revision of the order of the authority scrutinizing the nomination	15 th –18 th June 2024 (Saturday- Tuesday) [Up to 3 pm]
7	Revision application filed shall be decided	19 th June 2024 (Wednesday)
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidates	20 th June 2024 (Thursday) [Up to 3 pm]
9	List of contesting candidates and list of polling stations shall be posted	20 th June 2024 (Thursday) [After 3 pm]
10	Date of poll	26 th June 2024 (Wednesday) [Between 7:30 am & 4:00 pm]
11	Date of re-poll, if any	28 th June 2024 (Friday)
12	Counting & declaration of results	29 th June 2024 (Saturday) [8 am onward, Counting Centre/ Hall]

AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON ONDC HELD AT KOHIMA

An awareness and sensitization program on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) held at The Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 2nd April 2024.

During the program Commissioner & Secretary for Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS emphasised that Open digital for network commerce is an initiative by the Government of India with an aim to promote open networks for all aspects of exchange goods and services over digital network to enable local retail ecosystems to access and fulfill online demands and enhancing business efficiencies by reducing various cost overheads such as acquisition cost, digital presence costs and inventory costs across all businesses.

Kevichusa, stressed on logistics service providers which lags in Nagaland where some rural areas are left out and that ONDC is expected to make e-commerce more inclusive and accessible for both buyers and sellers

which will help in economic development and livelihood creating opportunities across digital commerce value chain including logistics, packaging, last-mile delivery and other areas.

He also mentioned that ONDC encourages local growth and help the local entrepreneurs in reaching out to local Markets and encouraged to participate in e-commerce giving coverage to all businesses irrespective of size, location, digital quotient and other areas.

Senior Vice President Institutional & Government banking, Yes Bank Limited, Ravi Roy appreciated the effort for organising the first of its kind in Nagaland and also an historic moment for ONDC and the Department of Industries & Commerce.

Ravi mentioned that open Network for digital commerce is to democratise the Market since e-commerce is the future and it is the Reality going forward in changing life.

Ravi, also said Nagaland has lots



Commissioner & Secretary, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS and others during the Sensitization program on Open Network for Digital Commerce held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 2nd April 2024.

to provide and it's the right time to jump into e-commerce which will help the local entrepreneurs in reaching out locally made goods in the market and that ONDC also provide gift cards which can be utilise to purchase in all e-commerce platform and also do business through ONDC.

The program also witnessed a

technical session from Pooja Bajaj Bagaria, ONDC Team, DPIIT, Yaikhomba founder Addble Solutions Private Limited and Daniel Domeh, System Manager Post Office Kohima, Nagaland who spoke on the topic Open Network for digital commerce, Addble Solutions Private Limited and Book Now Pay Later (BNPL) respectively.

MEETING OF ELECTION OBSERVERS WITH CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES HELD

In a bid to ensure free, fair and inducement free election in the State, the Commissioner & Returning Officer 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS along with a team of Election Observers, convened a significant meeting with contesting candidates and political parties on April 3rd 2024.

The meeting held at the Conference Hall of the Commissioner & RO served as a platform for open discussion on various issues pertinent to the electoral process.

Present at the meeting were General Observers Avinash Champawat, IAS and P. Ramesh, IAS, Police Observer Sukesh Kumar Jain, IPS, and Expenditure Observers Vivek Chauhan, IRS and Satya Batra, IRAS.

Key topics addressed during the meeting included the handling of Postal Ballots, vehicle permissions for election-related activities, and the role of stakeholders in upholding democratic values. The Commissioner & Returning Officer provided insights into the procedures for handling different types of postal ballots and clarified protocols regarding vehicle permissions.

It was reiterated about importance of conducting elections in a free, fair and inducement free election, emphasizing the

need for all stakeholders to adhere strictly to the code of conduct and ethical guidelines to ensure the integrity of the electoral process.

During the meeting, candidates and political party representatives voiced their concerns and sought clarifications on various issues and same was clarified.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with stakeholders reaffirming their collaboration to ensure a smooth and successful conduct of the upcoming elections in Nagaland.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES HEATWAVE ADVISORY

The Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) has issued a public health advisory regarding the on-going heat wave affecting several areas of the state. While actual temperatures may not be extremely high, the DoHFW warns that deviations from normal temperatures could have adverse effects, particularly on vulnerable populations.

To help protect the general public, the DoHFW has provided guidelines which include several do's and don'ts:

It is advised to drink plenty of water,

even if not feeling thirsty, and carry water while traveling. Homemade drinks such as lemon water, buttermilk, and fruit juices with added salt are also recommended. Eating fruits and vegetables with high water content, like watermelon and cucumber, is encouraged.

Additionally, individuals are advised to stay covered by wearing loose, light-colored cotton clothing, using umbrellas or hats, and wearing shoes when going out in the sun. It is important to stay alert to local weather news through radios, TVs, newspapers, and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) website for weather updates at <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/>

To minimize heat exposure, individuals are advised to stay indoors or in shaded areas as much as possible. Keeping windows and curtains closed during the day and opening them at night to let cooler air in can also help. If outdoor activities are necessary, it is recommended to schedule them during cooler times of the day, such as mornings and evenings.

For vulnerable populations, including infants, young children, pregnant women, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions, additional attention is necessary. Such groups should be supervised and monitored daily. Elderly or sick people living alone should have their health closely

monitored. Immersing feet in cool water, using fans and spray bottles, and applying damp cloths or ice towels are effective ways to cool down the body.

Several precautions should also be taken by employers and workers. Providing cool drinking water and shaded work areas, scheduling strenuous jobs during cooler times of the day, and increasing the frequency and length of rest breaks are recommended. Employers should ensure that workers are properly acclimatized and trained to recognize heat-related illness symptoms. Pregnant workers and those with medical conditions should consult with their physicians about working in hot conditions.

Lastly, during mass gatherings or sports events, attendees should be aware of the increased risk of heat-related illnesses due to physical exertion, direct sun exposure, overcrowding, and limited access to water, food and shade. They are advised to stay hydrated, cool, and seek medical care if experiencing any signs or symptoms of heat-related illness.

The DoHFW emphasizes the importance of following these guidelines to prevent the adverse effects of the on-going heatwave and ensure the well-being of the general public, especially the vulnerable groups.

STATE LEVEL TRAINING OF PERSONNEL UNDER WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (WCD) CONTROL ROOM & REVIEW MEETING

On 16th of April 2024, the SANKALP State Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), Mission Shakti under the Department of Social Welfare conducted a one-day State level training for the personnel under Women and Child Development

(WCD) Control Room, comprising the 181-Women Helpline and 1098-Child Helpline, at Mission Shakti Office, Kohima.

Martha R. Ritse, IAS, Secretary, Social Welfare, chaired the review meeting on the functioning of WCD control room.

Bodeno S. Colo, Additional Secretary, Social Welfare also addressed the meeting. Detailed deliberations were held on the nature of cases received. Child Helpline has catered to over 200 cases in the last six months, and the Women Helpline has catered to about 80 cases in the last one year.

Standard Operating Procedures, Constitutional and Legal Provisions for

Women and Children, and welfare schemes under the Government of India were presented by the state team of Mission Vatsalya and SHEW, Mission Shakti. Other resource persons in the technical session from the Department of Social Welfare were Apila Sangtam, Legal Consultant and Sorenthung Kikon, Deputy Director.

102 Lok Sabha Seats, 16.63 Crore Voters, 1.87 Lakh Polling Stations, 18 Lakh Personnel in Phase 1. ECI Calls Upon Voters to Come Out and Vote

The Election Commission of India has made all preparations to welcome voters to the biggest festival of democracy that any nation has witnessed, the elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies in four states that starts off tomorrow with Phase 1. On this occasion, the Commission also reiterates its uncompromising commitment to deliver a free, fair, peaceful, accessible, participative and inducement free poll. The Commission and its teams across States and Union Territories, in the last two years have put in necessary hard work and meticulous interventions to give India's electors the best possible experience. The polling has come after numerous consultations, reviews, field visits, extensive training of officials and building of new and time appropriate operating procedures. It has also involved collaboration with a large spectrum of agencies, organisations countrywide. The Commission comprising CEC Rajiv Kumar and ECs Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu gave final touches to poll preparations today at 12 noon for a smooth run of phase 1 of General Elections 2024. Remaining 6 phases of polls will continue till 1st of June with around 97 crore voters lined up to vote. Counting of votes scheduled on

4th June.

The Commission considers that it is the time now for voters to act. It has with all sincerity appealed to voters to step out of their homes, go to the polling station and vote with responsibility and pride. In a nationally televised message, CEC Rajiv Kumar appealed to all voters to vote without fail. Listen to CEC Rajiv Kumar's message here -

In Hindi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDdiNLMWnVk>

In English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIuuKOPPcHU>

Phase 1 Facts

1. Polling for Phase-I of the General Elections 2024 will be held i.e., 19th of April, 2024 for 102 Parliamentary Constituencies (General- 73; ST- 11 ; SC- 18) in 21 States/ UTs and 92 Assembly Constituencies in the State Assembly Elections in Arunachal and Sikkim. It has the highest number of parliamentary constituencies among all phases. Voting begins at 7 AM and ends at 6 PM (Closure of Poll timings may differ PC wise)
2. Over 18 lakh Polling officials will welcome over 16.63 crore voters across 1.87 lakh polling stations

3. Voters include 8.4 crore Male; 8.23 crore Female and 11,371 Third gender electors.
4. 35.67 lakh first time voters are registered to cast their votes. Additionally, there are 3.51 crore young voters in the age group 20-29 years.
5. 1625 candidates (Males-1491; Females-134) are in the fray.
6. 41 helicopters, 84 Special trains and nearly 1 lakh vehicles have been deployed to ferry polling and security personnel.

Ensuring Peace and Purity

7. The Commission has taken a slew of decisive measures for peaceful and smooth conduct of the elections. Central forces have been deployed adequately at polling stations to secure the polling process.
8. Webcasting will be done in more than 50 % of the polling stations along with deployment of micro observers in all polling stations.
9. 361 Observers (127 General Observers, 67 Police Observers, 167 Expenditure Observers) have already reached their Constituencies days before the polls. They serve as the eyes and ears of the Commission to exercise utmost vigilance. Additionally, Special Observers have been deployed in certain states.
10. A total of 4627 Flying Squads, 5208 Statistics Surveillance Teams, 2028 Video Surveillance Teams and 1255 Video Viewing Teams are keeping surveillance round the clock to strictly and swiftly deal with any form of inducement of voters.
11. A total of 1374 inter-state and 162 international Border check posts are keeping strict vigil on any illicit flow of

liquor, drugs, cash and freebies. Strict surveillance has been kept at sea and air routes.

Voter Facilitation and Support

12. There are over 14.14 lakh registered 85+ years old and 13.89 lakh PwD voters in 102 PCs who have been provided the option to vote from the comfort of their homes. The optional Home Voting facility is already receiving tremendous appreciation and response.
13. Those among 85+ and PwD voters and deciding to come to polling stations will be provided with all facilities like pick and drop facility, signages, braille signage on EVM, volunteers etc. PwD voters can also book wheelchair facilities via ECI Saksham App.
14. Assured Minimum Facilities like water, shed, toilets, ramps, volunteers, wheelchairs, and electricity are in place to ensure that every voter, including elderly and persons with disabilities, can cast their vote with ease.
15. Model polling stations are being set up across the 102 PCs with local themes. More than 5000 Polling stations will be completely managed by women including security staff and at over 1000 Polling stations by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
16. Voter Information Slips have been distributed to all registered voters. These slips serve as a facilitation measure and also as an invitation from the Commission to come and vote.
17. Voters can check their polling station details, and poll date through this link <https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in/>
18. The Commission has also provided 12 alternative documents other than Voter id card (EPIC) for identity verification at

polling stations. If a voter is registered in the electoral roll, voting can be done by showing any of these documents.

