



CM Neiphiu Rio with Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu and British High Commissioner to India, Sir Dominic Anthony Gerard Asquith at the 75th Anniversary of WW-II at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 4th April 2019.



Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS addressing AHOds & HoDs at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 16th April 2019.



Kethoser Aniu Kevichusa receiving the award from CM Neiphiu Rio at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 9th April 2019.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

GOVERNMENT ISSUES OM ON OFFICIATING PROMOTIONS

Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department in an Office Memoranda of even number dated 19-01-2018 and 21-8-2018 had emphasized, inter alia, the requirement on the part of all departments:

- (i) to expeditiously obtain the ex-post facto clearance of the P & AR Department against officiating-promotions carried out without the P & AR Department's previous clearance, inclusive of retired and deceased officials; and
- (ii) then, promptly take up with the Departmental Promotion Committee for regularization of such cases of officiating-promotions

An office memorandum from the Department of P&AR stated that even after a lapse of more than 01 (one) year, departments continue to come to the P & AR Department for ex-post fact clearance in respect of officiating- promotions effected prior to the notification of Office Memorandum of even number dated 19-01-2018.

Further, there had been instances of departments granting-officiating-promotions even after 19-01-2018 without prior clearance of the P & AR Department which is highly irregular.

Instances have also been noticed whereby departments had apparently waited for officials to retire from and only thereafter, place their officiating-promotions before the P & AR Department on the erroneous assumption that the sanction of ex-post facto clearance for such cases would be a mere act of formality - an approach which, obviously, is irregular and not acceptable at all.

Consequently, in the light of the state of affairs brought to fore, all departments are directed that any such cases of officiating-promotions undertaken by the departments without clearance of the P & AR Department will be deemed to be illegal and the concerned officer will be liable to be reverted to his original post with consequent recovery of pay & allowances drawn.

No case of P & AR clearance for such officiating-promotions should be submitted to this Department unless a proposal has been first submitted to the Departmental Promotion Committee for regular promotion and there is a reason to believe that delay is likely in convening of the Departmental Promotion Committee, and there are functional reasons for the need of officiating- promotion.

The memorandum further re-iterated that the office of the Principal Accountant General, Nagaland, the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, Kohima, or offices of the Senior Treasury Officers, as the case may, shall neither issue 'pay slips' nor process pension in respect of those Government employees whose officiating-promotions were undertaken sans prior clearance of the P & AR Department, unless such officiating-promotions has the ex-post facto clearance of the P & AR Department and are regularized by the Departmental Promotion Committee.

P&AR DEPARTMENT ISSUES CIRCULAR ON OFFICE PROCEDURES

Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department in a circular informed that instances have come to the notice of the Government where officers and staff in the departments are not following the guidelines of noting as per Chapter-VI, Clause 31 (10), the Manual of Office Procedure 2010.

OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

As per the instructions, the dealing assistant will append his/her full name and signature with the date on the left below his/her note.

An Officer will append his/her full name and signature on the right hand side of the note with name, designation and date. In the Civil Secretariat, officers from Under Secretary and above are directed to make name and designation seal to be henceforth appended in the note sheet below their full signature and date.

Henceforth, all the Administrative Heads of Department and Heads of Department have been directed to strictly follow the instructions of this Circular.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES TO BE MADE COMPULSORILY THROUGH GeM

In pursuance of the cabinet decision with regard to implementation of Government e-Market, all purchases by the state government departments and Public sector Undertakings of value exceeding Rs 50,000 (Rupees fifty Thousand only) should be compulsorily made through the GeM portal only with effect from 1st April 2019.

An Office Memorandum issued by the Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS said all government vehicles shall also be purchased from GeM unless it is certified that a particular model of vehicle is not available on GeM.

Chief Secretary requested all Administrative Heads of Department and Heads of Department to bring it to the notice of all concerned for information and compliance.

COMMITTEE FORMED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF “ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS REGULATION”

The Urban Development Department in an office memorandum has informed that the Government of Nagaland has constituted a Technical Committee for implementation of “Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure and its regulation” in Nagaland with the following members as mentioned below:-

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| 1. Chief Engineer (D&R) Power, Nagaland | : Convenor |
| 2. Chief Engineer (R&B) PWD, Nagaland | : Member |
| 3. Transport Commissioner, Nagaland | : Member |
| 4. Director, New & Renewable Energy, Nagaland | : Member |
| 5. Joint Director, SMD (AMRUT) and Convenor
Re-drafting Committee, NBBL Urban Development Deptt. | : Member Secy. |

Terms of Reference:

- (i) The Committee will work out the modalities on the setting up of Electric Motor Vehicle charging infrastructure.
- (ii) The Committee will also work out modalities for its implementation and regulations thereof.

The Committee will submit its report within 2 (Two) months' time from the date of issue of this O.M.

GOVERNOR GREETES KONYAK AND PHOM COMMUNITIES

Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya has extended greetings to the Konyak and Phom Communities on the occasion of Aoleang and Phom Monyi Festival 2019.

He stated that the festivals mark the end of the sowing season and is a time for jubilation through dance, songs, food and thanksgiving to the deities for seeking good fortune and blessings. He called upon both the communities to take time and thank

the Almighty for His unwavering love and blessing. Acharya called on all to thank the farmers who work hard to provide sustenance for our daily lives. He also urged all to work towards safeguarding and promoting the rich culture and traditions through the festivals.

On the occasion, he conveyed his best wishes to the Konyak and Phom tribes and may the festival bring peace, unity and prosperity to the communities in particular and Nagas in general.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE OBSERVER ARRIVES AND CONDUCTS MEETING AT DIMAPUR

Special Expenditure Observer for Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, D.D Goyal arrived Dimapur on 1st April 2019 to take stock of the ground work that are being monitored in Nagaland for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. On arrival, the election official proceeded to 173 CRPF Battalion Conference Hall and conducted a meeting with DC Dimapur, Commissioner Police Dimapur, Director Airport Dimapur, Additional Commissioner Excise, CO 173 CRPF, officials from Income Tax, Banks, CISF and Nodal Officers for expenditure and monitoring team Dimapur.

In the meeting, Goyal apprised the members to be vigilant on the inflow of black money in the state, in order to check the influence of money during the coming Lok Sabha Elections. Citing past experiences where Nagaland was used for dumping cash during elections, he reminded all the officials to be vigilant on the movement of private choppers. He also sought cooperation from the banks and asked them to provide daily information to the District Administration on any unusual transactions based on real time. Besides SBI, he informed that cooperative banks and all other private banks have to give information of their daily transactions to the District Administration till the election process is over. Observing that distribution of liquor and other contraband items are common during

elections, Goyal advised the Excise department to continue to be alert on the flow of such items. Special Expenditure Observer also mooted the idea for giving advertisements and placing hoardings with regard to the C-Vigil app, so that the message percolates down to the public at large. He encouraged all the officials to cooperate with one another and give their best efforts for successful conduct of the 17th Lok Sabha Elections.

FINDING SOLUTION FOR AFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

‘We have become very fond of making excuses and fault finding instead of solution finding’, said Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS at the monthly meeting of the AHOds and HoDs at Secretariat Conference Hall on 2nd April 2019. ‘Evolving oneself through transparency and making yourselves relevant for effective change and good governance is the need of the hour’, he said. He remarked that it is only up to an each individual to decide and to actually start functioning and bring about good governance in the State.

He cited an example of the convergence between the departments of Health & Family Welfare, RD and Social Welfare and reminded that all over

the world, people are converging between different departments or agencies. However, he opined that most of the departments in Nagaland are still over protective about their own activities.

He reminded that Secretariat complex and few departments and offices have been following for 'Plastic Free Nagaland' after its announcement last year. With discontinuation of using plastic bottled water, water dispenser has been placed in the rooms and conference halls. He asked the departments to send their own respective reports on 'Plastic Free Nagaland' to the Home department with suggestions for effective implementation. Officers also advocated that waste segregation should be a moral and ethical responsibility not only in offices but also in every household. Also to instruct Village Councils initiate for plastic free zones in their jurisdictions, to minimize the usage of paper in government offices through circulation of circulars and notifications electronically.

The meeting also discussed the need for government officials and departments to be connected to the people for whom they are working with. For which, Agriculture & Allied departments agreed to issue Public Service Announcements (PSAs) from

time to time in the media through the Department of Information & Public Relations.

DGP Nagaland, T.J. Longkumer, IPS also stated that all the police units will gradually be declared as plastic free zones. He also announced that Police would be issuing some new guidelines for traffic and enforcing them to ease the traffic problems in Kohima and called on all the officers to disseminate these guidelines and instructions in their respective departments.

Deliberating on poor attendance in the office and various government functions, henceforth, strict action will be taken up by AHOs and HoDs on erring and errant officers and staff. The Finance Department asked all the departments to furnish the Final Expenditure figures for 2018-19 latest by 12th April and also to furnish the DDO-wise Incumbent-wise salary statement as on 31-03-19 latest by 15th June 2019 for mid-year review of salaries/wages requirement.

The Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS gave a power point presentation on Model Code of Conduct and a live demonstration on Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT).

CEO NAGALAND AND STATE POLICE NODAL OFFICER HOLD REVIEW MEETING WITH DEOs & SPs

CEO Nagaland and state Police Nodal Officer held a detail review meeting through video conferencing with all the District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police to review the poll preparedness at the CEO's Office, Kohima on 2nd April 2019.

All the SPs have been asked to put in more effort with regard to deposition of arms and also the preventive action that needs to be taken against identified intimidators. The DEOs and SPs have also been asked to finalize their district deployment plan and hold security coordination meeting with all the security agencies in the districts. The DEOs have been further asked to direct all the banks to report all the

suspicious transactions without fail. Discussion on deployment and randomization of polling personnel was carried out and districts have been directed to make the necessary arrangement for covering all the shadow areas by proper communication system.

IGNOU FILLING THE GAP TOWARDS EMPOWERING AND IGNITING THE YOUNG MINDS

The 32nd Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was held at URA Academy Hall, Mission Compound, Kohima on 3rd April 2019.

Director Higher Education, Dr. Anungla Aier congratulated all the graduating students for their



Director HE, Dr. Anungla with Regional Director IGNOU, Dr. T. Iralu, officials and graduating students at the Convocation of IGNOU at Ura Academy Hall, Kohima on 3rd April 2019.

hard work inspite of various challenges. Expressing her happiness, she said IGNOU since its inception has been contributing to a great extent in the field of education to the state.

She said most of the higher education institutions in the state are concentrated in the main towns like Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung and very few in the far flung areas. However, she added that INGOU has been able to fill that gap towards empowering and igniting the young minds besides imparting vocational education through their regional and study centres spread across the state.

Dr. Aier opined that in the mist of all the pertaining issues like unemployment, social injustice, political and rising crimes in the state, one must live life and find meaning despite of all the negativity in our society today. She said that one should choose one's career targets very carefully and how to go about in persuing the target is also very important. She pointed out that without integrity, honesty, transparency and accountability there cannot be any genuine or real achievement. Therefore, she challenged the graduating students to set their target

and prioritize ahead with a clear vision for a better future and progress of the society.

Delivering report on IGNOU, Regional Director of IGNOU, Dr. T. Iralu mentioned that there were 806 learners, which comprised of 506 Masters Degree, 178 Bachelor's Degree, 108 Diplomas and 14 Certificates. He also said that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) has earned recognition for itself as the most viable, economical and flexible option to reach large

number of people. He added that the University has plans to conduct special drives to enroll education seekers from marginalised groups into their programme and as an initiative for the disadvantaged, free education is provided to jail inmates through 59 Jail Study Centres across the country.

Iralu also briefed on the Future Plan of Action of the University here, in Nagaland, that they would design a regional based programme (certificate programme) on piggery production in collaboration with School of Agriculture, IGNOU, and Mithun Research Centre, ICAR, Jarnapani. He further stated that they would reach out and activate study centres in all the sub-divisional Headquarters of Nagaland to provide opportunities of higher education and to organize need based training programs to generate self employment opportunities as well as gainful employment to the unemployed youths. IGNOU is the world's largest University and the Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates are recognized by all the members of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The University at present, offers 228 programmes of study.

DM SIVASAGAR PROMULGATES PROHIBITORY ORDER ON OVERLOADED TRUCKS

District Magistrate, Sivasagar informed that heavily loaded vehicles carrying minerals like coal, sand gravel, stone, clay and brick earth etc. by heavy vehicles are causing damage to the roads and becoming concern for other public safety on the road, danger to human lives, public properties and peace and tranquility.

Therefore, for the safety of public lives and property, heavily loaded vehicles carrying beyond permitted limit and movement of those vehicles between 8:00 pm to 6:00 pm is prohibited within the district of Sivasagar (Assam) and any deviation of this order will be viewed seriously.