Information for Voters

19. Voters should guard against misinformation and fake news from influencing them or dissuading them from participating in these elections, especially against false narratives being peddled on social media. All questions, clarifications and misconceptions are clarified and addressed in Commission's Myth vs. Reality register available at <https://mythvsreality.eci.gov.in/> and voters are requested to verify against these authenticated and credible resources before they amplify.
20. ECI KYC app and candidate affidavit portal (<https://affidavit.eci.gov.in/>) provides all details of contesting candidates including their assets, liabilities, educational background and criminal antecedents, if any for information of voters.

Media Facilitation

21. Commission has facilitated media persons for coverage of polling at the polling stations with issuance of nearly 47,000 Authority letters in these 21 States/UTs. International media has been specially facilitated.
22. Media and all stakeholders can check voter turnout through ECI voter turnout App on the poll day which will be updated regularly.
23. The Commission has also launched a dedicated website for Elections 2024 to provide all relevant information related to General Elections 2024 at one place <https://elections24.eci.gov.in/>

Background

24. In the last two years, the Commission

has visited many States/UTs to review the poll preparedness. The Commission interacted with political parties, enforcement agencies, all District Officers, SSPs/SPs, Divisional Commissioners, Range IGs, CS/DGPs and other senior officers of the States/UTs.

25. There were multiple conferences and review meetings with the Chief Electoral Officers and their teams to find out any gaps and ways to fill them. A team of senior officers visited various States to review the overall preparedness of the election machinery including law and order situation, specific areas of concern, and the quantum of Central Armed Police Forces requirement.
26. As part of the review, Election Commission of India also convened a crucial meeting with all States/UTs to review and assess the law-and-order situation, prevention of illicit activities, seizures and strict vigil across inter-state and international borders in the ongoing General Elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies 2024 for a free, fair, peaceful and inducement free elections. The purpose of the combined review was to bring all concerned stakeholders together on the same platform for a seamless coordination and cooperation amongst officials of the neighbouring states/UTs along with central agencies guarding the borders. The Commission, in detail, reviewed critical issues pertaining to each State/UT.
27. Prior to the announcement of the General Elections, the Commission also briefed over 2100 General, Police and Expenditure Observers for the General

Elections.

28. Aiming to enhance voter turnout, ahead of the polling in the ongoing General Elections 2024, Election Commission of India (ECI) also held a Conference on Low Voter Turnout voter with focus on Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs)

with a history of low poll participation in previous General Elections.

29. The entire election machinery has been trained on all aspects of election management. All instructions / manuals / handbooks have been comprehensively updated and available on ECI website.

CEO NAGALAND AND OFFICIALS BRIEF MEDIA AFTER CONDUCT OF POLLS

CEO Nagaland and officials briefed media personnel after conduct of polls to the 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024, Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency at AWO Ki, D-Block, Kohima on 19th April 2024.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland Vyas R, IAS stated that the Lok Sabha election process across the state has been very peaceful with 56% polling turnout till the filing of this report. He said that during the course of model code of conduct from 16 March 2024, with the combine effort of enforcement agencies have been able to seize lakhs worth of illegal cash/liquor/

drugs.

During the election process, over fourteen thousand four hundred (14,400) personnel including the reserves and used a total of eight thousand eight hundred (8,800) vehicles were engaged. He informed that in terms of vehicles requisitioning, no vehicles were requisitioned from outside the state unlike previous elections and all vehicles were requisitioned from within the state, consisting mostly of government vehicles.

He also mentioned one unique feature of this election was that many of polling stations were managed by women and



Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland Vyas R. with State Police Nodal Officer for Lok Sabha elections, IGP (Range), Lomasunep Jamir; Commissioner & Returning Officer, Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency, Sushil Kumar Patel and other officials during the press conference at AWO Ki, D-Block, Kohima on 19th April 2024

PwDs. He also mentioned about Kohima 10 Northern Angami 1 Assembly Constituency which has about 28 polling stations were all manned by women.

Briefing on the security aspects of the election, State Police Nodal Officer for Lok Sabha elections, IGP (Range) Limasunep Jamir, IPS said that the polling process through the state was peaceful and there had been no major reports of law and order or violence in the state.

Jamir highlighting the total number of police personnel deployed for the entire exercise said, a total of 48 companies of CMPF, 46 companies of IRB & NAP, 600 personnel of home guards, civil police 5,761

(personnel of district executive police) and utilised the services of 9,583 village guards and total of 22,954 security personnel were mobilised for the entire exercise.

He said that no formal complaint was received anywhere else in the state except in Wokha where three criminal cases have been taken into cognizance pertaining to impersonation.

Commissioner & Returning Officer Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS highlighted the process of the conduct of elections and handling of postal ballots and service ballot.

The press conference was chaired by Director IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo.

ABU METHA CALLS ON AUSTRALIAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN KOLKATA

Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman of Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha called on Australian Consul-General, Hugh Boylan in Kolkata on 22nd April 2024. He was accompanied by Chairman of TaFMA, Theja Meru.

The meeting is a follow-up of Boylan's recent visit to Nagaland during which he called on the Chief Minister, the Governor and the Chief Secretary. It was informed that the meeting discussed various issues related to strengthening bilateral ties and future collaborations including possibilities of investment opportunities and cultural exchanges.



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STATE ENTREPRENEUR & STATE HANDICRAFT AWARD 2023-24 HELD AT KOHIMA

Facilitation program for State Entrepreneur 2023 and State Handicraft Award 2023-24 was held at Conference

Hall, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 23rd April 2024.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries



Officials from Industries & Commerce Department, Nagaland with awardees during the State Entrepreneur and State Handicraft Award 2023 at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 23rd April 2024.

& Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa said that was very encouraging for the Department to see such a variety and creativity of Naga craftsman from different fields. He asked the awardees and the department officials to maintain good relationship so that the department will know what type of assistance is required for the benefit of the people. He congratulated all the winners and informed them that the doors of the department are always open for any information and assistance in future.

Director Industries & Commerce, A. Temjen Jamir in his keynote address said that the award for entrepreneurs was initiated by the Department with the administrative approval of the Government of Nagaland in the year 2022. He informed that the state entrepreneur award is a celebration of entrepreneurial excellence and innovation and recognition of outstanding achievements in the entrepreneurial world. Jamir added that the award aims to encourage and promotes the culture of entrepreneurship by acknowledging the entrepreneurship spirit, innovation and significant accomplishment

of individuals and companies and at the same time serves as a platform for honouring the remarkable contribution and innovations of entrepreneurs across the state.

The recipient of State Entrepreneur Award 2023 are:

- i. Peihauding of M/s Ngurie company from Peren district for his innovative Bio-enhancer an organic composition that address key challenges face by flower growers and for contributing to Agricultural sustainable and resilient ecosystem.
- ii. Mulungnenla Pogen of M/s ISTI Natural Dimapur for her commitment in crafting herbal skin care solutions using indigenous herbs.
- iii. Nengneithem Hengna of M/s Runway India Dimapur for integrating Nagaland indigenous inspired Jewellery into mainstream fashion and promoting tribal art.

The recipient of state Handicraft award 2023 are: Vekuvolu Dozo, (Textiles Loin Loom); Shirme Ruivavao, (wood carving); Imtiyala Handicraft crocheted craft; Cenam

Wangcha (Handicraft Beats work); Vikheli H. Ayemi (textiles Loin Loom); Kekuweu Lomi (textiles Loin Loom) and Imtisenla (Handicraft Jewelry).

Under One District One Product (ODOP), 10 chilli farmers and other 10 farmers cultivating pineapple, coffee, kiwi,

plum, avocado, tomatoes, basmati rice, from the district of Kohima, Chumoukedima, Mokokchung, Mon, Peren, and Phek were given organic certification as per National Program for Organic Production (NPOP) standard.

GOVERNOR GRACES CONVOCATION PROGRAM AT ICFAI UNIVERSITY

Governor, La Ganesan graced the Convocation program of ICFAI University as Chief Guest held at University auditorium, Sovima Village, Chumoukedima, on 24th April, 2024.

Speaking on the occasion Governor, La Ganesan congratulated the achievements of 414 young scholars and 32 gold medallists and the recipient of the Certificate of Merit, a special commendation for exemplary performance.

Ganesan said that looking towards the future, the fact is that the landscape of the job market is evolving rapidly and therefore there is an urgent need for young minds of the graduating students to lead this change. He encouraged all to embrace entrepreneurship and innovation; and to be job creators rather than job seekers. Venture into paths unexplored, initiate startups, and be the architects of innovative solutions that our present society so urgently need. Your education has equipped you with the tools to not just partake in the world as it exists but to re-imagine and reshape it, he said.

He stated that, as a graduate and an intellectual, they have their moral obligations and it spans across both personal and societal dimensions, fostering a commitment to using their knowledge and skills responsibly for the greater good. While these obligations can manifest differently based on their field,

the underlying principles remain consistent: sharing their knowledge with others, whether through teaching, mentoring, or public speaking. Education is a powerful tool for empowering individuals and communities. He urged them to uphold high ethical standards in both their professional and personal life. This involves honesty, integrity, and the courage to stand up for what is right, even in the face of opposition or personal cost.

He also encouraged the students to engage in volunteer work, participating in civic activities, or working on projects that aim to address societal issues like inequality, environmental sustainability, or health care. Leverage their skills and knowledge to create innovative solutions to complex problems.

Further he mentioned that, as they stand on the threshold of managing not just accounts, but potentially the finances of some of the most successful and affluent individuals around. The future of our economy and society rests in their capable hands, and hoped that they will lead with responsibility, ethical conduct, and a commitment to societal progress. As we envisage a 'Vikshit Bharat' by 2047, their contributions will be pivotal. The march into a future brimming with possibilities, their innovation, creativity and resilience will chart the course of our nation's journey

towards development and prosperity, the bearers of our collective hopes for a brighter, sustainable and inclusive future, he added.

In conclusion, the Governor urged all to step forward with courage, curiosity and a commitment to excellence. Let the

knowledge they have gained fuel their passions, dreams, inspire innovation, and their actions contribute significantly towards our shared vision for a developed India by 2047.

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT IN ALL DISTRICT HQs ON 11th MAY 2024

Along with the rest of the nation, 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat (People's Courts) for the year 2024 will be observed in all the district headquarters under the aegis of the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) on 11th May, 2024.

Eleven Lok Adalat Benches by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSAs) will be set-up. Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms, and a forum where disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled and compromised amicably. Lok Adalats have been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Under the said Act, the award (decision) made by the Lok Adalats is deemed to be a decree of a civil court and is final and

binding on all parties and no appeal against such an award lies before any court of law.

There is no court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat. If a matter pending in the court of law is referred to the Lok Adalat and is settled subsequently, the court fee originally paid in the court on the complaints/petition is also refunded back to the parties.

During the 1st quarterly National Lok Adalat held on 9th March, 2024, 178 cases/disputes were disposed with a total settlement amount of Rs. 34,15,81,243/- (Four crore fifteen lakh eighty on thousand two hundred forty three) only. The disposal Data of each DLSAs will be further uploaded on the web portal of the state Authority at nslsa.nagalandgov.in.

Gender Gap Narrows in HSLC & HSSLC Exam Results Across Streams

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has announced the results for the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) examinations today.

A recent analysis of the High School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) exam results has revealed a narrowing of the gender gap in academic performance across various streams in Nagaland.

In the Arts stream, 77.59% of male

students passed the exam from Government Schools, while the pass percentile for female students stood at 82.98%. The gap was even smaller in private Schools, where 84.20% of male students and 90.25% of female students cleared the exams.

The Commerce stream showed a more balanced performance, with 91.67% of male students and 91.11% of female students passing from Government Schools. In private schools, the pass percentile was 88.68% for male students and 90.35% for

female students.

The Science stream, also witnessed a significant reduction in the gender disparity. While 60.90% of male students passed from Government Schools, the figure for female students was 77.42%. In private schools, 81.81% of male students and 86.02% of female students cleared the exams.

The trend was also observed in the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exams, where the pass percentile for male students in government schools was 46.07%, while for female students it stood at 50.35%. In private schools, the gap was more pronounced, with 84.33% of male students and 89.02% of female students passing the exams.

The marksheets and marksheet-cum-pass certificates will be available for collection

by the concerned Centre Superintendents from 3rd to 6th May, 2024. Candidates will need to produce their original admit cards at the time of collection.

Candidates who wish to apply for re-scrutiny of their answer scripts can do so online at www.nbsenl.edu.in within 15 days of the result declaration, i.e., on or before May 11th, 2024. The prescribed fee of ₹500 per subject will need to be paid online through the portal.

The NBSE has urged all students and schools to follow the prescribed guidelines and timelines for the collection of marksheets and re-scrutiny applications. The board has also congratulated all the successful candidates and wished them the best for their future endeavours.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2024

The HSLC Examination 2024 commenced from 13th February 2024 and concluded on 23rd February 2024 and the HSSLC Examination 2024 commenced from 12th February 2024 and concluded on 6th March 2024. In HSLC, a total of 22136 candidates were enrolled and in the HSSLC a total of 17911 were enrolled for the examination.

A. HSLC Examination 2024:

Out of 22136 candidates, a total of 15588 candidates qualified the examination

with a qualified percentage of 71.87%.

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

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
70.32%	64.69%	69.42%	70.03%	68.29%

The girls have done better with 8455 (51.92%) girls qualifying and 7133 (49.79%) boys qualifying the examination. In the Top 20 list, there are 77 candidates out of which 23 are boys and the rest 54 are girls.

In terms of district wise performance

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Government Schools Qualified/Pass Percentage	43.32%	47.40%	44.86%	36.62%	49.13%	48.55%
Private Schools Qualified/Pass Percentage	84.76%	86.28%	85.58%	82.08%	91.15%	86.77%

for government schools, Kohima district topped the table with a percentage of 67% followed by Tseminyu and Phek districts at 61% and 60%. Shamator district is at the bottom with 3%.

In respect of private schools, Tseminyu district is at the top with a percentage of 93% followed by Kohima and Mokokchung at 90%.

22 candidates under the category of Children with Special Needs appeared the examination with various concessions like extra time, exemption of examination fees, scribe, use of laptop, etc. 12 of them qualified the examination.

B. HSSLC Examination 2024:

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

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	86.18 %	89.06 %	83.96 %
Boys	79.5 %	86.7 %	76.82 %

The overall pass percentage in Arts stream is 83.16%, Commerce stream is 87.67% and Science stream is 80.88%.

The overall pass percentage for the

last 5(five) years are as follows:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Arts	82.62%	80.64%	69.37%	71.87%	74.44%
Commerce	85.83%	82.28%	74.39%	75.47%	74.68%
Science	86.79%	88.24%	91.35%	80.99%	81.37%

It is heartening to mention that there are 3 toppers from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Merit list at the HSSLC Examination 2024 in Arts stream from Mayangnokcha Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Mokokchung, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Chumoukedima and Bautüng Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Longleng in Rank 5(a), Rank 5(c) and Rank 8 respectively.

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

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	10	3	7
Boys	3	9	6

In Children with Special Needs (CWSN) category, 14 candidates applied for exemptions and appeared the examination. Out of 14 candidates, 10 of them passed, 4 in 1st Division and 6 in 2nd Division.

GOVERNOR GRACES INAUGURAL PROGRAM OF STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON POCSO & NDPS ACT

Jointly organised by High Court Legal Services Committee, Kohima in collaboration with Dept. of Law & Justice, Dept. of H&FW and Nagaland Police a State Level Workshop on POCSO ACT & NDPS Act was held on 27th April, 2024 at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima.

Governor, La Ganesan, in his inaugural address, stated that Nagaland is not immune to the complexities and intricacies of the

criminal justice landscape. We face unique challenges that demand our attention and concerted efforts to overcome. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, stands as a beacon of hope in our quest to shield our children from the trauma of sexual abuse and exploitation. However, he said the effective implementation and enforcement of this legislation are hindered by a myriad of challenges. Similarly, the scourge of drug

abuse and trafficking continues to ravage our communities, posing a grave threat to public health and safety, especially that of our youth. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 aims to fight drug abuse and trafficking but it is imperative that we confront the local obstacles that impede its efficacy, he said.

He also mentioned that among the challenges facing our criminal justice system are the geographical constraints that hinder access to remote areas, the scarcity of resources and infrastructure, and the cultural nuances that influence perceptions of crime and justice. Additionally, the prevalence of traditional dispute resolution mechanisms and the stigma surrounding certain crimes often deter victims from seeking recourse through formal legal channels. It is incumbent upon us to acknowledge these challenges and work collaboratively to address them and prioritize the training, capacity-building of our law enforcement personnel, judiciary, and medical professionals to ensure a more effective response to cases of child sexual abuse and drug-related offenses. Moreover, we must also engage with local communities to raise awareness, dispel myths, and foster trust in the formal justice system, he said.

Furthermore, he stressed on must have leverage technology and innovation to overcome the geographical barriers and streamline processes for accessing justice. Likewise, ICT enablement of courts, remote video conferencing, telemedicine, and online reporting mechanisms are just a few examples of how we can harness technology to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of our justice system, he said.

In conclusion, he urged all to remember that the true measure of success lies not only in the laws enacted or the cases prosecuted



Governor, La Ganesan addressing at the inaugural program of State Level Workshop on POSCO ACT & NDPS Act held at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 27th April 2024.

but in the lives we touch and the futures we safeguard. He encouraged all to strive, be beacons of hope, champions of justice, and guardians of our children's dreams. By doing so, we can make meaningful progress in strengthening Nagaland's criminal justice system by working together in shaping a brighter, safer, and more inclusive future for Nagaland.

Director General of Police, Rupin Sharma, IPS in his address stated that POCSO & NDPS cases are a matter of concern for all of us and stressed upon on stigmatization of the victims, a victim cannot be seen as an outcast in the society, we all need to give respect to the victims and this can only be changed if the mind-set of the society changes. He said there is a need to put the system into place, where people can encourage to report and not stigmatize them and maintain a degree of secrecy not just of victims but also of the family and other witnesses. He urged the officers to take due care and investigate details of these cases so

that desired results are achieved.

He also informed that in Nagaland police, we have unarmed police centric state with 15 battalions of 16000 people in the battalions and around 50% of the components of the district executive force is armed police where 70% of the Nagaland Police is involved in law and order duties and not investigation purposes. We need to change, reinvent so better professionalism and better investigation will come into Nagaland police. The only way Nagaland police will be able to establish supremacy of law in the State and enhance trust & image in the minds of the public is through better

investigation, he added.

Furthermore, referring to the increasing trend in Drugs, he urged the officers that these cases are to be dealt very carefully as they directly affect the health of our society and directed them to make utmost use of this workshop and see where they lack and identify the inadequacies and plug the loopholes to fill these gaps.

Highlights of the program included two working session focussing on the topics- On protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

CABINET DIRECTS DGP AND COMMISSIONER TO CURB ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE

In the wake of the indefinite shutter down Dimapur called by the DCCI against the illegal and rampant taxes imposed upon the business community particularly in Dimapur by various NNPGs, the State Government took serious note of the issue and discussed in the Cabinet meeting held on 26/04/2024.

The Cabinet conveyed its decision to direct the Director General of Police and Commissioner, Nagaland to immediately inform the various Naga political groups through the CFMG/CFSB that illegal activities such as extortion and kidnapping will be dealt as per law and culprits will be booked under NSA and detained outside the State.

Further, the Cabinet also directed the Director General of Police to send additional forces immediately to Dimapur to curb such illegal activities. It was also decided by the Cabinet to provide additional required resources to the law enforcing agencies for increased mobility and for operationalizing/

increasing of CCTVs.

The State Police Department, in this connection, has requested that all the NNPGs may be advised about the complete and absolute adherence to Ceasefire Ground Rules and to confine their cadres to their designated camps and supervisory offices in letter and in spirit. The Supervisory Offices/ Cells may be discontinued from being used to summon civilians/businessman to their office for criminal intimidation, extortion, ransom besides other crimes.

The unauthorized and illegal activities undertaken by the NNPGs under the garb of ceasefire with Government of India and violation of CFGRs have created unrest among the public and business community in the State, a communiqué by the State Police stated. It further requested the Chairman, CFMG/CFSB to advice the NNPGs to adhere to laid down Ceasefire Ground Rules, and do not vitiate the law and order situation in the State.

WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2024 OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

MEDZIPHEMA:

World Veterinary Day 2024 was celebrated at Veterinary Field Assistant Training Institute (VFATI), Medziphema on 27th April 2024 under the theme “Veterinarians Are Essential Health Workers” organized by Nagaland Veterinarians Association and sponsored by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service, Nagaland.

Special invitee ADC Medziphema, James Swu while addressing the programme appreciated the Veterinarians for their role in contributing animal and human welfare. He highlighted the significance and responsibilities of Veterinarians, their vital role in productivities of livestock, which forms a crucial part in human life.

The ADC urged the Veterinarians to raise awareness and educate the people about combating zoonotic diseases and the department for organizing such an auspicious day. He thanked the Veterinarians for their contribution to the society and the nation as a whole.

Dr. K.N. Zubemo Humtsoe President, Nagaland Veterinarians Association (NVA) in his presidential address acknowledged the critical role that veterinarians play in safeguarding the interconnected health of animals, humans, and the environment.

“From ensuring food safety and security to combating zoonotic diseases and promoting public health, veterinarians



World Veterinary Day 2024 observed at Veterinary Field Assistant Training Institute (VFATI), Medziphema on 27th April 2024.

play a pivotal role in safeguarding the interconnected health of our planet” said Dr. Humtsoe.

The message highlighted the diverse responsibilities of veterinarians, including research, education, policy advocacy, and community engagement. It also underscored the veterinary profession’s crucial contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The veterinary profession has truly proven to be an anthropocentric (concerned with humans) discipline, playing a pivotal role in areas such as feeding the society, keeping animals and humans healthy, and conserving wildlife,” the president added.

The President NVA called on all veterinarians in Nagaland and around the world to rededicate themselves to the profession with pride and unwavering dedication as essential health workers. The association also emphasized the potential of

the livestock industry to improve the state's living standards, health, economy, and environment.