This order will come into force with immediate effect and will remain in force for a period of 60 (Sixty) days.

ER. KHOSE SALE RETIRED AS CHIEF ENGINEER POWER

Having joined the Department in March 1984 and appointed as Chief Engineer (D&R) in March 2017, Er. Khose was felicitated with a farewell programme at the Chief Engineer's Office Power Department, Tsiepfutsiepfhe (AG colony), Kohima on 2nd April 2019.

Besides all the sentiments and emotions, Khose shared about the departmental achievements and experience in his career. He cited that the department caters a very essential service to the public, sustaining a critical sector to the state, yet lots of dissatisfaction and criticism from the consumers and public are being listed out.

He mentioned that the level of service satisfaction still needs to improve though infrastructure and organization setup constraint and limit their services. Government at the highest level demands and expect the department to perform on both sides on revenue

and commercial front as well as delivering quality supply to the state which is the biggest challenge the department is facing.

In Transmission sector, the department has a robust network focusing on future planning, while in the generation sector he advised them to have instant focus on generation projects and to have policy guidelines relating to land holding policies, water resource, coal resource and ownership issues.

Distribution network in urban areas is a complex issue to cope up with, chasing the loads and the activities developing at such a rapid pace but with additional resources the operation system can be improved, he stated. Since activities in the department are co-related 'teamwork with motivation' can bring about a lot of improvement, the nature of their job makes them responsible because of their heavy work load which can be considered as a challenge or opportunity, he added

Recalling his past, he lauded his senior officers and highlighted about their achievements in the department. He said the department has a galaxy of officers who have done so well in their own sector. He congratulated the new Chief Engineer, Er. Keviletuo Yiese (D&R) and also acknowledged the department for their gratitude shown towards him.

Short speeches were given by Principal Secretary, L. Kire, IFS, Chairman NPSC, Er. T.S Angami, Commissioner & Secretary Power & IT, K.D Vizo, President APEN, Er. Penrithung Yanthan, SE (Revenue), Er. Moa Aier, Incoming Chief Engineer, Er. Keviletuo Yiese (D&R) and CE (T&G) Er. Rokozhalie Angami. Tagging him as the 'Face of Power Department', they all conveyed their appreciation over his services and contributions towards the department. Describing him as a knowledgeable and intellectual person, they said he retired with an exemplary performance and recognition of competence thereby brought positive impact to the department.

**'REMEMBRANCE, RECONCILIATION, REBIRTH'-
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF KOHIMA**

The 75th Anniversary of 'one of the fiercest and toughest battles of WW-II was commemorated on 4th April, 2019 at RCEMPA, Jotsoma. It brought together, countries and people whose lives were forever altered by it, under the theme - 'Remembrance, Reconciliation, Rebirth.'

Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu recounting the toll of the battle on thousands of precious lives, said that the peace we enjoy today is built over tremendous sacrifices and that Japan stands committed to never repeat the devastation of the war.

Kenji Hiramatsu said that the relationship between Japan and the North-East region has become substantially closer and to help accelerate the development of the region and the people to people exchange, particularly among the youth, the Act East Forum was started two years back.

Hiramatsu said that Japan has been implementing the IRIS program for youngsters from the region and added that Japan is willing to welcome people from the North-East through Technical Intern Training program, which he hoped would further strengthen the bond between the people. He further said that promoting of intellectual dialogue with

North-east will help in facing challenges together.

British High Commissioner to India, Sir Dominic Anthony Gerard Asquith during the commemoration programme said that General Slim's view of the Nagas that 'no soldier of the 14th Army will ever forget the admiration and affection,' still holds true today by the children of the soldiers and because of the sacrifices made we are in a better place today. He said that India, Japan and UK stand together as three great democracies to work with each other for peace and prosperity globally and committed to facing today's challenges.

CM Neiphiu Rio during the occasion said that post world war Nagas witness to more war and bloodshed. However, the past two decades have been peaceful and Nagaland is moving forward on the path of development. Nagaland has been partnering with JICA (Japan International Co-operation Agency) for various development projects

During the event, Kohima Educational Trust announced the winner of Gordon Graham prize for Naga Literature with Easterine Kire 'When The River Sleeps' winning cash prize of Rs.1 lakh in fiction category and Kethoser Kevichüsa 'Forgiveness and Politics' in non-fiction category.

Governor P.B Acharya, CM Neiphiu Rio, Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu, British High Commissioner to India, Sir Dominic Gerard Asquith and their lady wives at Raj Bhavan Dinner hosted by the Governor of Nagaland in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kohima on 4th April 2019.



VALUE SYSTEM, TRADITIONS & CUSTOMS HIGHLIGHTED AT AOLEANG FESTIVAL AT KOHIMA

Konyak Aoleang Festival was celebrated at Kohima on 4th April 2019 at NSF Solidarity Park organized by Konyak Union Kohima.

Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, EF&CC, DUDA, Works & Housing, Lhoubeilatuo Kire speaking as the Guest of honour said that we Nagas have a linkage to our land and field for which we celebrate festivals invoking God's blessing when the sowing of the fields is done.

He expressed that, one should not forget our value system, tradition and customs but should preserve the rich cultural heritage left behind by our forefathers, so that our identity will not lose but will be known to all the world. He also added that perpetuating our tradition will bring us great advantage in eco-tourism also.

He mentioned that the initiative that the community has taken up in recognising a one day celebration especially for the women married to other families or outside the community is also commendable. Kire further encouraged all to take pride in our traditional attire, songs, dances and cuisine and to remember that our diversity can be our strength. He also hoped that the festival will be

a pledge for Naga unity and called upon the Konyak tribe to carry forward the rich culture identity and be a torch bearer for other tribes.

Addl. Secretary, Honje Konyak who spoke on the significance of Aoleang Festival, said that, Aoleang Festival is celebrated for six days from 1st April to 6th April after sowing seeds in new fields and marking the end of the current year and welcoming the beginning of the new-year with the spring season. He highlighted that the main object of the Aoleang is celebrating the presence Wangwan, the divine spirit of blessings. It is also the time to remember the lady members of the family who are married to other families either within or outside community, he said. The second day is observed to bid final adieu to the dead souls, he said. Aoleang is the time to mark boys and girls adulthood called Suopanpu who shall start wearing traditional formal dresses and join the adults in singing and dancing from that day. Each day of the festival has its own significance, custom rituals and merry making. It is a festival of sharing and forging ahead with renewed vigour into the coming year, he further stated.

EX-GRATIA AND IMMEDIATE RELIEF GIVEN TO FIRE VICTIMS AT DIMAPUR

Ex- Gratia and Immediate relief given to the victims of the fire incident which broke out on the 2nd April, 2019 at Selouphe 'A' Village, Dimapur by the DC & Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Kevekha Kevin Zehol, along with DDMA officials on 3rd of April 2019.

The father, Vechikho Kheso of the 2 deceased children, Lt. Vedula (9yrs) and Lt. Metuvela (9 yrs) was provided Ex-Gratia of Rs. 4 Lakh for each of the deceased child. The Wife, Mrs. Akole was given Rs. 12,700/- as Ex-Gratia for sustaining severe burns of

more than 50% and Rs. 10,000 was given to Vechikho as immediate relief.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF KOHIMA WW-II

A cultural programme followed by dinner was hosted by the Governor of Nagaland and his lady wife Smti Kavita Acharya in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kohima WW-II at Raj

Bhavan on 4th April 2019.

The programme was attended by Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan, Dominic Asquith, High Commissioner, UK, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, Ministers, Advisors and State Government Officials.

COLLEGES MUST PRODUCE QUALITY STUDENTS: DR WATIJUNGSHI

A seminar on the theme 'Teachers: Transformational leaders' was held at State College of Teacher Education (SCTE) Multipurpose hall Kohima on 5th April 2019.

The seminar is jointly organised by SCTE Kohima along with M. Ed 4th semester and IQAC. The seminar is organised to enable teachers to be efficient, effective and to bring about a shift in their role to be proactive and innovative in school and the society.

Additional Director, Higher Education, Dr. Watijungshi said that our nation is going through a tremendous educational reformation by the introduction of many new methodologies and research findings thereby, bringing many new changes in the educational system.

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and Academic & Administrative Audit (AAA) the two quality assessment methodology introduced by UGC in all the colleges have brought about new changes in the quality of education in Nagaland. Also talking about the equality of education in Nagaland, he said all the 15 government colleges and 44 private colleges should get equal opportunities. He added that infrastructure does not matter so long as the colleges are producing quality students. He also remarked that in the educational field, female are dominating and doing better than male in our state. He commented that the M.Ed students are reckoned as 'teacher of teachers' and play an important role in transforming the teachers to become leaders not only in the classroom but also for the society.

Faculty In-charge, M.Ed, Dr. Bendangyapangla in her welcome address, said that the college has completed five years and is moving forward for permanent affiliation with Nagaland University this year. She also mentioned that this college is the first college in Nagaland to have introduced PG course and said that the M.Ed programme is a professional programme which has been visualized to prepare personnel who can work as policy makers in education, curriculum specialists and also administrators and leaders. This seminar was conducted for students not only to experience the academic aspects but for them to get hands on training on leadership where they would learn the qualities. She further remarked that the students of the 21st century should base their leadership on teamwork and be more flexible in nature.

KLST CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE UNDER THE THEME 'MERA TASEN JANGZÜ'

Speaking on the theme 'Mera Tasen Jangzü' (Trumpet for a New Step) during the Kohima Longjang Senso Telongjem Golden Jubilee celebration at Molu Ki, Kohima on 4th April 2019, Director Information & Public Relations, Limawati Ao said that before the advent of technology, soldiers in battlefields used trumpets or bugles to give signals and warnings to their fellow soldiers. In the same way, a community also needs to listen and see to these signals and warnings as it moves along with the change of times. He stated that human development began from prehistory where changes took place in a slow pace but now in this data age, the internet has brought about vast and rapid developments known as the 'Age of Acceleration'. With these rapid developments taking place in our times, the world has become a global village, Ao added.

On the occasion, he reminded that the KLST is now a matured union as it has attained 50 years of its inception. Therefore, he called upon all the members to retrospect the past mistakes and move along

with the change of times in terms of advancement, economic upliftment, tourism, education, marketing avenues etc.

T. Sashimongba Pongen, a pioneer and a person who has been instrumental to the Telongjem since the founding of the union, recalled that the Kohima Longjang Senso Telongjem was founded by eight elders on 4th April 1969. He also mentioned about the sacrifices of the elders and how they worked tirelessly during the early part of its formation. He called upon the KLST to walk in their footsteps with honesty, hard work and live in truth.

T.N. Mannen, IAS (Retd) in his exhortation said that we need to be punctual, live with the times and use time properly. He called upon the KLST to be united with empathy, love and truth and move forward with new thoughts, vision and ideas and not to live in the past. Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources, Er. Tsuktinungsang also spoke on the occasion.

Short speeches were also delivered by President, Kohima Aor Telongjem, Chiden Yaden, President, Kohima Asetkong Senso Telongjem, Supongyanger Imsong, President, Dimapur Longjang Senso Telongjem, Y. Among Jamir, President, Longjang Senso Telongjem Mokokchung, I. Ali Aier and Longjang Village Council, Wailemba Jamir.

The Golden Jubilee Souvenir was released by Phutoli L. Jamir during the function.

VEHICLES REQUISITIONED FOR LOK SABHA GENERAL ELECTION DUTY

In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha General Election 2019 scheduled to be held on 11th April 2019, it is reported that more than five hundred Government vehicles have been requisitioned for election related duties, out of which vehicle requirements for Pughoboto, Phek and Kiphire have been dispatched on 5th April 2019 from Kohima Local Ground.

The Transport Cell also informed that show cause notice has been issued to those requisitioned Government Vehicles which failed to report to the concerned authority to submit their explanation in

written as to why disciplinary action should not be taken on or before 6th April 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF BRAILLE DUMMY BALLOT SHEETS AND BRAILLE VOTERS' SLIP

As per the directives of the Election Commission of India, to facilitate the visually challenged voters to exercise their franchise, the CEO Nagaland has prepared Braille Dummy Ballot Sheets and Braille Voters' Slip to be used in the Polling Stations across the State in the General Election to Lok Sabha 2019 from 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency.

1. The Dummy Ballot Sheets printed in Braille signage will contain the following features:
 - a. The Serial Numbers of the contesting Candidates.
 - b. Names of the Candidates arranged in the same Serial Order in which their names will appear in the Ballot Paper on the Balloting Unit.
 - c. The Party affiliation of each of the Candidates will be indicated by printing the name of the Political Party concerned against the name of the Candidate.
 - d. In the case of Independent Candidates, the word "Independent" will be printed.
 - e. In the case of None of The Above, NOTA will be printed.
 - f. The name of the Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituency on the top.
 - g. Each such sheet prepared for every Polling Station will be certified by the Commissioner of Disabilities of the concerned State or his/her representative who will be an Official knowing Braille.
2. The Braille Voters' Slip will contain similar details to that of the Photo Voters' Slip other than the photograph.