Dr. H. Inato Jimomi Principal (VFATI) in his welcome and keynote Address thanked all the students VFATI, officers, veterinarians for attending the programme. He specially thanked Special invitee ADC, Medziphema James Swu for his concern for the department and honouring with his presence. Dr. H. Inato highlighted the importance of Veterinarians, who Veterinarians are? How World Veterinary Day came into being? How veterinarians are trained and the role of veterinarians in animal life, and how they served the society as a whole.

Dr. K.N. Zubemo Humtsoe extends heartfelt gratitude to each and every Veterinarian for their unwavering dedication and contributions to the betterment of the world as a whole and the state of Nagaland in particular.

KOHIMA:

The Chief Veterinary Office, Kohima joined the global community in observing the World Veterinary Day 2024 under the theme "Veterinarians are essential health workers." on 27th April 2024. The event which took place at Veterinary Hospital Kohima and Chiephobozou, aimed to emphasize the crucial role veterinarians play in ensuring the health and well-being of both animals and humans.

Dr. Ilang, Chief Veterinary Officer, Kohima, spoke on the significance of World Veterinary Day, highlighting the diverse contributions of veterinarians to society. He stressed their roles in areas such as food security, ecological balance, biomedical research, and economic development. Dr. Ilang also addressed concerns regarding the

status of veterinarians as essential health workers, urging the government to reconsider its policy and reinstate the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) as an essential services department in Nagaland.

The event featured a presentation on rabies awareness by Dr. Aonungla Jamir, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) Kohima. Dr. Atouzo Pienyu, VAS Kohima, chaired the program. The programme included free consultation and anti-rabies vaccinations for animals particularly dogs. The initiative was organized by the Nagaland Veterinary Association and the Chief Veterinary Office, Kohima, with sponsorship from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Nagaland.

TUENSANG:

Along with the rest of the Country Tuensang District observe World Veterinary Day on the theme 'Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers' on 27th April 2024 at CVO Office Tuensang.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Aojongshi Chang F/M, SCRC highlighted the importance of Veterinary Day observation as it recognises and honour the contribution of Veterinarians in the field of healthcare and promoting public health. He stated that the aim of Celebration is to promote the Veterinary profession and work on improvement of the animal and human welfare food safety and practices of animal transport and quarantine. He added that Veterinarians help prevent and treat illness in animals which in return improve the economy of state, improve the breeds of livestock and improve the health of the people.

WOKHA:

Along with the rest of the world Wokha district also observed the World veterinary Day on 27th April 2024 at Veterinary Hospital, Wokha.

SDO (C) Nuhuta Tunyi, while speaking during the occasion, congratulated all the officials and staff of Veterinary department for valuable service and contribution rendered in the service of animal health as well as human health and environment and encouraged them to take up pro-active steps and measures in providing notable service to the people of the district.

Dr. Yanben Kikon, VAS speaking on the theme “Veterinarians are essential health workers” said that veterinarians illuminate a pivotal role in global health presenting crucial guardians at the intersection of human animal and environmental wellbeing. Stressing on the importance of the department he stated that the Veterinary Department was inducted under essential services by the Government during the COVID-19 pandemic as the emergent animal services as shutting down of veterinary services cannot be ignored. Shutting down of veterinary services would affect not only animals’ health and welfare but also human health as well.

He further said that with the provision of Mobile Veterinary Unit in every district farmers and entrepreneurs could now avail veterinary services anytime by dialing toll free No.1962. The state veterinary department also works in collaboration with various departments such as Agri. ATMA, NSRLM, ICAR-KVK, IFAD by providing



Wokha district observed the World Veterinary Day at Veterinary Hospital, Wokha on 27th April 2024.

recourse person to address the grievances of the farmers and to uplift their economy.

Dr. Gwazenlo addressing on the outbreak of African swine fever stated that ASF is a highly contagious hemorrhagic viral disease of domestic and wild pigs, which is responsible for serious economic losses with mortality rate up to 100%. He stated that highest bio-security measures are adopted while rearing pigs to prevent the spread of the African swine fever. He also informed all to report to veterinary department if such cases are detected so that timely action can be initiated.

KIPHIRE:

The World Veterinary Day 2024 was observed in Kiphire under the theme “veterinarians are essential health workers” at the Veterinary Hospital, Kiphire, on April 27th 2024.

During the event, Dr. Tsulise District Livestock Development officer (DLDO) & incharge of Chief Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Officer Kiphire, attended as the theme speaker.



*District Livestock Development Officer, Kiphire,
Dr. Tsulise speaking during the celebration of
World Veterinary Day held at Kiphire on 27th April 2024.*

In his Message, Dr. Tsulise said that Veterinarians are professionals specialised in multi-disciplinary fields, and have huge role to play for the wellbeing of both the animals as well as the human beings. The department holds huge responsibility for upliftment of rural economy through fully utilising skills and knowledge in caring the livestock. We also play crucial role for the wellbeing of human beings. Dr Tsulise said this while informing that 80% of the human disease was transmitted from animals. He added that if we could raise livestock in proper manner putting check on animal diseases, human health will be better.

Dr. Tsulise also highlighted on his new research based on 2011 human population census, and livestock census 2019. He informed that requirement of livestock for Kiphire District is 4000

tons, whereas meat availability especially pork is only 2000 tons, with shortage of 2000 tons. With the knowledge of this he suggests and encouraged every household to promote rearing two to three piglets to attain livestock availability in the District.

The theme speaker also said Government has designated the department as the most essential department and encouraged the Department officials and staffs to serve with sincerity and dedication and live up to its designated name.

Earlier, short speeches were spoken by Dr. Talitemjen Longkumer VAS and Lithrongtsi, Junior F/M. During the celebration several field workers were felicitated for sincerity in their assigned duties.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Along with the rest of the world, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Zunheboto celebrated World Veterinary Day on 27th April 2024 at North Point Colony, Zunheboto town under the theme "Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers".



*Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Zunheboto celebrated
World Veterinary Day at North Point Colony, Zunheboto on 27th April 2024.*

The public were sensitized about the importance of timely vaccination of pet animals and its crucial role in prevention of zoonotic diseases. Free Anti-Rabies vaccination and animal health camp was conducted by the department through Dr. Vilitoli Y. Kiba(VAS) and Dr. Enavi P. Kiho(VAS). Altogether 35 farmers were benefitted from free animal health camp and 126 numbers of animals were vaccinated against rabies.

LONGLENG:

World Veterinary Day 2024 was observed at Veterinary Hospital, Longleng on 27th April 2024. The programme was observed under the theme “Veterinarians are essential health workers”.

Dr. Lily Ngullie, ACTO, KVK Longleng delivered the keynote address while Dr. Aoyimsen Jamir, VS Longleng & V.P.,NVA gave a presentation on the theme.

Dr. Asungla Imchen, Epidemiologist, Medical department while discussing on

the theme, acknowledged the services of the veterinarians, and the target to Eradicate Rabies by 2030 will be an uphill task without the assistance from the Veterinary Department.

Forest Ranger, Chepeü Koza reminded the gathering on the continued effort towards the one health concept. She acknowledged the active role played by veterinarians with the Forest department not just in restraint, capture or transport of wild animals, but also in spreading awareness and providing health care in their department’s community programs.

Issac Pongshi from the Longleng Town Council (LTC) appreciated the effort and assistance of the Veterinary department during the enforcement of the annual dog registration and proper control of dogs in Longleng under LTC.

An interface meeting was also held with representatives from the Longleng Town Council, KVK, Medical and Forest departments.



Woka observed the World Veterinary Day at Veterinary Hospital, Wokha on 27th April 2024.

CABINET APPROVES TO CONDUCT ULB ELECTIONS

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 26th of April 2024 has approved for conduct of Elections to the ULBs.

Election Programme for Municipal/Town Council Elections, 2024:

<i>SN</i>	<i>Schedule of Programme</i>	<i>Date & Time</i>
1	Publication of Election Programme	29 th April 2024 (Monday)
2	Period for filing of nomination	7 th -11 th June 2024 (Friday - Tuesday) [up to 3 pm]
3	List of validly presented nomination papers shall 1 be posted	12 th June 2024 (Wednesday)
4	Scrutiny of validly presented nomination papers	13 th June 2024 (Thursday)
5	List of validly nominated candidates shall be posted	14 th June 2024 (Friday)
6	Application for revision of the order of the authority scrutinizing the nomination	15 th -18 th June 2024 (Saturday - Tuesday) [Up to 3 pm]
7	Revision application filed shall be decided	19 th June 2024 (Wednesday)
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidates	20 th June 2024 (Thursday) [Up to 3 pm]
9	List of contesting candidates and list of polling stations shall be posted	20 th June 2024 (Thursday) [After 3 pm]
10	Date of poll	26 th June 2024 (Wednesday) [Between 7:30 am & 4:00 pm]
11	Date of re-poll, if any	28 th June 2024 (Friday)
12	Counting & declaration of results	29 th June 2024 (Saturday) [8 am onward, Counting Centre/ Hall]

**Reservation of Wards on ROTA for Women in the
Municipal and Town Council as Per Section 9 and
Section 21 of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023**

<i>SN</i>	<i>Name of Municipality</i>	<i>Total No of Wards</i>	<i>No of Wards to be reserved for women under 33% reservation</i>	<i>Wards Reserved for Women on rotation</i>
1	Aboi Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
2	Aghunato Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
3	Atoizu Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
4	Bhandari Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
5	Changtongya Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
6	Chiephobozou Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
7	Chozuba Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7

8	Chumoukedima Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
9	Dimapur Municipal Council	23	8	1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 & 22
10	East Dimapur Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
11	Jalukie Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
12	Kiphire Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
13	Kohima Municipal Council	19	6	1, 4, 7, 10, 13 & 16
14	Longkhim Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
15	Longleng Town Council	11	4	1, 4, & 10
16	Mangkolemba Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
17	Medziphema Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
18	Meluri Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
19	Mokokchung Municipal Council	18	6	1, 4, 7, 10, 13 & 16
20	Mon Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
21	Naganimora Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
22	Niuland Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
23	Noklak Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
24	Peren Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
25	Pfutsero Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
26	Phek Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
27	Pungro Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
28	Satakha Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
29	Seyochung Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
30	Shamator Town Council	11	4	1, 4, 7 & 10
31	Tamlu Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
32	Tening Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
33	Tizit Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
34	Tobu Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
35	Tseminyu Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
36	Tuensang Town Council	15	5	1, 4, 7, 10 & 13
37	Tuli Town Council	9	3	1, 4 & 7
38	Wokha Town Council	15	5	1, 4, 7, 10 & 13
39	Zunheboto Town Council	13	4	1, 4, 7 & 10

SKILLS TRAINING FOR SELF-EMPLOYMENT AMONGST YOUTHS CONDUCTED AT PHESAMA

A One Day Skills Training to Promote self-employment amongst Youths was conducted on 30th March 2024 at Merama khel Phesama Village. The program was organised by Kevi, Village Level Organisation (VLO) Phesama Village under RD Block Jakhama, promoted by Day-& 1 NSRLM as part of the Social Developmental initiative towards addressing the issues of School drop-out among the youths.

Speaking at the training, Area Coordinator Sokhrienuo Rüpre-o said that the number of School drop-outs and unemployed youth is increasing each year because of which a lot of youths are falling in the wrong direction. She encouraged the younger generation particularly the

unemployed youths towards an honest and self-sustained livelihood without depending on others.

During the training different skills trainings ranging from traditional weaving, tailoring, basket making, pickle and biscuits making, hair cutting, sketching were taught to the participants. The Resource Persons included Self Help Group (SHG) members under the VLO and self-employed youths from the village including weaver, artist, barbers, tailor etc. Village Level Organization, Phesama has been conducting skills training for youths since last two years and plans to continue such training in the coming days. A total of 20 Youths participated in the training.



Resource persons and participants during Skills Training to promote self-employed amongst youth held at Phesama Village in 30th March 2024.

ORAL CANCER SCREENING MONTH HELD AT PUNGRO

To commemorate World Oral Cancer Screening Month, a screening camp regarding the ill effects of tobacco for school-age children was held at Christian School and Government Primary School, Pungro, Kiphire on 1st April, 2024.

The medical team of Pungro

Community Health Centre (CHC), under the direction of CHC Medical Officer, Dr. Weri Mero, organized the screening camp. Many students underwent oral cancer screening and received minor dental procedure. The students received oral health education in addition to the screening.



MO, CHC Pungro, Dr. Weri Mero with staff and students during the oral cancer screening camp held at Christian School and Government Primary School, Pungro, Kiphire on 1st April 2024.

TRAINING FOR WEBCAST NODAL OFFICERS AND MASTER TRAINERS HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

In view of the General Election to the Lok Sabha, training was conducted on 3rd April, 2024 at DC Conference Hall, Chumoukedima for Webcast Nodal Officers and Master Trainers.

The training was conducted for all the districts of Nagaland on online and offline webcasting and highlighted on the uses, connection and was given hands on

training in order to address consistency and deliver message in real time. They were also informed that in all the districts assistants will be provided as District Assistant and District Manager to assist them in case if there is any issues.

The resource person for the training was Chotelal Bhagat, Vmukti solutions Pvt. Ltd.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WASTE MANAGEMENT HELD AT TENING

An awareness programme on waste management was organised by District Administration at Tening, Peren on 1st April 2024.

All the nine wards under Tening Town Council took part in the awareness programme. The importance of biodegradable

waste and non-biodegradable waste was highlighted by the Ward Ambassador. This programme was held as part of the follow-up programme to the awareness programme conducted by the Nagaland Pollution Board Control.

GENERAL AND POLICE OBSERVERS REVIEWS POLL PREPAREDNESS IN KOHIMA

General Observer P. Ramesh IAS and Police Observer Sukesh Kumar Jain IPS reviewed the Poll preparedness in Kohima district with the DC & DEO Kohima Kumar Ramnikant IAS, SP Kohima Bharat Laxman Markad IPS and Nodal Officers of various election related teams of Kohima at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 3rd April 2024.

The observers lauded the preparedness of election team and cautioned not to be complacent in any manner, but ensure conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections as per ECI directives.

Hands on training on EVM/VVPAT was also imparted to both the Observers by the DLMTs.

TRAINING ON ORGANIC FARMING PRACTICES CONDUCTED AT TENING

The office of the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office, Tening conducted a training programme on organic farming practices for sustainable agriculture, disease and insect-pest management of king chilli and use of organic spray under MOVCDNER Phase 4 at Nsong village and Tening village, Peren on 2nd and 3rd April 2024 respectively. SDAO, Samsangheile Nchang delivered the keynote address and apprised the farmers on the four main principles of organic farming which are health, ecology, fairness, and sustainability.

The trainings on organic farming practices and various insect-pest management

were delivered by technical experts. Neivah Hangsing, AO spoke on organic farming practices such as inter-cropping, crop rotation, double cropping, mixed cropping, vermi composting, integrated farming system and their advantages. She stressed that farmers need to adopt them to ensure continuous productivity and maintain sustainability and balance of the ecosystem. Kewichamsi Kaurinta, ATM spoke on identification of different insect pests and transmitters of plant diseases, especially king chilli. Different methods of utilizing organically sourced materials to be used as insecticides were briefed. Demonstration

A one-day training on organic farming practices was conducted by SDAO Office Tening at Tening Village Council Hall, Peren on 3rd April 2024.



on chilli extract and formulation of organic insecticides was done by Sahabo, AFA. Distribution of millets, Jobs tears and king chilli seeds and Roban was done.

Altogether, 75 farmers attended the training programme at Nsong village and 103 farmers at Tening village.

2nd PHASE TRAINING ELECTION MOKOKCHUNG

The DC and DEO convened a briefing session for all polling personnel, conducted at Mayangnokcha Govt. Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung in preparation for the second phase training ahead of the General Election to the 18th Lok Sabha in 2024.

Thsuvisie Phojo, the DC & DEO, warmly welcomed all presiding officers and first polling officers to the training session and provided them with comprehensive guidance on the conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections. Emphasizing the significance of

the election as a cornerstone of democracy, Phojo reminded attendees of their duty as government employees to actively participate in this monumental exercise and to commit themselves to ensuring a fair and peaceful electoral process.

The second phase training for polling personnel for the upcoming Lok Sabha election was conducted at Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung on 5th April 2024.

PHASE II TRAINING FOR POLLING PERSONNEL CONDUCTED AT PUGHOBOTO

The Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Pughoboto, conducted the phase II training for polling personnel, consisting of Presiding Officer, Polling Officer 1, Polling Officer II and Polling Officer III, at Town Hall and DB Hall Pughoboto on 5th April 2024.

Master trainers N Thungbemo Humtsoe and Khuvili Wotsa trained the

polling personnel on different polling procedures and voting procedures while hands-on training on EVMS/VVPATs setup and connections and other poll related matters were taken up by Master trainers Esther & Khekavi Kiny.

The 3rd phase of training is scheduled to be held on 14th April 2024.

ESSAY & SLOGAN COMPETITION HELD AT WOKHA

As part of SVEEP (Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation) activities under Wokha district, and in view of the forthcoming General Election to Lok Sabha 2024, an essay and slogan writing competition was held at Libemo Memorial School, Wokha on 5th April 2024.

The competition was held on two categories, High School level and Higher Secondary School level with participation of around 35 students in the essay and slogan writing competition.

SDO (C), and Nodal Officer (SVEEP) Wokha, Nuhuta Tunyi, addressing the

students said, SVEEP activities are conducted to educate and spread voters awareness and promote voters literacy. SVEEP is also a multi- intervention programme which aims to reach out to the people through different modes and media to educate citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process in order to increase their level of awareness and

promote their informed participation during election.

He also informed that such kind of activities involving all the schools within Wokha town will be conducted shortly. He also thanked all the student's for actively participating during such events.

MONSOON PREPAREDNESS MEETING HELD AT KIPHIRE

The District Disaster Management Authority, Kiphire discussed and deliberated on monsoon preparedness during it's meeting held on 5th of April 2024 at the DC's conference hall. The meeting was chaired by Temsuwati Longkumer, DC & Chairman DDMA Kiphire.

In the meeting, National highway, R & B have been directed to ensure clearance of town roads including the roads leading towards the villages before heavy monsoon rain set in, for safety of public as well as for convenience of transportation during the upcoming Election. Other stakeholder departments were also directed to stay

prepared. Petrol pump owners were informed to keep the oil stocks ready for emergencies, while Kiphire Town Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KTCCI) was directed for availability of food stock. Fire and Emergencies, Medical, IR battalion including other stakeholders and departments have been directed to stay prepared in their respective tasks.

During the discussion, the members also decided to organise a mass social work in the town areas to clear the water stagnant areas and drainages blocked by waste deposits in the town for preventing landslides and safety of the public.



DC & Chairman DDMA Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer NCS chairing a Monsoon Preparedness Meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 5th April 2024.

WEBCASTING/OFFLINE VIDEOGRAPHY TRAINING CONDUCTED AT PUGHOBOTO

In light of the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Elections, a training on webcasting/offline videography was conducted by ADC & DEO office, Pughoboto, with master trainers Vihoto Sheqi and Isak on 6th April 2024. Operators assigned for webcasting in 17 polling stations under Pughoboto Assembly Constituency attended the hands-on training held at VDB Hall, Pughoboto.

The DEO further informed the 1st Mock Drill for 20 per cent of identified polling stations will take place on April 9, 2024 while the 2nd Mock Drill/Mega Mock Drill for 50 per cent of identified polling stations will take place on April 12, 2024. Webcasting systems are to be collected and returned to the DEO office after the completion of the mock drill.

DC ZUNHEBOTO HOLDS MEETING WITH DBS

Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS held a consultative meeting with the Dobashis (DB's) under Zunheboto district at town hall, Zunheboto on 6th April 2024.

The DC informed the DBs that the main reason for the meeting was to encourage one another for free and fair election for the upcoming Lok Sabha election. He requested the DBs to co-operate with the administration as done in the past elections which was conducted very successfully. He stated that, as the Deputy Commissioner of the district, he was giving his best for their welfare and advised them to work sincerely for the welfare of the public. He also added that DBs are the foot soldiers of the administration

and asked them to refrain from campaigning or involving in politics being government servants. Mali called upon the gathering to give their best to ensure a free and fair election. He also assured the DBs he will do whatever he can to solve their problems.

EAC (HQ), Mopling M Phom in his short speech highlighted the role of the Dobashi. He also advised them to never use any shortcut means while taking any kind of case as it hampers the confidence of the public upon the DBs.

The programme was chaired by EAC Mopling M Phom. A short speech was delivered by Vikheho Yeptho, PA to DC while vote of thanks was delivered by Shikato Yeptho, district Hd. DB.

A consultative meeting with Dobashis under Zunheboto district was held at town hall, Zunheboto on 6th April 2024.



SECOND PHASE TRAINING CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Longleng, conduct the second phase training of the Polling Personal for upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024, for those stationed in and around Longleng, on 8th April 2024 at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng.

Altogether, there are 693 Polling Personal & Grade IV drafted for the election duty and six dedicated Master trainers are

training the polling personnel on different polling procedures and voting procedures. The Polling Personnel consisting of Presiding Officer, 1st Polling Officer, 2nd Polling Officer, 3rd Polling Officer and Grade IV employees.

For those stationed in and around Tamlu Sub-Division, training will be held on 9th April 2024 at ADC Office Tamlu. The 3rd phase of training is scheduled to be held on 16th April 2024.

2ND ROUND OF RANDOMISATION FOR POLLING PERSONNEL HELD AT WOKHA

The 2nd round of randomisation for polling personnel for all the Assembly Constituencies under Wokha district was held in the presence of Expenditure Observer for Wokha district, Satya Brata, IRAS on 7th April 2024.

Altogether, there are 215 polling stations for all the four (4) assembly constituencies, i.e 37 Tyui, 38 Wokha, 39 Sanis & 40 Bhandari A/C under Wokha. DC & DEO, Wokha Ajit Kumar Ranjan informed that they are 60 all-female polling stations and 155 male polling stations, comprising of

426 female personnel and 936 male polling personnel.

Earlier, the Expenditure Observer also had a meeting with all the Assistant Expenditure Observers of 37th Tyui, 38th Wokha, 39th Sanis & 40 Bhandari A/C at Deputy Commissioner's office chamber where he briefed the observers about the various activities to be carried out and also urged them to act as per the laid guideline and prepare details report minute by minute and submit the same accordingly.

COMMISSIONING OF EVMS/VVPATS AND SECOND RANDOMISATION OF POLLING PERSONNEL CONDUCTED AT PUGHOBOTO

EVM engineers from the Election Commission of India commenced with the Commissioning of EVMS/VVPATs for upcoming General Election to the 18th Lok Sabha, in respect of 13-Pughoboto AC on April 8, 2024 at DB Hall, Pughoboto. Master trainers and representatives from various political attended the exercise.