Inside the Polling Station, the Visually Challenged Voter will be given the Dummy Ballot Sheet in Braille by the Presiding Officer on his/her request if he/she

prefers to use it for helping him/her cast the vote. After he/she has studied the contents of the Dummy Ballot Sheet he/she may proceed to the Voting Compartment to cast his/her vote. Such electors after reading the Dummy Ballot Sheet will be able to cast their vote by reading the Braille embedded Serial Number of the Candidate of their choice on the right side of the Blue Button on the Balloting Unit. However, regardless of the new facility being introduced, the visually impaired persons, if he/she so desires, will continue to be allowed the facility of a Companion as provided for in Rule 49N of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.

The above facilities will be rolled out in Nagaland for the first time which, if utilized fully, will make our

electoral process a truly inclusive and accessible one. The CEO Nagaland informed that the Braille Dummy Ballot Sheets have been given to the districts on 5th April and it will be taken to the polling stations by the polling parties. He said all the preparations are going on well and added that 314 polling parties will leave for polling stations on 9th April.

CEO further mentioned that all the DEOs and SPs have been made aware of the provisions regarding the media personnel with Authority Letters. He said the media persons are provided Authority Letters by the ECI for better access and coverage of the polling stations.

360 STUDENTS AWARDED KOHIMA EDUCATIONAL TRUST (UK) SCHOLARSHIP 2019

CEO, KET & KET Trustees, Sylvia May conveying her message at the scholarship award 2019 ceremony held at The Heritage, Kohima on 6th April 2019 said that she was delighted to join the event and thanked the Kohima Educational Society for the tremendous hard work. She highlighted a brief history of KET/KES set up and stated that KET was initiated by her father, Gordon Graham, one of the founding members of KET, who was a huge believer in the importance of education and worked his whole life as an educational publisher and absolutely believed

that one should all be learners throughout their lives so that we are equipped to put this knowledge back into society. She cited that they could do most by helping young Nagas with their education assisting in some ways with school fees, or books, or uniforms, or entrance other costs associated with getting an education. She also added that Nagaland will develop more strongly with talent and commitment.

Tomugha Awomi KET Scholar 2015 expressed his gratitude towards the sponsors on behalf of all the recipients.

360 students from various schools were awarded KET Scholar Award 2019 at a programme held at the Heritage, Kohima on 6th April 2019.



KET Scholar award 2019 was awarded to a total number of 360 students from various schools sponsored by individuals, institutions, organizations and KET where 135 of the total have been newly registered for the Scholarship.

‘KNOWLEDGE IN ONE’S RESOURCES, CULTURE CAN BOOST TOURISM’

To improve tourism and help promote entrepreneurs in eco-tourism as tour guides, a two-day training was held for the youths of Southern Angami area on 5th and 6th April, 2019 at John Government Higher Secondary School, Viswema. A host of experts in the field of tourism, art & culture, bio resource experts imparted training to the youths. The training was initiated by the Southern Angami Youth Organisation in collaboration with Tourism department.

Southern Angami area being one of the most popular tourists destination in the state with Dzükou valley and Kisama under this area, the training was provided to enhance and boost tourism and also to assist and provide better services to the tourists.

Deputy Director, Tourism, V. Doulo highlighted the tourism prospects and initiatives of the government and encouraged the trainees to ‘learn and have an indepth knowledge about one’s resources, culture and tradition which will further fuel interest to preserve and promote tourism.’ He also stressed on the need for complete ban on hunting and the need to be vigilant about bio-resource theft.

Rtd. Joint Director, Art & Culture, Vilalhou Noudi, imparted the trainees in the knowledge of traditional motifs and traditional arts, their symbolic representation and significance such as the Mithun head- on village gates and house fronts signifying wealth and prosperity, human head - power and prosperity, hornbill- bravery and success in warfare and other activities, tiger- great spirit and ability, moon- represented by circles of black and white signifying time, season and security.

Butterfly specialist, Tshetsholo Naro enlightened the trainees on the emerging trends in Lepidoptrology (study of butterfly). Naro has been researching on butterflies of Naga Hills since 2011 and till now have recorded 250 species of butterflies. He added that the presence of butterflies in Kohima such as Bhutan Glory, Great Spotted Blue, Naga Sapphire, Blue Duke, French Duke etc can promote butterfly watching in the area.

Trainees were also imparted training on ‘Tourism and Guiding Etiquettes’ by resource persons Veteu Koza, ‘Techniques of Tour Guiding, handling guest properly’ by Kejaroko Pieru, ‘Tourism and Environment- Preservation and sustainability’ by Dr. Akho Yhokha, ‘Waste Management’ by Thangi Manen, ‘Career prospect as Tourist Guide’ by Rohan Abraham, ‘Destinations in Nagaland’ by David Solo and practical sessions were led by Nyuretho and Moa Sangtam.

MOBILE VAN ON ‘CLEAN ELECTIONS’ UNDER KOHIMA SVEEP CAMPAIGN

A mobile van set up with posters, pamphlet and also equipped with P.A. system for playing district theme song “Be the One” has been on the move in and around the district to create awareness on ‘Clean Elections’ since 30th March 2019. The awareness campaign was organised under the Kohima district SVEEP campaign with its main objective to reach out every eligible voter to vote right as per the guidelines laid by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The mobile van has covered Kezocha EAC circle area on 1st April and Kohima town on 2nd April with the motorcycle rally. On 4th April, it has covered ADC Chiephobozou area and Botsa EAC circle area and on 5th April, it has covered Kohima village, Secretariat area and some town areas. The mobile van awareness campaign culminated on 6th April 2019 covering different colonies which included NHAK, Agri, Jail, Ministers’ Hill, Mohonkhola, Chandmari and Lerie

ACCESSIBILITY OBSERVER VISITS KIPHIRE



Accessibility Observer, Sarah R. Ritse inspecting the records maintained by the Sector Officer Kiphire on 6th April 2019.

Secretary, Social Welfare & Accessibility Observer of Lok Sabha Election 2019, Sarah R. Ritse visited Kiphire on 6th April 2019. She interacted with the district Administration and visited some polling stations around Kiphire town and inspected the places where the Persons with Disability (PWDs) can come comfortably to cast their votes.

Accessibility Observer asked the District Administration to take welfare measures for persons with Disability (PWDs) so as to give equal opportunity to all. She also stated that providing a better platform in the polling stations for the disabled will also increase the public confidence.

KONYAK WOMENFOLK ATTEMPTS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

On the final day of the Aoleang-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival 2019, the Konyak women folk made an attempt to set Guinness World Record for Largest Traditional Konyak Dance Display. More than 4000 women folk, both young and old, from more than 115 villages took part in the record attempt on 5th April, 2019 at Local Ground, Mon. Core committee members stated that the objective was to put Konyak tradition in the global platform and to make a foot print of the rich culture, tradition and heritage of Konyak, and to promote tourism hub in the region. The attempt was lasted for more than 05 (five minutes).

President, Eastern Nagaland Women's Organisation, Ayong Chang who was present as the Guest of Honour stated that, "Empowering women for cultural heritage has got rich dividends as women

do play an important and crucial role in maintaining the social, economic and cultural health of the community". Women in indigenous communities are important producers and re-producers of family life, thus carrying out a significant role in transmitting cultural values to future generations. The creativity of women is essential to the continuity and revitalization of intangible cultural expressions, she added.

Stating that, ENWO is fortunate and blessed to have KNSK as one of the leading tribal apex bodies, she expressed confidence that by the virtue of their continued support and cooperation, the ENWO will continue to gain more strength and confident to work for the women community of Eastern Nagaland.

N. Neshe Bongkhao, who was the special guest, congratulated the World Record organizers

and participants saying that the attempt itself is an achievement. She appreciated the courage and concerted efforts to bring the women through heritage. She also urged the women folk to continue pushing their versatile talent, face the challenges of life with confidence and wisdom to choose the battles and not forgetting the women's power to transform the society.

In the early days, women and girls were kept as house wives or helpers without much respect

in society but now women can be seen excelling in education and getting involved in all fields, she stated. She called upon all to stand in unity in words, work and action in taking the tribe forward to the world at large.

Her highness, Angun, Angh-ya of Chi, invoked traditional blessings.

The event was organised by Konyak Union, Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong and Konyak Students Union.

TRUSTEES OF KET, UK INTERACTS WITH PUBLISHERS, WRITERS ETC

Trustees of Kohima Educational Trust (KET) of UK held an interactive session with the Naga book publishers, Entrepreneurs, Media reporters, Writers etc on 8th April 2019 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima.

The KET trustees, Stephen White, Chairman of the UK Media Monitoring Association in his introductory speech shared that he is a Publication Executive who worked for CBS, McGraw-Hill and The Thomson Corporation in various management roles in educational and professional company. He is also

a director of the publishing companies Kogan Page, WARC and Infinite Ideas, and Chairman of the UK Media Monitoring Association.

Sylvia May, CEO Kohima Educational Trust, UK and the daughter of Gordon Graham, Honorary Founder and President of the Kohima Educational Trust said that she is proud that her father has inspired many people to share his vision to commemorate those who fought and died in Kohima. She also expressed her happiness that the Naga people who have done so

Trustees of KET of UK interacting with the Naga Publishers, Entrepreneurs, Media, Writers etc at Hotel Japfu on 8th April 2019.



much for the British in the past resolved to institute the Kohima Educational Trust (KET) as a debt of honour to the Naga people. She is now actively working to put something back into the community and promote the work of the Trust in Kohima.

During interactive session, problems faced by the local writers, publishers, media houses and

entrepreneurs were shared and also many queries were being answered and guided in the right direction by the KET trustees.

President, KES, Charles Chasie also said that KET will be conducting a workshop on how to write stories and news reportings with trained trainers.

EO PERUSES ELECTION EXPENDITURE REGISTER



Expenditure Observer, L.P. Singh, IRS, officials and other political parties during the last round of 'Inspection of Accounts' at Commissioner's office, Kohima on 8th April 2019.

Expenditure Observer, L.P. Singh, IRS who has been assigned to monitor election expenses incurred by the candidates for election to the House of the

People from 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency perused the expenses of all candidates during the 3rd and the last round of inspection of accounts at Commissioner's Conference Hall on 8th April 2019.

With this, the inspection of election expenses done by the expenditure observer in every election in accordance with the Commission's instruction laid down under 'Inspection of Accounts' has come to an end.

All the four contesting candidates furnished the detail expenses incurred and placed before the Expenditure Observer for perusal. The EO also

thanked all the political parties for their cooperation and strictly adhering to the guidelines and provisions laid down by the Election Commission of India.

FATHER'S CAMP HELD UNDER BBBP AT BHANDARI

Father's Awareness programme under "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was held at Town Hall Bhandari on 6th April 2019 with Major, JP Singh, 28th Assam Rifles Bhandari and Associate Pastor BTBC, Zuchanthung Yanthan as the resource persons.

Singh called upon all the fathers to encourage girl child achieve their goals and give them equal opportunity in every field without discrimination. Emphasizing on health, he said girl child should be given proper health care so as to perform well in any

activity. It is the girls, wives and mothers who always work hard and shoulder every responsibility, for which we need to show unconditional love and caring attitude towards girl child, he added.

Pastor BTBC, Yanthan also stressed on the importance of maintaining gender equality in our society. He said at this competitive world, girls are doing exceedingly well in all fields and their roles and responsibilities in our society is equally important as boys. He also mentioned that there are certain

areas where things cannot be done right without the intervention of girls' services. Therefore, he urged all the fathers to take care of the girl child and encourage them to pursue their dreams without discrimination.

DC TUENSANG GIVES AWAY EX-GRATIA

DC Tuensang and Chairman DDMA, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS distributed an amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees four lakh) each as ex-gratia to the families of Late. Throngkila of Yakur Village and Late. Mongshai of Nokyan Village on 6th April 2019 at Tuensang district, who passed away by a tragic accident of fire and windstorm on 9th January 2019 and 23rd February 2019.

CEO NAGALAND BRIEFS MEDIA PERSONNEL

Talking to the media persons regarding the elections in the state at Hotel Japfu, CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said the poll starts from 7 am till 4 PM on 11th April, and majority of the polling parties will be leaving for their polling stations on 10th April. He, however, added that polling personnel for 325 polling stations (P-2) will leave on 9th April because those polling stations are far from the district headquarters, and maximum of those polling stations are in Mon.

Sinha said polling parties have been trained three times, and some last minute trainings will also be given to some polling personnel when they come to collect machines and materials from the dispatch centers in each of the twelve election districts.

CEO said the districts with surplus vehicles are Dimapur and Kohima and around 700 vehicles have been dispatched from Guwahati, those vehicles will be sent to other districts so there is no issue of vehicle shortage. The CRPF will be deployed in all the vulnerable polling stations, and the security personnel will be moving out with the polling parties. He informed that commissioning of machines got completed in all the districts and 90% of Polling stations have power supply, drinking water and toilet facilities. Updating on seizures, CEO mentioned that Cash seizure was Rs. 92,26,240 and Liquor seizure was 62,948.92 litres, apart from other seizures, and the total seizure value was Rs. 3,03,33,284.

CEO stated that the campaigning period for General Election to the 17th Lok Sabha, 2019 from 1- Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency and Bye-Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 26-Aonglenden (ST) AC shall come to an end w.e.f. 4:00 pm on 9th April 2019 and public meetings during the period of forty eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll is prohibited. He added that



CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS along with RO & Commissioner Nagaland, M. Patton and senior officers interacting with media at AKM building, Kohima on 11th April 2019.



any person who contravenes this provision shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

CEO said "for the first time in the state, we are providing Braille Dummy Ballot Sheet in each of the polling stations which will contain the details of the candidate's name, serial number and the party he represents, however, a visually challenged person can still use a companion if he prefers." Wheel chairs have also been provided in more than 250 polling stations, altogether there are 6002 PwD voters registered in the electoral roll, he added.

Returning Officer and Commissioner, M. Patton mentioned that all the four candidates for elections to 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency were issued show cause notices and Village Guards personnel have also been deployed for the elections.

REQUISITIONED VEHICLES ALL SET FOR POLL DUTY IN KOHIMA

According to SDO (Civil) Kohima, Shaying Sheu more than 1000 vehicles inclusive of both private and government have been requisitioned for poll duties in Kohima district. The vehicles are ready for dispatch to the various polling stations for performing duties during the 1-Nagaland Assembly parliamentary constituency 2019 election. He informed that vehicles will be dispatched on 10th April 2019 starting from 7:00 am.

RO INFORMS ON PROHIBITION OF CAMPAIGN

Commissioner & Returning Officer, M. Patton and ADC (Hq) & ARO, Limanenla in pursuance of the section 126 of the Representation of the People's Act 1951 and Precertification of Political Advertisements informed all the political parties, candidates, their leaders and campaigners to stop campaigning during the last 48 hours.

Therefore, all the political parties have been directed to ensure that they observe the silence period on the last 48 hours. Also, no political party or

candidate or any other organisation or person shall publish any advertisement(s) in the press media on the poll day and one day prior to the poll day unless the contents have been pre-certified by the MCMC committee in the state/district level as the case may be.

GOVERNOR APPRECIATES NU AND NABARD

Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya appreciated the Nagaland University and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Nagaland Regional Office for taking up the challenge in creating entrepreneurship for economic upliftment in the field of agriculture during a review meeting held at Raj Bhavan Kohima on 8th April 2019.

Governor Acharya however called on the two institutions to support the entrepreneurs till they can support on their own and stand on their own. He said that the goal of the educational institutions should not only be to impart knowledge but to also make the students stand on their feet. He hoped that skill development programmes have been introduced in all colleges in Nagaland.

The Governor called for identification of the States natural resources, the need of the State and society and to introduce academic skill courses so as to make students entrepreneurs. He opined that it will strengthen the society economically. This should be the agenda of educational institutions he added.

Vice Chancellor NU, Dr Pardeshi Lal and General Manager NABARD Dimapur, Shri SK Dhumal highlighted the Governor on the initiatives taken by the two institutions. They stated that 62 students studying in the School of Agriculture Studies & Rural Development (SASRD), NU were sensitised on various avenues in agricultural field by AGM, NABARD Shri HV Biswas. Interactions were also held with University staff on the NABARD's various promotional and developmental initiative and urged for support and coordination for successful implementation in the State for creating self employment opportunities.

Governor Acharya, had earlier, called on NABARD to work with Universities in the State for all round development. The meeting was attended by VC NU, Dr Pardeshi Lal, General Manager NABARD Dimapur, Shri SK Dhumal and other officers of NABARD.

CEO NAGALAND UPDATES ON POLL PREPARATION

CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS has informed that throughout the state 325 polling parties left for the polling stations today, these polling parties known as P-2 were dispatched on account of their polling stations being very far from the district headquarters. He added that these polling parties will be reaching their respective polling stations either late night today or early morning tomorrow.

The CEO said that there were heavy rains all over the state but it did not cause any problem as all the routes remained open hence there was no problem with the movement of the polling parties. He further informed that every district is also keeping JCBs and other equipments on standby just in case some roads get blocked and need to be opened for the movement of the polling parties.

CEO said that some districts completed the last and final training of polling personnel today. It was also mentioned that all the vehicles of the sector officers carrying the reserve EVM & VVPAT machines have been fitted with GPS and the movement of these vehicles are being monitored both at the district level and at CEO level. He informed that all the remaining polling parties will leave for the polling stations tomorrow and all the arrangements regarding the same have been made.

1ST GORDON GRAHAM PRIZE FOR NAGA LITERATURE AWARDED TO DR. EASTERINE KIRE AND KETHOSER KEVICHUSA

First Award Ceremony of Gordon Graham prize for Naga literature was held at Hotel Vivor on 9th April 2019. The Gordon Graham prize for Naga Literature

was launched in 2018 to promote good writing, to raise the profile of Naga writers and to encourage reading and writing within the Naga community. It aims at recognising and rewarding the knowledge-keepers and idea-givers of Naga society.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking at the event said that such initiatives will help promote good writing, recognizing and rewarding the knowledge - keeper and idea – givers of Naga society. He added that the award will also encourage reading and writing within the Naga community as reading books opens the horizons of thinking and knowledge.

He opined that youths need to imbibe the reading culture to open their minds to all that is possible with learning and knowledge. He hoped the award given to the worthy winners will open gates of knowledge and produce more promising young writers towards excellence in our State.

Rio said that the KES has instituted the award in memory of Gordon Graham in the 75th year of the battle of Kohima in which he fought as a young captain of the queen's own Cameron highlanders in the British 2nd division. Further lauding the Kohima Educational Society Rio said that the award is a true tribute to Gordon Graham for his effort towards helping the cause of education and excellence among the Naga youths and society.

Sylvia May, daughter of Gordon Graham, said that Gordon Graham was a writer his entire life as for him the written word was everything. She added that he was a classic scholar, who understood the importance of the origin of words and their usage and that this thoughts took him to the many Naga languages and the difficulty of inter tribe communication.

She mentioned that, Gordon believed word usage is the key to communication and through right language we could communicate to the best of our ability. Sylvia further said that, it was that thought which led to the publication of key words, a glossary of Naga languages.

She also stated that, Kohima Educational Trust was the idea of Gordon Graham, and the one to which

he was most committed to. May opined that her father never spoke much about the war during his life, but thought of the Naga's had stayed with him all that time. May added that in 2004, on the 60th Anniversary of the battle, he along with several other fellow veterans founded the Educational trust designed to help and assist with educational need for young Naga's.

The 1st Gordon Graham prize for Naga Literature was awarded to Dr. Easterine Kire in Fiction category called, "When the river sleeps" and Kethoser Aniu Kevichusa for his book 'Forgiveness and Politics: A Critical Appraisal' in non-fiction category.

The Gordon Graham award has two categories, one for works of fiction and for non-fiction. The submitted book should be a minimum of 150 pages. The award are given for each of the chosen categories and will receive Rs 1 lakh each and a certificate.

The writer for the submission entries Last date is June 15th, 2019 and the shortlist will be announced in August, 2019. Winners will be announced in November, 2019 with the Award ceremony to be held in December during Hornbill Festival.

CEO NAGALAND CALLS FOR FREE, FAIR AND PEACEFUL POLL

CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha has informed that all the 2227 polling parties have reached the polling stations by 7 pm today. He said out of 2227 polling parties in the state, 325 polling parties have left yesterday. He mentioned that webcasting will be done in 270 odd polling stations on the day of polling, and the operators for the same have carried out a dry run of the webcasting. He added that in another 180 odd polling stations offline videography will be done.

CEO said besides the security personnel in all the polling stations, striking reserves are also been kept at many locations so that incase law and order issue crop up they can move swiftly to those locations and sort things out. About 250 sector officers, sector magistrates and sector commanders will be moving

around along with security forces and they will be visiting polling stations and ensure that everything is fine. CEO added that the sector officers will be carrying the reserve machines also and there will be control rooms at CEO Office and DEO offices and poll percentages will be conveyed two hourly.

CEO stated that in some districts, because of bad roads, movement of the polling parties got hampered but those roads were cleared by the district authorities using JCBs, and the polling parties could move and reach the polling stations. He said that all arrangements are in place for the conduct of free, fair and peaceful poll. Mock poll will start at 6 am and the actual poll will start at 7 am but for 26-Aonglenden AC mock poll will start at 5:30 am on account of mock poll to be done for two machines.

Updating on seizures, he informed that cash seizure till date was Rs. 92,26,640 and 65,400 litres of liquor were seized. The CEO requested all the voters in Nagaland to come out and vote on the day of poll, he also requested the voters to vote fearlessly without being influenced by the consideration of race, caste, religion, language, community or any inducement.

DIETHONO CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DISABILITIES ACT

Commissioner of People with Disabilities (PWDs) Diethono Nakhro stated that her first priority is to see that implementation is carried out for accessibility of the people with disabilities. Speaking to DIPR while casting her vote at Science College (Phezou) Polling station 8/29 Diethono said that she has taken over as the Commissioner in the last part of January although she has been working with the State government in regard to PWDs for quite a few years now. A proper office setting is required which, she said, is dysfunctional since no physical thing has come out as of now and therefore setting up of the office is her top priority, she stated.

She also said that she has been working with the Election Department for few years on related matters.

Diethono further said that she would be working with all other districts as well to ensure that every possible accessibility is made for the disabilities in future.

POLLING GOING ON UNINTERRUPTED AT KOHIMA

The polling for Election to the House of the People for 17th Lok Sabha from 1- Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency began on 11th April 2019 as per the schedule announced by the Election Commission of India.

The lone Lok Sabha seat from 1- Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency is a four cornered contest of which the two veterans, K.L. Chishi of Indian National Congress and Tokheho Yephthomi of Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party were apparently in the forefront amongst the four candidates in the fray.

Till the time of filing this report, the voting in the polling stations in and around Kohima like Rusoma, Chedema, Chedema model village, Keyake, Kohima village, High School area and Thizama has been peaceful and going on smoothly without any interruption. However, the turn up of people for voting in every polling station is comparatively lesser as compared to that of Assembly election.

CEO NAGALAND INTERACTS WITH MEDIA PERSONNEL AFTER THE POLL

CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha while speaking to the press people at AMK Building, Kohima said the overall voter turn-out for the election to 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency was 78.67% (provisional) as per the information received at 5:30 PM. Pughoboto was the election district with highest voter turn-out at 93.93% and Peren was the lowest with 64.43% and inn 26-Aonglenden AC the voter turn-out was 84.3%. He said the quantity of EVMs which got replaced during mock poll was: 35 Ballot Units, 54 Control Units and 68 VVPATs so compared to the past elections the failure percentage of EVMs was less, and this could be attributed to the trainings of personnel as well as

the experience that they have gained for handling VVPAT in the past two elections, CEO added.

A complaint was received at a polling station in Lumami regarding machine malfunction where pressing of a voting button gave the wrong light indication. He said the DC Zunheboto inquired into the matter and checked the machines along with the polling agents and polling personnel and it was found out that the allegation was wrong. Another complaint was received under Tyui AC and re-poll was demanded, so it will be decided during the scrutiny after analyzing the documents. He informed that some polling parties were returning and may reach the district headquarters early in the morning on Friday. He also mentioned that the polling stations which will require scrutiny will be brought to Kohima where it will be scrutinized by the observers, RO and the candidates or his representatives starting tomorrow. After scrutiny, the final decision will be taken regarding some complaints.

RO & Commissioner, M. Patton said a complaint was received from the NDPP Party regarding polling station no. 30 and 47 at Dimapur III AC, immediately DEO was directed to check and no complaint was received during poll process. He added that, in another case, machines failed to work at Polling Station no. 19 under 21-Tuli AC and the machines had to be replaced from the neighboring sector.