In compliance to the ECI's instruction on Randomisation of Polling Personnel, the Second Randomization of Polling Personnel under 13-Pughoboto AC was also done at Room No. 1, Office of the ADC & DEO, on April 8, 2024, in the presence of Micro-Observer, Mayanglambam Premnath Singh, Sr. AO (Audit).

WEBCASTING/ OFFLINE VIDEOGRAPHY TRAINING HELD AT MON

In view of the forthcoming general election to the Lok Sabha 2024, a training of operators for webcasting/ offline videography was held at Government Higher Secondary School Mon on 8th April 2024.

The training which was attended by all BLOs/ Operators of the identified polling stations of Mon district and were trained by the master trainers.

COMMISSIONING AND PREPARATION OF EVMS-VVPATS CONDUCTED IN DIMAPUR

Commissioning and preparation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines for the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha election took place at the Deputy Commissioner Office in Dimapur on April 8th 2024.

The Strong Room was opened in the presence of representatives from all political parties and representatives from contesting candidates, Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Vineikho Tetso Returning Officer,

and the Nodal Officer for EVM/VVPAT, Dimapur, Toshimongba Longchar, Assistant Election Officer, Dimapur; SDO (Civil) and Nodal Officer for transport, Yanthungbenmo Kikon, and Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS.

It is to be mentioned that the commissioning of EVM/VVPAT will continue till 9th of April, 2024 starting from 09:00 AM at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur.

WEBCASTING TRAINING CONDUCTED IN DIMAPUR

In an initiative to enhance the efficiency of the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, a webcasting training program was organized for operators in Dimapur on 8th April, 2024 at Dimapur Government College, Dimapur.

Led by Master Trainers Imnatoshi and Imnajongshi, the training session focused on providing hands-on experience to the operators. A total of 87 polling stations in Dimapur were covered during the training, ensuring comprehensive preparation for the electoral process.

Out of 87 polling stations in Dimapur, webcasting training was successfully

conducted for 77 stations through video and online platforms. Additionally, offline training was provided for the remaining 9 polling stations.

On 9th April, a mock drill is set to be carried out for 20% of the polling stations in Dimapur. This exercise aims to simulate real-life scenarios and test the preparedness of polling station personnel, ensuring smooth operations on the day of the elections.

Following the initial mock drill, a second round is scheduled for 12th April 2024, covering 50% of the polling stations in Dimapur.

DC DIMAPUR CONVENES MEETING WITH AROS, NODAL OFFICERS

To ensure smooth conduct of the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Elections, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS held a meeting with the AROs and Nodal Officers on the 6th of April, 2024 and highlighted pertinent issues with regard to the electoral preparations in the district.

Chang said that he has convened the meeting with the aim to streamline the coordination between various administrative bodies and stakeholders involved in the electoral process. He emphasized the significance of meticulous planning and coordination for ensuring successful conduct of the elections.

During the meeting, various aspects relating to election management, security arrangements, voter awareness campaigns, and logistics were discussed in detail. The nodal officers and AROs were briefed on their respective roles and responsibilities for effective execution in the election-related tasks.

Assistant Election Officer, Toshimongba Longchar informed that essential services personnel and another group facilitated by AVSC by AVPD will be casting their votes through postal ballots from April 8th to 10th, 2024, at the Deputy Commissioner's Office. Additionally, a house-to-house voting process will be conducted for

the latter group during the same period.

Longchar also informed that Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), commissioning has been scheduled for April 8th and 9th, commencing at 09:00 AM at the DCs office. He also confirmed the activation of a Control Room for supervising and managing the election proceedings effectively.

Longchar further announced that the third phase of training was set for April 15th 2024, focusing on Dimapur, Niuland and Chümoukedima. As part of the preparations, Model Polling Stations and polling stations staffed by women polling officers will be established to promote inclusivity and efficiency. Additionally, a Voters Facilitation Centre will be set up to assist voters with any queries or concerns they may have, he informed.

In a move towards ensuring transparency and operational readiness, webcasting training has been scheduled for April 8th. Moreover, a mock drill/dry run has been planned for April 9th to identify and address any potential issues before the official voting day.

All the Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) from Dimapur-I, Dimapur-II, and Dimapur-III Assembly Constituencies and nodal officers of various activities were present during the briefing session.

EVM/VVPAT FACILITATION CENTRE SET UP FOR POLLING PERSONNEL IN DIMAPUR

In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024, polling personnel in Dimapur have been informed about the establishment of EVM/VVPAT Facilitation

Centre at the DB Court within the Deputy Commissioner's Office premises. The Centre will be operational from the 9th to the 17th of April 2024.

Polling officials have been encouraged to visit the Centre during this period to address any doubts or queries they may have regarding polling day procedures, forms, and other related matters. Hands-on training will be provided by designated DLMTs/ALMTs who will be in charge on a roster basis.

The schedule for the training sessions at the Centre is as follows:

9th April 2024: Dr. Yelhi Vero & Nunsangtola Walling

10th April 2024: T. Zanthungo Ngullie & Lhipe Naro

12th April 2024: Zasekhoyi & I. Asangla Aier

15th April 2024: Dr. Imkongnungsang & Lima Wapang Ao

16th April 2024: Mordecrai Chase, Mongyung Phom & Ngutoli Y. Chase Swu

17th April 2024: T. Zangthungo Ngullie & Lhipe Naro

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS informed of this training and facilitation centre and urged the polling personnel to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their understanding and proficiency in handling EVMs and VVPAT machines.

COORDINATION MEETING WITH AROS AND SOS HELD AT MON

In view of the forthcoming General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024, Deputy Commissioner and DEO Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS Mon, organised a coordination meeting with AROs and Sector Officers on 9th April 2024 at DC Conference Hall, Mon. He welcomed and encouraged the Officers to be more responsible in taking out their assigned

roles and duties, for the smooth functions and success of the upcoming election.

SDO (C) Mon, Rongsenmenla brief on Roles and Responsibilities of Sector Officers through power points presentation. She also encouraged the Officers to be more responsible in their assigned duty for the smooth conduct of the upcoming election.

DC & DEO WOKHA HOLDS REVIEW MEETING WITH NODAL OFFICERS

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS held a meeting with all the nodal officers to review the preparedness status undertaken by the committees for the smooth conduct of the forthcoming general election to the 18th Lok Sabha election 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's office chamber, Wokha on 9th April 2024. The meeting focused on the smooth planning of all electioneering process and to ensure smooth and successful conduct of the forthcoming Lok Sabha election 2024.

During the meeting, all the concerned nodal officers briefed the

arrangement/activities undertaken by the committees including personnel/manpower management, EVM/VVPAT, transportation management, polling personnel's, mess/food, road maintenance, logistic, security arrangement, dispatch and finalization of all necessary arrangement.

After reviewing the preparedness status carried out by various committees, the DC & DEO urged all concerned to perform their assigned responsibilities with outmost sincerity and dedication for the successful and smooth conduct of the electioneering process.

Apart from all the other arrangements made, the Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer further informed the department of PWD (Road & Bridges) for placement of machineries at strategic

location for clearance of roads to ensure that polling personnel and security personnel reaches their respective place of polling stations on time without any hindrance.

2ND PHASE TRAINING HELD AT MON

The second phase of training for polling personnel was held at Government Higher Secondary School, Mon on 9th April 2024.

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS while briefing the trainees expressed his appreciation to the Polling

Personnel Management Cell led by ADC Headquarter for their efforts. He also added that since the success of the election depends on the effectiveness of the polling personnel, he urged upon the trainees to be thorough with the procedures and directives of the ECI by sincerely attending the training.

2ND PHASE TRAINING UNDERWAY AT PHEK

The two-day 2nd phase of training for all categories of Polling Personnel (Presiding, PO-I, PO-2 & PO-3) for Phek district got underway at Government Higher Secondary School, Phek on 10th April 2024.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam, NCS while apprising the polling officers and the master trainers said as a DEO of the district, he said he solely depend on them for the smooth conduct of the election in the

district. He called upon the polling officers to have good coordination amongst themselves and be well-equipped with the latest rules, regulations and instruction the of election system as it keep changing with the change of time. He also instructed the presiding officers to use the available resources to inform the election authorities if any threat, interference or problems arises in the polling booth.

STUDY TOUR CUM EXPOSURE TRIP UNDER BBBP

One day study tour cum exposure trip to Kohima for girl students of Wokha town under BBBP was flagged off today on the 10th April 2024 at Deputy Commissioner Office premises. The tour was organised by Wokha District Administration and District SANKALP Hub for Empowerment of Women, Wokha.

Speaking to the students during the short programme held at DC conference hall,

DWO, Wokha James Ezung, said the tour programme was possible because of BBBP scheme which focused mainly for girl child. He enlightened them to take this exposure trip as an opportunity to learn new things. He urged them to carry forward the lessons learned during this trip and let them inspire to dream big and set goals for a brighter future.

Sr. SDEO, Wokha Minthunglo Ngullie,



DEO, Wokha James Ezung flagging off the study tour cum exposure trip to Kohima for girl students of Wokha town under BBBP at DC office premises on 10th April 2024.

optimism that through this trip they will be able to showcase their capabilities, potentials and come back as torch bearer of change ready to inspire, empower and ready to uplift every girl child they come across.

23 girl students from 17 schools, (five from GHSS and 12 from private schools) under Wokha are undertaking the study tour and exposure trip. The students will be visiting

who also spoke to the students remarked that girls carry the torch of empowerment, resilience and strength. She expressed her

Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, NIELIT and State Hub for Empowerment of Women.

ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB AT KOHIMA COLLEGE HOSTS VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS

On April 10, 2024 in a bid to promote electoral literacy and engage first-time voters, the Electoral Literacy Club at Kohima College Kohima, in partnership with the Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Office Kohima, organized a one-day Voter Awareness and Sensitization Program at the college's conference hall.

The program aimed to equip first-time voters with essential knowledge about the electoral process, their rights, responsibilities, and the significance of their participation in the democratic process. With

an interactive approach, the initiative sought to bridge the gap in electoral understanding among the youth.

EAC Kohima and Nodal Officer for SVEEP, Limakumla Pongener applauded the collaborative effort and stressed the significance of such initiatives in fostering a culture of informed citizenship. She emphasized the importance of youth participation in the electoral process, stating that empowering the first-time voters with adequate knowledge and awareness is important in nurturing a vibrant democracy.

WALKATHON ORGANISED TO CREATE VOTERS AWARENESS AT WOKHA

As part of Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities and in view of the ensuing General Election to Lok Sabha 2024, a walkathon

was conducted at Wokha Town on 12th April 2024, led by the Deputy Commissioner, SDO (C) Nodal Officer for SVEEP and District Election Officer, Wokha with an aim to

create awareness and encourage voters to come forward and cast their vote.

The event commenced at Police Point, Wokha and concluded at NST junction which saw participation from students, teachers and officials from different schools and departments within Wokha District.

Addressing the event, Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Wokha, Ajit Kumar Rajan, IAS praised the students for their active participation. He stressed that elections represent the core values of democracy and are open to all citizens, encouraging enthusiastic and voluntary engagement while underscoring the need for a transparent and ethical process. He further called on everyone to take part in the electoral process, highlighting the importance of every individual votes.

Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) & Nodal Officer (SVEEP), Wokha, Nuhuta Tunyi, speaking at the event stated that the event was organized as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation

(SVEEP) initiative in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha election. He emphasized that the primary goal of these programs is to raise awareness about the significance of elections and to ensure high voter turnout. He noted that it serves as a platform to educate and inspire new voters and students about their rights. He also encouraged the younger generation to exercise their voting rights and contribute to societal change by selecting the most suitable candidate.

Later, the results of the essay and slogan writing competition, held on April 5th 2024, at Libemo Memorial School in Wokha, was announced. In the High School category, Areni T Kikon of Class 9 claimed the first position, followed by Lireni M Ngullie of Class 9 in second place and Lumchamo S Khuvung of Class 10 in third place. In the Higher Secondary category, Epibeni Humtsoe from Class 12 secured the first position, with Tahara Begam of Class 12 in second place and Mhachoni Ngullie, also from Class 12, in third place.

TRAINING FOR ANGANWADI WORKERS AND ASHA WORKERS HELD AT THONOKNYU

As part of Aspirational Block Programme, key performance indication training for Anganwadi workers and Asha workers of Thonoknyu Town and Thonoknyu village was held at PHC Thonoknyu, Noklak on 10th April 2024.

The training was held by Prarthana from NITI Aayog in the presence of CDPO Thonoknyu, Lakiumong and Medical Officer Thonoknyu, Wapang. The team also visited homes of pregnant women.

2ND PHASE OF TRAINING FOR POLLING PERSONNEL CONCLUDES AT PHEK

The two-day 2nd Phase of Training for all categories of Polling Personnel (Presiding, PO-I, PO-2 & PO-3) for Phek district was concluded on 11th April 2024 at Govt. Higher

Secondary School, Phek Town.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam, NCS while apprising the polling

officers called upon them to be attentive in the training for smooth conduct in their respective polling station, and also asked them for their cooperation as he depend on them for the success of the election. He also assured them that he was ready to address to any grievances or problems of the polling personnel.

The Deputy Commissioner along with EAC Phek, Nenpichong Kuki, also had an interactive meeting with the Master Trainers where he expressed his gratitude and appreciation towards them for their service rendered during the whole process of the training.

SVEEP INTER-COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

SVEEP Inter-College debate competition was held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 10th April 2024.

Speaking at the programme, ADC Mokokchung, Chumlamo Humtsoe mentioned that the competition aims to educate young voters on ethical electoral practices and instill awareness at an early stage.

Assistant Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar delivered a speech on voter awareness, urging everyone to exercise their right to vote, emphasizing how votes drive political and social changes. He highlighted the responsibility of government officials to ensure fair and peaceful elections and emphasized the duty of every citizen to vote.

Participants from People's College, Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung College of Teacher's Education, Shisalen Riju, and Jubilee Memorial College took part in the debate, featuring motions for and against.

Asensor from Fazl Ali College was awarded as the best speaker, while the runner-up team, Yimyatetla Sanglir and Medemren Longchar from Jubilee Memorial College received recognition. The winning team comprised of Sungdienla L Ozukum and Nungsanglila Jamir from Shisalen Riju.

District SVEEP Icons, Supongsangla and Arenlong, encouraged everyone to vote stressing the importance of each vote.

EAC Mokokchung, Alemyim Isaac Solo delivered the vote of thanks.

DISTRICT LEVEL SVEEP PROGRAMME HELD AT PEREN

The office of the Deputy Commissioner Peren and District Election Officer organised a district level SVEEP programme on the theme 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure' at Town Hall, Peren on 12th April 2024.

Speaking on the occasion as the guest of honour, DC & DEO Peren underlined the importance of voting rights and the eligible criteria. Stating that voting is a way to express one's opinion, he advised the gathering to

uphold the democratic traditions of the country and practice the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections while exercising their franchise wisely and responsibly. He said that in a democracy the choice is upto the individual and further urged the people to cast their vote for the right candidate, while assuring to give full effort for the successful conduct of the forthcoming Lok Sabha Election.

Earlier, the function commenced with a welcome address delivered by the chairperson, ADC & ARO Peren, Japheth Woch, followed by special song on the title 'One Vote' presented by Kekudibe Nza. The programme also featured special awareness messages from District Icons namely, Miss Peren & SVEEP Icon, Kimkhailiu Pamai and

Peren District PWDs Icon, Ngaugongbe, while voters pledge was led by ADC & ARO Peren, Japheth Woch.

The awareness programme was held to encourage people for their enthusiastic participation and vote for the right person during election with free, fair and clean practices.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING OF SECTOR MAGISTRATES AND SECTOR COMMANDERS HELD AT PUGHOBOTO

With regard to the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024, a co-ordination meeting of Sector Magistrates and Sector Commanders under 13 Pughoboto Assembly Segment was convened by the Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Pughoboto on April 12th 2024 at DB Hall, Pughoboto.

ADC & DEO, Tiameren Chang reviewed the progress of distribution of Voter Information Slip (VIS), provision of water and sanitation in polling stations and the prevailing law & order situation. Neither vulnerability nor criticality was observed as per the reports of the Sector Magistrates And Sector Commanders. Chang, however, said that vigilance should be observed at all

times and any compromising matter should promptly be brought to the notice of the District Administration. He assured that additional magistrates have been appointed and that two engineers will further be deployed in far flung polling stations for assistance.

SDPO, Pughoboto, Hankiumong briefed on the security arrangements for polling day and further advised on the securing of EVMs and efficient movement of security and polling personnel.

SDO(C) & ARO, R. Daniel Angami stressed on the importance of timely and proper submission of various reports which are to be scrutinized at CEO Kohima, and to ensure adherence to all election protocols.

EXPENDITURE OBSERVER SATYA BRATA IRAS VISITS TUENSANG DISTRICT

Expenditure Observers for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024, Satya Brata, IRAS visited Tuensang District on 13th April 2024 and had a brief meeting at DC Conference Hall, Tuensang with the Nodal Officers from Election Expenditure

Monitoring Cell, Complaint Monitoring Control Cell, Video Surveillance Team, Video Viewing Team and Flying Squads and urged them to be more vigilant and sincere in performing their duties to ensure free and fair Election in the state.

PREPARATION AND BRIEFING MEETING FOR SECTOR MAGISTRATES AND COMMANDERS HELD

A meeting pertaining to the preparation and briefing for the upcoming Lok Sabha General Election 2024 of all Sector Magistrates and Sector Commanders of Phek district was held at the DC Office Conference Hall Phek on 13th April 2024.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam, NCS in his address said the meeting was called to reiterate the duties and responsibilities Sector Magistrates and Sector Commanders have to perform so that polling in the district is conducted peacefully and in a clean manner. He also stated that since they are empowered with magisterial power, it should be utilized effectively and whenever required so that law and order is maintained effectively throughout the whole election process. He also called upon the Sector Commanders and Sector Officers to be in

one's respective polling station at a strategic location to cover the whole area effectively during the voting hours so as to control any undesirable situations at the earliest and to also coordinate with the polling personnel.

Superintendent of Police Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS while briefing about the roles, functions, procedures and duties of Sector Magistrates, Sector Commanders, Para Military and the Police said that the main role for them was to see that the EVM reaches the polling stations and returned back to the counting station intact since they are liable for its safety. She also called upon the security personnel to keep the polling personnel safe and secure, and to look out for any illegal activities taking place in the district during the election period.

Installation of GPS for Sector Magistrates was also done after the meeting.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT THONOKNYU, NOKLAK

A two-day free medical camp was held at Thonoknyu, Noklak on 12th and 13th April 2024.

Dr. Khunyu and his team from District Hospital Noklak provided free eye check-up and Thonoknyu PHC team did NCD Screening and provided essential healthcare services and free medicine. A total of 153 individuals were treated during the medical camp.



Dr. Khunyu, District Hospital Noklak examining a patient during the two days Free Medical Camp held at Thonoknyu, Noklak on 12th April 2024.

CHUMOUKEDIMA CONDUCTS 3rd PHASE OF TRAINING FOR POLLING PERSONNEL

In view for the forthcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024, the 3rd Phase training of Polling Personnel was held on 15th April, 2024, at Government Higher Secondary School, Chumoukedima.

ADC & AEO, Chumoukedima, Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo along with ADC & AEO, Medziphema and Niuland visited the training programme. During the visit, ADC

& AEO, Chumoukedima, instructed the polling personnel on the procedures to be followed at the booths during the polling day. They were also instructed on how to end the polling process and how to securely handle the machines while returning them. The polling personnel were also given out ID cards and Appointment Orders at the end of the training session.

5-DAY TRAINING ON ECCE & FLN HELD AT LONGLENG

A five-day in-service teachers training on ECCE & FLN was held at EBRC Hall, Longleng from 9th - 13th April 2024 with the objective to train the Teachers to imbibe basic knowledge and skills about the Nagaland ECCE curriculum, slated for implementation in all Government Schools starting from the academic session of 2024.

Delivering the keynote address during the inaugural programme, Deputy Mission Director Samagra Shiksha, Kelhikha Kenye highlighted the significance of the training and its alignment with the recent initiatives in ECCE & FLN. He emphasized on the importance of early childhood care & education and learning in the foundational stage. He also encouraged the teachers to work with commitment and nurture the children by enhancing the learning competencies to achieve the early stage of learning.

During the valedictory programme, Moian, Asst. District Coordinator, DMA

Longleng gave a short speech. In her speech, she encouraged the teachers to play an active role to bring changes in the learning areas during the initial stage of Child's education. She urged the teachers to create news ideas and happy atmosphere to enhance children's interest in learning and enlarge their participation.

B. Longting P/T GMS BLOCK & Chuphe Phom P/T GPS Noklangkong shared their training experiences. Moimei Konsen, ToT EBRC Longleng chaired the programme.

A total of 111 teachers from 40 schools comprising of one teacher each teaching ECCE/Pre-Primary classes and 2 teachers teaching classes 1-5 along with newly appointed ECCE Teachers attended the training under EBRC Longleng.

The resource persons of the training were Metchei ToT, P. Chemphang ToT EBRC Longleng & Wangnyei ECCE Teacher GPS Bhumnyu A.

LAST ROUND OF RANDOMIZATION FOR POLLING STATION CONCLUDED IN DIMAPUR

The last round of randomization for the allotment of polling stations to polling personnel for the Lok Sabha election was successfully conducted at the NIC Video Conferencing Room at the DC office.

Among those present at the event were Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS & DEO, Dimapur, AROs of Dimapur 1, 2 & 3, Nodal officer IT Lipokmeren Imchen, DIO, NIC Longpok Longkumer, Micro Observer, Dimapur, and representatives from various

political parties. Lipokmeren Imchen, the Nodal Officer IT, provided insights into the planning undertaken. He highlighted the formation of three distinct groups for the election: an all-female contingent, a young contingent, and a mixed contingent for Dimapur.

Imchen further disclosed that a total of 172 polling stations were allocated, comprising 132 male and 40 female stations.

SECTOR OFFICERS TRAINED FOR LOK SABHA ELECTION IN DIMAPUR

On April 17, 2024, a training session took place at the Conference Hall of DC Office Dimapur, focusing on preparing Sector Officers for their roles in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election. The attendees included Dr. Tinojongshi Chang (NCS), DC & District Election Officer, and ADC Mhalo Humtsoe, alongside the Sector Officers.