RO SCRUTIZES ELECTION REPORTS

Commissioner & Returning Officer Nagaland, M.Patton along with the General Observers, Alok, IAS and Ravi Jha, IAS scrutinized the reports submitted by Deputy Commissioners & District Election Officers in the Office of the Commissioner & Returning Officer, Nagaland at 11.00 am on 12th April 2019.

All DC& DEOs presented detail reports and gave a brief account on how the polling was carried out in their respective districts. However, districts like Mon, Tuensang, Peren, Kiphire and Longleng did not come for the scrutiny since there was no official complaint received from any politica party where RO's level

intervention is required.

As per the scrutiny, no repoll was recommended by RO and General Observers in the presence of three

political parties ie INC, NDPP & Independent. NPP party didn't turn up for the scrutiny.

ADB OFFICIALS VISIT NAGALAND

Officials from Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by Country Director, Kenichi Yokoyama and his team visited Nagaland and held meeting with State government led by Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall on 15th April 2019.

The main purpose of their visit was for assisting and guiding in preparation of project proposals for external assistance for the state of Nagaland. This visit was part of the ADB's programme for India's North East paradiseunexplored supporting infrastructure planning and implementation for North Eastern Region Project Readiness Financing (PRF) and Technical Assistance (TA).

Senior Project Officer (Urban) Ashok Srivastava in his power point presentation stated that the infrastructure development in North East Region (NER) is critical to promote rapid, inclusive and sustainable growth. Regional integration as a gateway to connect

ASEAN & South Asian countries as per India's Act East policy. He also said poor infrastructure and limited connectivity have acted as roadblocks hindering the socio-economic development of northeast region.

On Project Readiness Financing (PRF) for North Eastern Region, the bank will assist the states to prepare quality DPRs and build readiness of the infrastructure projects mainly on infrastructure sectors such as roads, urban and power. One PRF may support multiple sectors within one state or multiple states covering single/multiple sectors. All north eastern states can access to this except Arunachal Pradesh, he stated.

Key activities under the PRF (2); Assist project authorities to set up institutional processes, guidelines and decision making system for project management and implementation pilot testing of a project design to test its validity and to make necessary design adjustments ahead of implementation under any

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS, AHOds, HoDs and Officials of ADB holding meeting at CS's Conference Hall on 15th April 2019.



ensuing project, development of specific PPP project under transaction advisory services, support for project start up activities where EAs have capacity constraints. After PRF (1) & (2), there will be selection criteria, discussion issues pertaining to PRF followed by TA Grant, he mentioned.

During the meeting, the AHoDs & HoDs expressed their concerns about the pace of development and expressed the need and importance

of availing external assistance for rapid development of the state.

Principal Secretary Urban Development, Abhishek Singh, IAS also gave power point presentation for Urban Development department

Line departments like Urban, Medical, IT & C, PWD (NH), Power, Planning, Transport among others attended the meeting

PRE-MONSOON PREPAREDNESS MEETING HELD

'All the departments must take preventive checks and be prepared for any emergencies, as in Nagaland most disasters occur in the form of landslides due to excessive rain and clogged drainages during monsoon season and many such disasters can be avoided with timely action', said Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS at a meeting to review Pre Monsoon Preparedness with AHoDs, HoDs and DCs at the Secretariat Conference hall on 16th April 2019.

The pre monsoon preparedness meeting deliberated on many action points relating to the disasters that may be faced with the onset of monsoon season in Nagaland. The house decided that a mass social work will be carried out across the state on 4th May 2019 to clear out all clogged drainages, culverts and debris to avert landslides and other disasters. In districts, similar meeting will be held by DCs with the line departments and discuss matters relating to pre monsoon preparedness.

Deliberating on the roads blockage in far flung areas of the state during monsoon, the meeting also decided that an alternative route will have to identify by all the DCs which will be led by NSDMA and line departments. It was also decided that DCs along with Road & Bridges department should work out an alternative routes in the districts and important places to be used during the monsoon season.

On the issue of shortage of food supplies in the far flung areas during disasters, it was decided that

the divisional godown will be stocked up with food grains so that it can be used as relief materials for the affected people or as and when the need arises.

Health and Family Welfare Department to keep sufficient stock of medicines and manpower available in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and PHCs at district levels in case of any emergencies.

While discussing on the epidemic of cattles in some parts of Dimapur and Medziphema areas, the Animal Husbandry Department has been directed to procure sufficient medicines to contain the outbreak of the epidemic and also to keep sufficient drugs in stock in case of any such outbreak of epidemic during the monsoon season.

The meeting further decided that for the Agri & Allied departments due to excessive rain and hailstone tons of horticulture crops are damaged every year. Therefore, it was decided that a parameter for damage assessment will be brought up by the NSDMA.

During the meeting, it was decided that more training and refresher course will be given to SDRF personnel so that they are in a better position to tackle any emergencies that may arise during the monsoon season. On equipments purchase, the NSDMA should first consult the SDRF while purchasing in order to get the exact requirements.

OSD Johnny Rongmei gave a power point presentation on pre-monsoon preparedness meeting.

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS TRAINING FOR FIELD FUNCTIONARIES

Department of Horticulture conducted Training on Soft Skills Development for field functionaries on 17th April 2019 at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima.

Director of Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha while delivering keynote address said the department has been working hand in hand with different departments and other private entrepreneurs over the past few years in order to promote the horticultural products. He said the department is manned by highly qualified people with full of confidence and competent to discharge their assigned duties. With this training, he hoped that the role of field functionaries in the districts in communicating and convincing the people would be much easier. He said the department is in dire need of educated people who can educate people not only on production but also on the importance of marketing after harvesting. Stressing on the importance of soft skills development, he said convincing and influencing people requires good communication skills.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, Youth Net, Alezo Putsure said the most important thing in life is how we communicate with others. He said 'Soft Skills' will not come from what we have studied or the books we have read nor the videos we have seen it but it comes through regular interaction.

He mentioned that leadership is all about communication and a person with good communication skills builds strong leadership. He said 'Soft Skill' is very important whether it be at work or personal life. Therefore, the initiatives taken by the department in giving soft skills training to the field functionaries is indeed remarkable, he added. He encouraged the field functionaries to upgrade their soft skills so that they can play an important role for the entrepreneurs, young people and women in their respective areas.

Deputy Director, Meshento Ghap chaired the programme while vote of thanks was proposed by Asst. Horticulture Officer, Eluba.

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RESTORING GALLANTRY AWARD MEDAL TO DESCENDANTS OF NAGA VETERANS

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kohima WW-II (1944-2019) a gallantry award ceremony was held at hotel Vivor, Kohima on 18th April 2019, organised by Kohima Educational Trust and Kohima Educational Society.

Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS said “we are gathered here today because of the war, specifically the Battle of Kohima, the battle which was not ours, but the battle which was fought in our land and that has brought changed in the history of Nagas and the world as well. In view of this, the state government has decided to make the 75th anniversary a yearlong commemoration by organizing a number of activities as a remembrance for those who took part, lost their lives during world war II and to make it a platform for reconciliation and to look for a bright future. He paid tributes to those who were involved in the fierce battle and those suffered immensely during the war.

Sharing the history of the Gallantry Award Medals, Charles Chasie said that the history of

discovering the Naga gallantry award winners and recovery of the documents and medals was a long and interesting journey. In 2014, during the observation of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Kohima, the seed was planted to record the experiences of the Naga veterans who were still alive, he added. He said 69 Gallantry Awards won by Naga soldiers during the 2nd World War were traced out and hoped to uncover more who had won the Gallantry awards.

Meanwhile, descendants of the awardees gave a brief account of their grandfathers during the World War II and shared about the struggles faced by them.

Later, the Guest of Honours, Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS and Curator, Kohima Museum, York, Bob Cook presented Naga Gallantry awards to forty three (43) personnel honouring them for their deeds in different categories in the Order of the British Empire, Member of the British Empire, British Empire Medal, Imperial Service Medal, Military Cross, Military Medal, Indian Distinguished Services Medal and the Indian Police Medal.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS, Curator, Kohima Museum, York, Bob Cook along with officials and descendants of the Awardees of Naga Gallantry Awards at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 18th April 2019.



FREE IT WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AT KOHIMA

Through the initiative of the Department of School Education, a free IT workshop for the computer/IT Teachers of Nagaland was held at Dr. Neilhouzhu Government Higher Secondary School Seikhezou, Kohima on 23rd April 2019.

Governor of Nagaland, P.B Acharya mentioned that for any society or nation to prosper, education should be the mantra and empowerment by knowledge is the goal of education. He said achievers should be givers in the society. With the advent of IT system, the students will be empowered with the right knowledge to cope with the fast changing world. Through this workshop, the teachers and students will march ahead with the right dialect and the youths will be no more job seekers but job givers after acquiring the right knowledge.

Advisor School Education, K.T. Sukhalu, who spoke at the inaugural programme thanked the Governor, INFC, USM and Nidhi Poddhar and her team, in assisting such initiative and believe that through this workshop and intervention, the schools of Nagaland will do better in the coming days. He expressed his appreciation to Saraswat co-operative bank as the bank has stepped forward to sponsor this programme.

Sukhalu pointed that, technology is here to stay, to help us and expressed hope that the initiative

taken will definitely motivate everyone. Today, it is not a luxury to have computers or technology assistance. We all find that mobile phones are so exciting but the basic knowledge of the computer & technology will start from the School through such initiative, he added.

He hoped that the teachers who have been trained by the team will be sincere and pick up whatever is necessary so that they can take the initiative in teaching the students. Focusing on quality education, technology can assure a better generation of younger boys and girls who will take a step forward and help in the progress of the State.

INFC, Mumbai, Nidhi Poddhar spoke as the resource person said that we get connected through technology and apps like WhatsApp, Skype, facebook etc have made people more connected and minimized the distances of reaching out to others. Technology is the next big thing which is necessary in our lives, she added.

She also expressed that the workshop is a new beginning of a new friendship between the people of Nagaland and Maharashtra.

Opening remarks was delivered by principal Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Menukhol John while vote of thanks was proposed by principal Dr. NK GHSS, Seikhezou, Dr. Bijano Murray.

Governor, P.B.Acharya with officials and teachers during the inaugural programme of free IT workshop for Computer/IT teachers of Nagaland at Dr. Neilhouzhu GHSS, Seikhezou, Kohima on 23rd April 2019.



KOHIMA DDMA QUARTERLY MEETING HELD

Kohima District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) held its quarterly meeting at DPDB's Hall on 22nd April 2019 under the chairmanship of DC Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS.

On District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP), DC called upon the members to contribute their suggestions, views and opinions so as to incorporate in the Plan. He also informed that the mass social work will be conducted on 4th May 2019 as per the directive issued by the State Chief Secretary at the State Level meeting held on 16th April 2019. Therefore, he asked all the stakeholders and members of DDMA to come up with suggestions and opinions in order to discuss those issues during the social work.

On District Disaster Management Plan, District Project Associate, Victor Yhome highlighted the concept of the booklet components where it contains five chapters which included the introduction, district profile and roles and responsibilities of the line Departments.

District Disaster Management Officer,

Thejangulie Zao also informed the members on DDMA team visit to KMC dumping site led by ADC and CEO DDMA, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutso on receiving the information from Administrator KMC with regard to the visibility of fire and smoke at the dumping site even after the monsoon season gets over. The team inspected the area and taking into account the vulnerability of spreading the fire to nearby forest and intimated the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) for assistance towards the preventive exercise. For which, NSDMA responded while the KMC has been assigned to execute the work along with the Fire department and DDMA, Kohima.

In regard to India Disaster Resource Network (IDRN), the line Departments not submitted the data were reminded to submit the availability of resources of their respective departments in a given format in soft and hard copy. On Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA), Zao informed that Nagaland is the only State in India where the Disaster Management Authority is being notified till the Village level.

NSS BIDS FAREWELL TO 18 CADRE OFFICERS

A farewell programme of three Secretaries of Nagaland Secretariat Service (NSS) cadre and 15 other cadre member officers was organized at the Secretariat Conference hall, Kohima on 24th April 2019.

Almost all officers would be retiring on completion of 35 years of service except one on attaining superannuation during 2019. Most of the officers will be released by end of April while few of them would still be serving for few months and in due course might also get promoted to higher grades as their promotions are due.

Speaking on behalf of the retiring officers, Secretary for Veterinary & AH, Meduhele thanked the Almighty God for His enormous blessing given to her as well as her colleagues, thereby, enabling

the 1984 NSS Batch to complete 35 years of service in good health except some who could not make it. She appreciated the NSSA for organizing the farewell programme in honour of them. Also thanked the NSSA for their concern and effort and timely action taken by P&AR Department which has enabled the seven cadre members to be promoted to three posts of Secretary and four posts of Additional Secretary respectively in March 2019 to which she pointed out that it was a big bonus to their pension benefits.

On the occasion, she also shared a word of advice to her junior officers stating "there is nothing more fulfilling than diligently coming to work and doing what you are assigned to with honesty and integrity" and there is nothing more rewarding or satisfying than being in work.

She further said that every stage of one's career is important because at every level one learns something new which helps him or her while taking higher responsibilities. She also pointed out that just because they have job security, some officers do not give enough effort to learn so when they finally reach a position of authority their incompetence becomes too obvious. She therefore urged the juniors to strive to become the officers of substance.

Joint Secretary, Rural Development, Amenla Sashi who spoke on behalf of the NSS members congratulated the outgoing officers and wished them good luck as they celebrated the successful completion of their career. She wished them happy, healthy and prosperous life.

DC KOHIMA CONVENES MEETING TO REVIEW CHILD PROTECTION

DC Kohima & Chairman District Child Protection Unit, Anoop Khinchi, IAS convened a meeting of all the concerned departments and stakeholders on 25th of April 2019 at his office to discuss the issue of Child Rights and Child Protection. The meeting was held with the purpose to review the system set in place to protect the rights of children and ensure that they are not exploited in any way.

A number of burning issues related to Child Rights and Child protection was discussed at length during the meeting with much focus on sensitizing the general public regarding the prevailing situation and the need to take more concrete steps to ensure that no child is exploited in any way or form. Labour Department, District Education Office, CMO, District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee, Kohima and Child-line Kohima attended the meeting.

MEETING WITH NEW HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

Every year, a considerable number of new persons are appointed as Principal, Headmaster or Headmistress in the registered private schools

under NBSE. Similarly, promotees in the Government schools is a common and yearly affair.

For effective management of the schools, a meeting was held on 24th April 2019 in the Conference Hall, NBSE with the new heads. A total of 69 new heads of institutions attended the meeting.

The meeting primarily dwelled on their new roles and responsibilities. They were briefed on the functioning of the system as well as on the approaches on how to raise the standard of education in the school in particular and the state in general. Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose urged the school leaders to work closely with the teachers and the community to influence the progress of a child's growth. Principals and teachers must step out of the comfort zone if the system is to be strengthened, she stated.

Additional Secretary, NBSE, Rangumbing Nsarangbe highlighted the rules and regulations and also spoke on matters related to examinations and school administration. Matters relating to academics, accounts, fees and online submission of forms were also discussed.

The schools were informed that they must follow the prescribed syllabus and textbooks of the Board. Every school must have a well-equipped and furnished Science and Mathematics Laboratories as well as a library with the required number of books specified.

Further, the new heads were informed that every student studying in Class I to XII must compulsorily possess a Pupil Cumulative Record (PCR) book. Secondly, a student of Class IX & X must have a CCE report Card. Without the PCR and the CCE Report Card, no school should give admission to a student.

WORLD VETERINARY DAY OBSERVED IN NAGALAND

The 2019 World Veterinary Day with the theme 'value of vaccination' organised by Nagaland Veterinary Association, Nagaland State Veterinary Council and Department of AH & VS was held on 27th

April at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima Police Complex.

Advisor for AH&VS and Women Resources, R. Khing who graced the occasion as the special guest said the veterinarians can properly study and observe the health problems of animals and treat them. He also explained the value of vaccination and observed that utmost importance should be given to preventive vaccine to make the animals immune. On the occasion, he urged the veterinarians and other animal welfare associations to work for increase in animal production and implement more schemes in our state, besides preventing cruelty to animals.

Guest of Honor, Advisor Law and Justice, Border Affairs & Treasuries & Accounts, Dr. Longriniken stated that 'as we celebrate the world veterinary day

along with the rest of the world let us keep in mind that we are professionals working for the upliftment of the economy of our State as well as the farmers'. 'If we work with sincerity and dedication I believe veterinarians can become one of the most sought after professional job', Dr. Longri maintained. He also encouraged the veterinarians to work hard and become successful livestock entrepreneurs.

Highlighting on the theme 'value of vaccination' Dr. Catherine Rutsa, Associate professor SASRD described that the value of vaccination can also be interpreted as impact of vaccination, outcome of vaccination, worth of vaccination or similar expression. She also added that vaccines are possibly one of the most prized tools in a veterinarian kitbox.



Advisor for V & AH, R. Khing with Veterinarians and Representatives of Veterinary Associations at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima Police Complex on 27th April 2019.

KOHIMA DDMA CONDUCTS MOCK EXERCISE ON EARTHQUAKE

A mock exercise on earthquake was conducted by Kohima District Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh and State Disaster Management Force (SDRF) at Seikhaizou, Kohima on 29th April 2019.

The mock exercise carried out evacuation and administration of casualties with first-aid by the NDRF and SDRF personnel. The NDRF-Itanagar were equipped with Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR), Flood Rescue Operation, Medical First Responder (MFR) and Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear (CBRN).

In the earthquake mock exercise carried out, two buildings supposedly collapsed, which included Seikhaizou Government Higher Secondary School and Urban Primary Health Centre, Seikhaizou where a total number of twenty one casualties were reported. Out of twenty casualties, one was reported to be dead, seven seriously injured who were shifted to Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) and thirteen were reported with minor injuries.

At the incident site, a Common Post for Incident and Team Commander was stationed where all the stakeholders were assigned for evacuation exercise. A Medical Post where NDRF and Medical Officers were administering the casualties with first aid assistance.

After the incident, a de-briefing was held where the Observers of the mock exercise, Dy. Commandant, Pranab Daimari and Chief Medical Officer, Abir Chowdhury from NDRF Itanagar pointed out that overall exercise was conducted promptly and successfully by all the concerned stakeholders. However, they suggested for more effective communication system, local stakeholders as first responder, rescue equipment items, more military/Police personnel involvement and set up of information centre near the staging area for such emergency operation in future.

DC Kohima, who is also the Responsible Officer DDMA, Anoop Khinchi, IAS stated that the exercise was a great learning for all the stakeholders and thanked the 12 BN NDRF Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh for coming this far and enlightened the participants through the exercise.

ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa who is also the Incident Commander reported that the incident happened at 10:40 am where all the concerned stakeholders reported promptly to the incident site. She informed that stakeholders like NDRF, SDRF, Home Guards, KVO, Fire & Emergency Services, Chief Medical Officer, Power, KMC reported along with their personnel, equipments and machineries for rescue operation.

MOTORCYCLE RALLY ON CLEAN ELECTION AT KOHIMA

Kohima District Administration in association with the Nagaland Motorcycle Club organised a Motorcycle rally under the theme “Yes to Clean Election” on 2nd April 2019.

DC & DEO Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS while flagging off the rally at his office complex said that the rally was organised to create awareness on clean election as part of the district SVEEP campaign. Therefore, he called upon all the riders to propagate

the message of clean election to the general public ‘to vote right in order to have their future bright’.

Around forty bikers participated in the rally with Marshal Daniel Metha leading the bikers and Medo Makritsu at the end. The rally covered the whole area of the town with a short stoppage at the following locations; Old MLA Hotel junction, Keziekie, High School junction, Secretariat, Don Bosco junction, PHQ, Lerie and culminated at the box cutting area, Kohima.



DC & DEO Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS flagging off the Motorcycle Rally on “Clean Elections” under SVEEP Campaign at DC’s office, Kohima on 2nd April 2019.

DC MOKOKCHUNG NOTIFIES ON CAMPAIGN PERIOD

DC & Assistant Returning Officer, Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS issued a notification to all concerned that in compliance to section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, ordered prohibition of any form of campaign during the period of Forty Eight Hours with effect on 09-04-2019 from 4:00 pm ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll, 4:00 pm on 11-04-2019.

Therefore, all the candidates and political parties have been directed to strictly comply. Strict action shall be initiated against any individual or

group or organization for violation of the provision of law.

ELECTION TRAINING CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

The 2nd Phase of training for the Polling Personnel under Longleng district was conducted on 29th and 30th of March 2019 at Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng. The 3rd and final phase of training will be held on 4th and 5th April 2019 at the GHSS, Longleng from 9:00 am where the DC & ARO, Longleng will address the Polling Personnel for smooth conduct of election in the district.

GENERAL ELECTION OBSERVER VISITS TUENSANG

General Election Observer for Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng and Mokokchung, Ravi Jha, IAS visited Tuensang on 31st March 2019. The observer had a round of review of all the election monitoring cells at DC's Chamber. He also visited the Tuensang Town Chang Baptist Church and addressed the congregation on Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Programme (SVEEP). During his visit, he also attended the video conferencing where all the nodal officers of monitoring cells were also invited.

EXPENDITURE OBSERVER HOLDS MEETING AT JALUKIE

Expenditure Observer, L.P. Singh, IRS conducted meeting with DC Peren, ADC Jalukie and all the teams functioning under the Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell, Peren on 31st March 2019.

The Election Observer welcomed all the members and enquired about the present status of EEMC Peren. He apprised everyone about the guidelines issued by the ECI regarding election expenditure.

MASS RALLY ON SVEEP AT ZUNHEBOTO

A Mass Rally on Accessible Election for Person with Disabilities was held on 1st April 2019 at Zunheboto.

The rally was held under the initiative of DC & DEO Zunheboto as part of SVEEP programme in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, Zunheboto. During the rally, wheel chairs and T-shirts were distributed to the disabled persons. AEO Zunheboto, Nathan Konyak also demonstrated the use of EVM and VVPAT to the disabled persons.

DC Zunheboto, Shanavas C, IAS thanked all the people present and encouraged the disabled persons to be strong, confident and accept challenges.

POLLING TRAINING AT KIPHIRE

Polling personnel training for Kiphire district was conducted on 1st April 2019 at DB's Court, DC's Office, Kiphire for the polling personnel failed to attend the previous training. This was done in order to ensure that the polling personnel are made aware of Control Unit, Ballot Unit & VVPAT.

DC TUENSANG DIRECTS OFFICERS TO BE IN STATION

DC Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS issued an order for all concerned that many Heads of Offices under Tuensang district are found absent from their place of posting without seeking prior permission from the concerned authority, thereby, hampered the electioneering process. He further stated that such negligence of duties by the officers is totally uncalled for and is being viewed very seriously, particularly when the entire state machinery is totally geared up for election.

Therefore, all the Heads of Offices have been directed to report back and remain in their posting places with immediate effect failing which strict disciplinary action will be initiated against defaulting officers as per provision of the law.

GENERAL OBSERVER HOLDS MEETING AT DIMAPUR

General Observer of Lok Sabha Election 2019 for Dimapur district, Alok, IAS held a meeting with District Administration and Nodal Officers to take stock of the poll preparedness in the district at DC's Conference hall on 1st April 2019.

Various aspects relating to accessibility for voters with special needs, transportation, poll materials were discussed during the meeting.

DC & DEO Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol briefed the Observer about the district and its preparedness for smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Election in the district. After the meeting the Observer also inspected the Strong Room in DC's office.

SVEEP BIKE RALLY HELD AT TUENSANG

DC & DEO Tuensang organized a bike rally as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign in order to create awareness on 1st April 2019.

ADC Tuensang, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS flagged off the rally from DC's Office Complex comprising of Nagaland Motor Cycle Club Tuensang Chapter.

ADC Tuensang, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS flagging off the "Bike Rally" as part of the SVEEP Campaign at Tuensang on 1st April 2019.



LOG DRUM PULLING MARKS AOLEANG FESTIVAL AT MON

With log drum pulling by Mon village, the second day of Aoleang-cum-Mini Hornbill celebration was held at Mon Town on 4th April 2019.

Guest of honour, Brigadier, Suresh Sheoran, Sena Medal Commander 7 Sector AR, Tuensang said that peace is the most important thing in the world which leads people to progress and prosperity. He said Assam Rifles has been striving to promote peace and tranquility in all possible ways in the region.

Expressing his happiness, he said he is fortunate to have posted to the 'Land of the Anghs', where the

community is rich in culture, traditions and heritage. He sought cooperation of the general public and asked them to approach the Assam Rifles whenever help is required. He also informed that the Assam Rifles is sponsoring and giving career guidance for students wanting to join Sainik School, Indian Army and Skill development.

President Ao Senden, Chubawati Longchar who was a special invitee urged the gathering to join hands in rebuilding the age old relationship of Aos and Konyaks which had gone astray in course of time.

Log Drum pulling by the Konyak community on the second day of the Aoleang-cum-Mini Hornbill Celebration at Mon Town on 4th April 2019.



GENERAL OBSERVER VISITS PEREN

General Observer, Alok Nath, IAS visited Jalukie and Peren on 2nd April 2019 to review preparedness for upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2019. DC Peren, Sarita Yadav, IAS and Nodal Officers attended the review meeting with updated documents, reports and records. General Observer along with the Nodal Officers and Sector Magistrates inspected four polling stations.