Dr. Vero (ALMTs) who led the training, highlighted the primary responsibilities of Sector Officers which included visiting all polling stations during the initial two hours of the poll, submitting poll commencement reports to the Returning Officer, ensuring timely replacement of malfunctioning EVMs,

and ensuring accessibility for all voters, especially vulnerable populations.

The training emphasized the protocol for handling technical issues like EVM malfunctions and power pack replacements in Control Units (CUs) during mock or actual polls.

DC Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, stressed the importance of guiding newly appointed Presiding Officers for effective execution of their duties. He expressed gratitude to the Sector Officers and the master trainers for their cooperation in the training.

WORLD MALARIA DAY OBSERVED AT KOHIMA

World Malaria day was observed on 25th April 2024 at the Secretariat Conference Hall Kohima, under the Theme “Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world”.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Director cum Mission Director, NHM,

DH&FW Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton highlighted about how India has made a remarkable efforts in eliminating Malaria and how mortality rate has come down drastically. He also lauded the efforts made by the Health workers, ASHA and surveillance workers.

He also spoke about the sustainable development goals and how India is aiming to achieve its target of eliminating Malaria by 2030.

He also talked about how children under five years of age, migrant workers, Refugees and indigenous people are mostly impacted by Malaria.

In the programme, two best ASHA

and two best surveillance workers from Kohima district were felicitated; Mhalerovi from (Rusoma/Chedema) and Diezenuo from (Keyake/Daklane) bagged the first and second prize respectively under surveillance workers category and kikrusi from (Thizama) and Temsujungla from (A.G.) bagged the first and second prize respectively under ASHA workers category.

WORLD MALARIA DAY PROGRAM HELD AT DIMAPUR

World Malaria Day Program was held at Dimapur on 25th April 2024 at the CMO Conference Hall, Dimapur under the theme: “Accelerating the Fight against Malaria for a More Equitable World”.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, in his speech congratulated the healthcare workers for their hard work in the fight against malaria, and emphasizing the importance of equitable access to healthcare and synchronized global efforts. Recalling personal experiences about malaria and its transmission he said that it's a Persistent Challenge and Malaria remains a significant health concern, despite efforts spanning over 40 months.

Speaking on understanding the impact of mosquitoes on malaria, the DC asserted that Malaria has caused suffering and death for years due to mosquitoes and efforts are needed to eliminate malaria completely, considering factors like migration and spread of the disease. He also addressed the health issues in underserved areas, discussing on health issues affecting children under five and pregnant women and challenges in underdeveloped areas, including poor infrastructure and limited resources. He urged upon collaboration between various departments and civil society organizations

to improve health outcomes to prevention of Malaria, where Malaria prevention is crucial, especially in rural areas. He informed that distribution mosquito nets is an effective preventive measure for protection of Malaria. He also said to create awareness and educate the public on the importance of raising awareness about certain issues and need to reach out to the grassroots level and explain complex issues in a simplified manner.

Peter Sangtam, DVBDC, Dimapur highlighted on the NCVBDC program and its activities under Dimapur District. He stated that the main vision is to eliminate Malaria from all blocks by 2027, interrupting indigenous transmission of malaria throughout the district and preventing the re-establishment of local transmission of malaria in an area where it has been eliminated, and maintaining district malaria-free status by 2030 and beyond.

Dr. Limatula Aier, CMO Dimapur, graciously delivered a welcome address, emphasizing the significance of collaborative efforts in achieving the ambitious pre-malaria goals set for 2030. She highlighted the devastating impact of malaria, underscoring the urgent need to address this critical health challenge and said that various commendable activities and initiatives are currently being

undertaken to combat malaria effectively.

A brief and insightful speech was given by a respected Naga Council Member. The program also included a felicitation

ceremony to honour the outstanding performance of the Surveillance Workers (SWs) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) in Dimapur District.

WORLD MALARIA DAY OBSERVED AT MON

Mon District observed World Malaria Day, with the theme 'Accelerating the fight against Malaria for a more equitable world' at Town Council Hall, Mon on 25th April 2024.

ADC, Mon, K. Temjennaro Longkumer, graced the programmed as the Special Guest. Appreciating the concerned department for their dedication and efforts she said that Sanitization is very important for such vector borne diseases. She also exhorted the gathering to approach the people to educate them and work hard with big heart for better impact in our society.

Speaking on the theme: "Accelerating the Fight against Malaria for a more equitable world", Ngipnon from Edith Douglas School said that Malaria is not just a health issue but a Social issue. It perpetuates and exacerbates existing inequalities, trapping communities in a cycle of poverty, inequality and lack of access to essential services. Solidarity and

collaboration is important as to fight against Malaria cannot be won by a single entity. It requires collective action, she added.

While delivering the welcome Address, Dr. Imnapokim, CMO, Mon appreciated the Staffs of Malaria department for their efforts. He informed that since last (3) three years Mon district has nil reports on Malaria and encouraged to be more responsible and to have good surveillance. He also informed that almost all the CHC Mon district have Blood Collection facilities.

Dr. Abenthung Murry DVBO, Mon, acknowledged the top two performing ASHAs and SWs. Chula from Aboi under Aboi block and Ephong from Changlang village under Aboi block were declared the best performing ASHAs of 2024, and while PS. Chong from Tizit Block and L. Mongnyei Konyak from Mon Sadar were declared the best performing SWs of 2024 respectively.

WORLD MALARIA DAY OBSERVED AT TUENSANG

World Malaria Day was observed at Tuensang with the theme "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more Equitable World", with ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe as the special guest on 25th April 2024 at CMO Conference Hall, Tuensang.

Speaking on the programme, the ADC informed that Tuensang district has nil case of malaria up to date but said it

should not be taken lightly. He called upon the gathering that more than 200 crores of people are affected by Malaria each year and we have much to do from our side like spreading awareness about Malaria, clean our surroundings especially water stagnant area, using mosquito repellent and mosquito nets.

CMO Tuensang, Dr. Neisakho Kere, proposed the welcome address while

Yimliyanga Ong DVBC, Tuensang spoke on NVBDCP activities. The programme was chaired by Dr. Waulong Phom, DVBO Tuensang.

F. P SOLO GRACES THE 5TH EDITION OF SNAIL & TROUT FESTIVAL OF POILWA VILLAGE, PEREN

The 5th edition of annual Snail & Trout festival of Poilwa village was commenced on 26th April 2024 with RTD Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland F.P. Solo as Special Guest.

The festival was held under the aegis of Mt. Rhododendron Adventure Club Poilwa village (MRACP). Gracing the inaugural function as the special guest Solo lauded the organisers MT. Rhododendron Adventure club for having him in such joyful occasion. He said that snail and trout festival may not be a traditional or normal festival but it is good to organise even non-traditional festival. Snails & trout are our

popular traditional food items. They may not be popular with youngster who lives in town and cities but it's a special delicacy for older people, he added.

He further said that, Zeliangs are different in many ways and easy to identify because of its uniqueness and encouraged the gathering to preserve our identity and proclaim the identity proudly to the world. He also urged the village council to make some realistic master plan for development of tourism industry in the village. Asserting that concern citizen should aim of making Poilwa village into a model tourist village he encouraged the villagers to approach the



Rtd. Principal Secretary, F.P. Solo speaking at the 5th Edition of Snail & Trout festival of Poilwa village, Peren on 26th April 2024.

Tourism department for technical help and support. He urged the educated young boys and girls to cultivate the habit of appearing various competitive exams. If you work hard with total commitment, determination, dedication and passion everyone will achieve what we desired in life, he added. We cannot depend on our parents or others all of us need to do something to earn for our own livelihood therefore, one should not hesitate or be ashamed to grab any occupation or job for living.

Solo stressed on the importance of tourism and its viability to generate revenue for the population. While lauding the

organisers he said that Poilwa village had huge potential to attract wider participation even in the days to come. He wished all the participants and others at the fifth edition of snail and trout festival of Poilwa village a grand success.

Highlights of the event were Snail Eating Competition, Hedip (Short jump), Cho-nsin (stone chess), Folk Song Competition, Poster Competition & Traditional Attire results.

Activities for the 2nd day on 27th April included Hezo-Nzo (hill race), Nature Walk, Snail Eating Competition, Tamnung (sling shot) Poster & Traditional display.

LITERARY FEST CUM CAREER COUNSELLING HELD AT TIZIT

Keeping up with the needs of the students to have better insights into several career opportunities, the Sub-divisional officers posted at Tizit in collaboration with Tizit Town Students Union, organised a day-long Literary Fest cum Career Counselling program on 27th April, 2024 with ADC Mon, K. Temjennaro Longkumer as Special Guest.

Special Guest during her address reminded the students about the importance of hard work, punctuality, time management, discipline and sincerity to achieve their goals in life. Appreciating the organizers

and everyone involved in successful conduct of the counselling program, Longkumer urged the students to take full advantage of the opportunity and make well informed decision about their career.

Resource persons for the day were EAC Mon HQ, Nyamok Konyak, Medical officer DH Mon, Dr. Nyamnei Konyak, SDO PWD (R&B) Er. Vantan Konyak and Branch Manager SBI Tizit, Himangur Kai.

The literary fest was marked by Quiz and Spelling Bee competition and extempore speech.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON PREVENTION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY CONDUCTED IN LONGLENG

District Administration and District Hub for empowerment of women (DHEW) Longleng in collaboration with Nagaland Aids Control Society (NSACS), Longleng conduct an awareness program on prevention of Teenage Pregnancy on 27th April 2024, at Lempong convention hall Longleng with

DSRC Counsellor District Hospital Longleng, Lithei Phom, as the resource person.

The resource person emphasized on the topics: Consequences-physiologically, psychologically and socially Prevention, Health Education, Life Skill Education at school, home and church. She said the

main reason of teenage Pregnancy is lack of inadequate sex education.

In conclusion she said it is hard to raise a child when you are still a child, in order to prevent, young people should be morally intact and determinate about one's own future, positive choice, commitment and abstinence.

DMC DHEW Longleng, P. Phungla Phom, in her introductory note, encouraged

the students to take such program seriously and to think of themselves as most privileged and fortunate to be part of this program. SFL DHEW Longleng, Afen Phom chaired the program. Students from various schools of Longleng town from classes 9 to 12 attended the awareness program. Chingkhong, Assistant women Pastor Longleng Town Baptist Church proposed the invocation.





Polling teams leaving for their respective polling stations at Peren Town on 18th April 2024.



Voters from all walks of life casted their votes for the 18th Lok Sabha Election at Chumoukedima district on 19th April 2024.



Polling personnel leaving for respective polling stations at Kiphire on 18th April 2024.



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Women polling personnel of Dimapur leaving for their respective polling stations at DC office, Dimapur on 18th April 2024



A polling station manned by young employees at Viswema village, Kobima on 19th April 2024.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio after casting his vote at Touphema, Kobima on 19th April 2024.



Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan after casting his vote for the 18th Lok Sabha Election at Model Polling Station, TT Indoor Stadium, Officers' Hill, Kobima on 19th April 2024.



A first time voter after casting her vote at Kaletzai polling station, Peren on 19th April 2024.



A mother before casting her vote at Zubza, Kohima on 19th April 2024.



A senior citizen after casting his vote at Dimapur on 19th April 2024.



Voters in queue to vote for the 18th Lok Sabha election at New Colony, Zunheboto on 19th April 2024.



Senior citizens waiting in queue to cast their votes at PS-13 Medziphema Town, Ghaspani II A/C on 19th April 2024.