RAVI JHA VISITS KIPHIRE

General Observer for Tuensang, Kiphire, Mon, Mokochung and Longleng, Ravi Jha, IAS visited Kiphire on 1st April 2019. He had a round review meeting with all the election Monitoring cells of Kiphire at DC's Office chamber.

He expressed his satisfaction on the reports given by different monitoring cells of Kiphire district and inspected some polling stations at Kiphire town with District Administration.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE OBSERVER VISITS POLLING STATIONS AT MISHILIMI

Special Expenditure Observer for Nagaland and Arunachal for the forthcoming Lok Sabha General Election 2019, D.D. Goel visited three polling stations at Mishilimi Village under the 13 A/C Pughoboto on 3rd April 2019.

Earlier, the observer interacted with ADC & DEO Pughoboto, K. Mhathung Tsanglao and other officials for election related matters and situation out there. During the interaction, he said that c-Vigil is very important which every election official should be aware for smooth conduct of the election.

TRAINING ON WEBCASTING AT KOHIMA

Training on Webcasting and Offline Videography Operators in connection with the ensuing Lok Sabha

Election 2019 was conducted on 3rd April 2019 at Customary Court, Kohima.

Demonstrating the Webcam to the trainees, District Master Trainer for Webcasting, Moasunep Kichu stated that 28 polling stations will be set up as online and 6 polling stations as offline Webcasting in Kohima district. He further informed that out of 34 polling stations, 17 polling stations have been selected to exercise Mega Mock drill on webcasting on 4th April 2019 from 10:00 AM onwards.

WEBCASTING TRAINING AT TUENSANG

Training for the operators of webcasting was held at DC's Conference Hall on 4th April 2019. It was conducted by Nodal Officer for Webcasting cell, Tumben Tsanglao. 51 polling stations have been earmarked for the webcasting, out of which 28 polling stations will go for online and remaining 23 polling stations will go for offline webcasting.

DC & DEO Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS called upon the trainees to work with commitment and sincerity, and maintain good team work. Election duty should be done with full discipline and technical errors should be checked for error free activities, he stated.

In order to avoid the network related problem, 5th April 2019 is scheduled for mock drill on webcasting at the targeted polling stations.

WEBCASTING & OFF LINE VIDEOGRAPHY TRAINING AT PEREN

In connection with the forthcoming Lok Sabha Election 2019, webcasting & off line videography training was conducted for polling personnel at DC's Office, Old Peren on 2nd April 2019.

During the training, Master Trainer, Sachui gave hands on training to the personnel on handling of camera and the process of installation during the poll day.

GENERAL OBSERVER HOLDS MEETING AT PHEK

General Observer of Lok Sabha Election for Phek district, Alok, IAS held a meeting with the District Administration and Nodal Officers at Phek DC's chamber on 4th April 2019.

Various aspects relating to the election including transportation and poll materials were discussed. DC & DEO Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS briefed the official about the district and its preparedness for smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Election. The observer also inspected the strong room in the DC's Office.

GRADE IV POLLING PERSONNEL TRAINING AT KOHIMA

Grade IV Polling personnel briefing and screening was conducted on 4th April 2019 at DPDB's Hall, Kohima.

Briefing on the role of Grade IV Staff, EAC Kohima, Changsang stated that Grade IV staff play a vital role and act as one of the most important components to help 4 polling officials at their concerned polling stations during the electioneering process. He sought their support and cooperation and also urged them to work with dedication for the successful conduct of the election.

ADC TUENSANG DIRECTS PRESIDING OFFICERS

ADC Tuensang, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS in a notification directed all the Presiding Officers to come for EVMs & VVPATs Certification at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang scheduled on 4th April 2019 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am – 51 Noksen AC Presiding Officer, 11:00 am - 12:00 – 52 Longkhim-Chare AC, 12:00 - 1:00 pm – 53 Tuensang Sadar-1 AC 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm – Tuensang Sadar-II AC, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - 56 Noklak AC, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm -57 Thonoknyu AC and 4:00 to 5:00 pm - 58 Shamator-Chessore AC.

Therefore, all the Presiding Officers under Tuensang district have been informed to attend without fail.

2ND ROUND TRAINING OF POLLING PERSONNEL HELD AT OLD PEREN TOWN

The 2nd round of Training for male and female Presiding officers, 1st polling officers and 2nd polling officers was held on 4th April 2019 at Town Hall, old Peren. The training was addressed by ADC Peren, Albert Ezung and Vice Principal Government College, Albert.

The polling personnel have been instructed to take note of their assigned duties so as to avoid complications and failure during the process of election. Appointment letters were issued to Presiding officers inclusive of appointment letters of his/her team members.

HANDS ON TRAINING FOR FEMALE POLLING OFFICIALS AT TUENSANG

DC & DEO Tuensang, Muhammad Ali Shihab, IAS conducted hands on training for the female Polling officials for the forthcoming parliamentary election of Tuensang district on 4th April 2019. Central Expenditure Observer for Longleng, Mon, Kiphire and Tuensang Deepak Bhai Zala was also present in the training along with H.P Gupta, Master Trainer of EVMs and VVPATs.

PHOTO VOTERS' SLIP ISSUED TO BLOs OF TUENSANG

Booth Level Officers of Tuensang were issued Photo Voter Slips along with EPICs on 4th April 2019 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang by the Central Expenditure Observer, Deepak Bhai Zala.

Central Observer tagged the BLOs as the most important election office agents whose contribution to free and fair election can be successfully applied at the grassroot level.

DC & DEO Tuensang, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS also exhorted the BLOs to strictly comply CEO notified IDs to identify the voters.

The movie Nana (A Tale of us) was also distributed to BLOs as part of SVEEP activity.

POSTAL BALLOT FOR 26-AONGLENDEN (ST) AT BHANDARI

DC & DEO Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS stated that in partial modification to the earlier notification dated; Wokha, the 27th March 2019, informed all concerned public servants under Wokha district who have applied to vote through Postal Ballot for the forthcoming by-election to 26-Aonglenden (ST) AC, Mokokchung 2019 that the Facilitation Center in the Office of Commandant, 7 NAP Battalion, Bhandari, stands cancelled as there was no application under Bhandari sub-division.

As notified earlier, for the rest of applicants, postal ballot voting shall take place at the Facilitation Centre in the Office of Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Wokha on 6th April 2019, from 12 PM onwards.

Hence, all concerned voters from the 26-Aonglenden (ST) AC, Mokokchung 2019 may kindly exercise their franchise on the mentioned date, time and place positively.

DC & DEO KOHIMA DIRECTS ARMS LICENSE HOLDERS

The DC & DEO Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS directed all the arms license holders under Kohima district to deposit their arms at the nearest Police Station. The order also stated that the arms license will stand cancelled in the event of failure to deposit.

EVM & VVPAT DEMONSTRATION AT MON

In connection with the Parliamentary Election to the Lok Sabha 2019, demonstration on EVM & VVPAT set up by Mon District Administration was held at Local Ground on 3rd April 2019.

As part of the Systematic Voters' Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, the stall

was set up for the visitors and the general public in the premises of Aoleang Mini Hornbill festival 2019.

The EVM & VVPAT handling will be demonstrating to the general public till 5th March 2019.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN ON CLEAN ELECTION AT MON

Signature Campaign for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2019 was held at Local Ground, Mon on 3rd April 2019.

As part of Awareness, voter guide booklet pamphlets were distributed. Information on identification related documents required for voting, apart from Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) include Passport, Driving Licence, Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/ State Government/PSUs/Public Limited Companies, Passbook with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Official Identity Cards issued SS MPS/MLAs/MLCs, Health insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Minister of Labour, Pension document with photograph, MGNREGA Job Card and Aadhaar Card.

District Administration Mon organised signature campaign in order to have clean election and to cast fair and clean vote. The Campaign was held at the premises of the Aoleang Mini Hornbill festival.



Signature Campaign for Clean Elections 2019 at Mon on 3rd April 2019.

POSTAL BALLOT FOR 26-AOLENGDEN (ST) AT MOKOKCHUNG

DC & DEO Zunheboto, Shanavas. C, IAS informed that all voters under Zunheboto district who are eligible to vote via Postal Ballot for bye election to Nagaland legislative Assembly, 26-Aonglenden (ST) AC Mokokchung 2019 may exercise their vote via Postal Ballot at the facilitation centre in the EDC cell in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto on 6th and 7th April between 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

SVEEP PROGRAM HELD AT PHEK

A programme on Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was held at 5th NAP Badminton Hall on 5th April 2019 with the theme "My vote my responsibility".

DC Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS called upon the uniformed personnel to be dutiful while performing their duties. 5th NAP Commandant, Phek, Krodi Rhetso called upon the gathering to be alert at all times.

"The Voice" was sung by Grace, "My vote my responsibility" by Bewe-u Tunyi, District Icon and "A Tune" by Hobito. The function was chaired by SDO(C) Phek, T. Lemlila Sangtam.

TRAINING FOR POLLING OFFICIALS AT PEREN

The final phase of training for Polling officials of Peren district for the 17th Lok Sabha Parliamentary election was held at All Saints Higher Secondary School, Town Hall and PTWWO Hall at Old Peren on 4th and 5th April 2019.

The topics imparted included demonstration of EVM and VVPAT, sealing and questions and clarification, filling of forms and management of envelopes after polling and discussion hour; filling of register of voters, other forms and management of envelopes after poll and discussion, group-wise hands on with EVM and VVPAT.

FINAL TRAINING FOR POLLING PERSONNEL AT KIPHIRE

The final training for Polling personnel of Kiphire district for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Election 2019 was conducted at Government Higher Secondary School, Kiphire on 5th April 2019.

The master trainers imparted training on the method of operation of Control Unit, Ballot Unit & VVPAT in order to avoid unnecessary failure during the polling day in the district.

BRIEFING ON DISTRIBUTION OF PHOTO VOTERS' SLIP AT DIMAPUR

A short briefing on distribution of photo voters' slip was held with all the BLOs of Dimapur district on 5th April 2019 at Commissioner of Taxes' Conference Hall, Dimapur for 4 Ghaspani-I, 5 Ghaspani-II, 1 Dimapur-I, 2 Dimapur-II & 3-Dimapur-III A/Cs.

Briefing the gathering, ADC Dimapur, Sharon Longchari stated that BLOs have the most important role to play in the election process, and reminded them that they are the representatives of the Election Commission of India. Therefore, she requested all the BLOs to take the role and perform their duties with sincerity and dedication.

VEHICLES REQUISITIONED FOR LOK SABHA GENERAL ELECTION DUTY

In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha election 2019 scheduled to be held on 11th April 2019, it is reported that more than five hundred Government vehicles have been requisitioned for election related duties, out of which vehicle requirements for Pughoboto, Phek and Kiphire have been dispatched on 5th April 2019 from Kohima Local Ground.

The Transport Cell also informed that showcase notices have been issued to those requisitioned Government Vehicles which failed to report to the concerned authority to submit their explanation in written as to why disciplinary action should not be taken on or before 6th April 2019.

FINAL ROUND OF ELECTION TRAINING AT MON

The third and final round of training for Presiding Officers and 1st Polling Officers for the forthcoming Lok Sabha election was held on 6th April 2019 at Council Hall, Mon.

DC & DEO Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS while addressing the trainees requested the Polling Officers to clarify and clear their doubts before going for the polls. He also explained the importance of Pole Star App and their uses.

DC requested the trainees to be trained properly on operation method and the uses of EVM, VVPAT, Control Unit in order to avoid unnecessary failures during the time of poll day. He also spoke on the importance of Mock Poll and reminded the Polling Officers to follow the procedures and clear up before the actual poll starts. He also emphasized on web casting, offline videography and informed that hands on training of EVM & VVPAT will continue at DRDA's Conference Hall.

ADC Mon, Hiazu Meru while addressing the trainees said that the polling officers are the core of the election processes. He advised the trainers to use application of mind along with the knowledge imparted during the time of training.

DC TUENSANG CONDUCTS MEETING WITH LAW AND ORDER AGENCY

DC & DEO Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS conducted a meeting with Law and Order agency in his office chamber on 6th April 2019. He briefed about law and order in and around Tuensang during the polling day. He also asked the agencies to give ample security and duty in those vulnerable polling stations and video broadcasting in sensitive polling areas. He called upon all different security agencies to come together as one to secure a free and fair election.

SVEEP-CUM-SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN AT PEREN

The SVEEP-cum-Signature Campaign at Peren was organised by District Election Office Peren in collaboration with Peren Students' Union at Town Square on 6th April 2019.

In the slogan competition, Peidolung, Class XII from GHSS, Katenamga, Class X from GHSS and Ingenlung, Class IX from All Saints HSS, Peren bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively.

DC Peren, Sarita Yadav, IAS and Damwiliu District Icon delivered the messa Sukhalu Chishi ge on SVEEP and ethical voting. EVM demonstration was done by EAC Peren, Sukhalu Chishi. EPIC voters' slip awareness was presented by Toshimongba Longchar, AEO. DC led the Signature campaign.

CLEAN ELECTION RALLY HELD AT LONGLENG

A mass rally for clean election campaign for the citizens of Longleng district was held at Local Ground, Longleng on 5th April 2019. The programme was organized by Phom Baptist Church Association (PBCA)

Speaking on the voice of Clean election, Convenor, Clean Election Campaign, Rev. Beau asserted that Clean Election Campaign is a movement initiated by the NBCC to bring a complete change in the election system in the state of Nagaland. It is not organized to target against any political parties or candidates but to bring transformation in the election system for peace and prosperity of the state. Similarly, he informed that the PBCA and the Churches have no hidden agendas either to support or go against any political parties and candidates.

Rev. Beau said our outward activities will be clean when our inner thoughts and ways are pure and cited that we must clean our kitchen first before cleaning our society. Asserting that transformation of society requires consolidated effort of all. He appealed to the gathering to come forward to actively participate in the Clean Election Campaign for a bright and prosperous Nagaland. Pointing out that

Clean Election Campaign is God's Mission, voting for money and job is wrong to transform the system. He said politics means not to influence people with money power but to provide good governance with better roads, health care, education and all-round development of the community. Therefore, he urged the people to stand for the truth and fear no one except God to cast their vote for the true leader to lead our people for complete transformation of Naga society.

KUROILER CHICKS DISTRIBUTED AT PUGHOBOTO

SDAO Pughoboto, Myanthung Patton distributed 900 Nos. of Kuroiler chicks to 50 beneficiaries of Chishilimi village under PMKSY 2018-19 on 5th April 2019.

Patton encouraged farmers to take up livestock not only for subsistence but also for commercial purpose. He also mentioned that the project was initiated to improve farm productivity so as to generate more income for their livelihoods.

FINAL ELECTION TRAINING AT PHEK

The last and final round of training for upcoming Lok Sabha election 2019 was held at GHSS Phek on 8th April 2019. DC Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS called upon all to be sincere and be responsible in discharging assigned duties.

Master trainer, John Kiso asked all to use helpline number ie 9612776848 wherever necessary. EVM handling was also demonstrated.

DC & DEO WOKHA BRIEFS POLLING OFFICIALS

DC & DEO Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS while addressing the final round of training for the forthcoming Lok Sabha election 2019 at GHSS Auditorium hall, Wokha asked all the polling officials to make use of the training as an opportunity to clear doubts and confusions from the Officials and Master

trainers. He also urged all the polling officials to be proactive and perform their assigned duties to the best of their ability.

He also directed all the polling officials to keep updating after reaching their respective polling stations. Also, reminded them to take detail data/ note of senior citizens and Persons with Disability/ differently abled persons coming to exercise their franchise at their respective polling stations.

JOINT MEETING WITH SECTOR MAGISTRATES AND SECTOR COMMANDERS

DC & DEO Tuensang, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS convened a joint sitting of Sector Magistrates and Sector Commanders on 8th April 2019 at DB's Conference Hall, Tuensang. In the meeting, detail strategies and planning to act on logistics and instant law and order situations and communication plans were discussed. In addition, 23 shadow polling stations within Tuensang district and its backup plans to support communication failures also discussed.

Detail communication, deployment, transportation planning, targeted critical and vulnerable polling stations were discussed as per the AC wise. DC also instructed the officials to take corrective measures in order to avoid any eventualities.

All the 29 sector magistrates including the police officers headed by SP Kiphire attended the meeting.

DC & DEO WOKHA FLAGS OFF "WALK FOR ETHICAL VOTING"

Lack of infrastructure in our state is due to absence of clean election, said DC & DEO Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS while flagging off 'Walk for Ethical Voting' on SVEEP Awareness Campaign on Clean Election to Lok Sabha 2019. Jointly organized by Wokha District Administration and Lotha Eloie Hoho on 6th April 2019 at Police point.

He said we cannot simply blame the



DC & DEO Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS flagging off "Walk for Ethical Voting" at Police Point, Wokha on 6th April 2019

government or the political parties alone for not bringing all round development to our expectations. Instead, he said we have to introspect ourselves whether to have prosperous future by observing ethical voting, or receiving cash or kind in the form of inducement during election. He urged the public to choose and vote for the right candidates, who in turn will bring about changes and development to the society.

DC also urged the gathering not to go for bogus or multiple voting as this practice is totally against ethical voting.

FINAL ELECTION TRAINING AT DIMAPUR

The third and final phase training of the Polling personnel of Dimapur district for Lok Sabha Election 2019 was conducted at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Dimapur on 8th April 2019.

DC & DEO Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol who visited the class rooms during the training reminded the trainees to perform their assigned duties sincerely, stating that on the polling day, they are no longer the state government employees but on Election

Commission's duty. While encouraging to be attentive in the training, he said that the responsibilities of the 1st Polling Officer is no less than the Presiding Officer as if anything happens to the Presiding Officer, the 1st Polling has to shoulder the responsibilities.

Altogether, around 1400 Polling Personnel were trained for Dimapur District for the Lok Sabha Election 2019.

PEREN DISTRICT GEARS UP FOR LOK SABHA ELECTION 2019

DC & DEO Peren, Sarita Yadav, IAS convened a meeting with sector and commanding officers on 8th April 2019 at Old DC's office, Peren.

Sarita Yadav informed that EPICs are ready

for the electors to exercise their franchise which is scheduled on 11th April. Senior Superintendent of Police, Peren, V. Zashiimo, IPS directed officers and security personnel to ensure safety of the EVMs.

DC TUENSANG GIVES AWAY EX – GRATIA

DC Tuensang and Chairman DDMA, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS distributed an amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees four lakh) each as ex-gratia to the families of Late. Throngkila of Yakur Village and Late. Mongshai

of Nokyan Village on 6th April 2019 at Tuensang district, who passed away by a tragic accident of fire and windstorm on 9th January 2019 and 23rd February 2019.

COORDINATION MEETING OF ZONAL AND SECTOR MAGISTRATES HELD AT KOHIMA

A coordination meeting of Zonal Magistrate and Sector Magistrate along with Master Trainer was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 9th April 2019.

Giving a final briefing for the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha Election 2019 to be held on 11th April 2019, Deputy Commissioner & DEO Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS said that the Zonal magistrate will be the overall in-charge however the Sector Magistrate also has a very important role for the successful conduct of the election. He asked them to check their respective polling stations where proper voting compartments have been set up and to ensure that the secrecy of the vote should not be compromise and also asked them to take care of any other requirement is still pending.

The DC & DEO asked the Sector Officers to ensure that all the polling materials and important forms have been collected by their polling teams before they move out for their respective polling stations. He also pointed out that the most important

task of the Sector Officers on the poll day will be the mock poll where the Sector Officers has to ensure that the mock poll starts in time ie by 6:00 A.M and after the mock poll it has been cleared for the actual polling process.

DC further asked them to keep in touch with their respective Polling Stations within the first two hours of the polling day by visiting their Polling Stations and to report that the actual polling has started. He also reminded them on Form 17C which has to be deposited and to ask their Presiding Officers not to close the Polling Station before 4:00 pm and wished to have free and fair election successfully.

ADC Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, AEO Toshimeren and Master Trainer, Chubayanger also briefed the gathering on the importance of mock poll where certain things has to be taken care and also to report immediately if any failure of EVM and VVPAT occurs on the polling day.

LS ELECTION PEACEFULLY CONDUCTED AT DIMAPUR

The 17th Lok Sabha Elections was conducted peacefully in Dimapur district, on 11th April 2019, with no untoward incidents reported. Dimapur district has a total of 20,6188 elector count where 335 polling stations was set up to enable the electors for exercising their franchise. NDPP and PDA consensus candidate for the lone Lok Sabha seat for Nagaland, Tokheho casted his vote from Naharbari Government

High school, polling booth No.7, Dimapur III at around 7:10 am. Till the time of filing this report at 4:20 pm, poll percentage for Dimapur district was 72.65%. It was reported that 8 Ballot units, 13 control units and 17 VVPATs were replaced at the time of Mock poll in different polling stations at Dimapur while another 3 BUs, 3 CUs and 6 VVPATs were added during actual poll due to defective EVMs.

DC Dimapur Kevekha Kevin Zehol, visited some polling stations before polling started to ensure that everything was set properly for smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha polls. Both young and old voters were seen casting their votes in different polling stations.

ELECTIONEERING CONCLUDED PEACEFULLY IN MOKOKCHUNG

Election to the Lone Lok Sabha Parliamentary seat from Nagaland and By-Election to the 26 Aonglenden Assembly Constituency concluded with no untoward incident in any of the Polling station in Mokokchung District. The polling ended peacefully in all the polling stations at 4:00 pm. Combine efforts of Electioneering Officials, District Administration, Security personnel and Local Authorities ensured the conduct of the election process in a fair and peaceful manner in all the polling stations across the District.

Polling process started at 7:00 am, long queue of voters were seen in all the polling stations. Special provisions for the aged and people with disabilities are provided in the polling stations, enabling them to exercise their franchise.

LOK SABHA ELECTION 2019 CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY AT KOHIMA DISTRICT

Kohima district successfully conducted the Lok Sabha Election 2019 in all the 226 Polling stations across the district.

Out of 226 polling stations, 28 polling stations have Live Webcasted the polling process and six polling stations were set up with offline video recording system.

A total of 1130 polling personnel have performed their assigned duties successfully on the actual ground of the polling day whereas a number of 170 polling personnel have been placed in the reserved list for any emergency replacement.

With series of awareness campaign on 'Clean Elections' under the Kohima district SVEEP campaign, the election was conducted successfully where the

voters have turned out with their EPIC card to exercise their franchise and in absent of the card they were allowed to cast their votes by producing any one of the eleven documents as given by the ECI for identity proof in almost all the polling stations under the district.

DC TUENSANG VISITS LITEM VILLAGE

DC & Chairman DDMA Tuensang, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS visited the Litem village on 15th April 2019 to take stock of the damages as the village was struck by storm destroying 6 houses and one granary. He also inspected the affected houses and relief aids were distributed to the victims. No human casualty was reported.

KIPHIRE OBSERVES NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

National Science Day on the theme "Communicating Science for All" was held at Kiphire district on 13th April, 2019 at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall with Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, M. Shayung Phom as the Special guest.

While addressing the participants, the Chief guest said that science is a reasoning subject which requires creative and innovative ideas to understand the concept. He urged all the participants to think and reason beyond so that they can excel in their career. He also requested the District Education Department to take up more initiative programmes for the students in the days to come.

The Guest speaker, ADC Kiphire, Renny Wilfred, IAS who spoke on the occasion as the guest speaker expressed his happiness as the participants from all the schools turned up for the event. He stated that, "No Plastic" campaign will be soon started in every school within Kiphire as such, he requested all the students to take part on it.

Altogether, eight schools participated in the National Science Day. In the exhibition competition Langkuli and Sumit Saby from Saramati view Modern



Kiphire district observing National Science Day at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall at Kiphire on 13th April 2019.

School bagged the first position while Sero and Roshan from Loyola Hr. Sec. School got 2nd position.

Liopila and Manish kumar from Trinity High School contented with the 3rd position.

LOKAYUKTA AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD

Lokayukta awareness program was held on 15th April 2019 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference, Dimapur.

Lokayukta of Nagaland, Justice Uma Nath Singh highlighted on the fundamentals of Lokayukta Act and also spoke on the provisions for filing complain under Lokayukta. He said that complains can be entertained under Lokayukta by following certain guidelines and provisions. He impressed upon all the members for taking effective measures in order to combat corruption.

IGP and Director, Lokayukta, Police, I. Meyi Onen in his key note address said that the special feature of Nagaland Lokayukta Act 2017 was that the issues of prosecution sanction will no longer be with the state government as far as Lokayukta cases are concerned. With the implementation of Lokayukta Act, all cases under investigation by the erstwhile Vigilance are now transferred and inherited by Lokayukta, he informed.

The Lokayukta has been empowered under section 26 of the Act to issue the prosecution sanction, he further added. He also maintained that the ushering in of Lokayukta should in no way dilute the Directorate of Investigation's legal Authority or operational effectiveness as far as criminal investigation of cases referred to them by Lokayukta is concerned. Citing corruption and Mal-administration as the two maladies affecting efficiency of administration. Meyi felt that Lokayukta would act as a powerful preventive influence for ensuring speedy and impartial decisions in matters affecting the citizens at large.

UPA Lokayukta, Mayanglima, felt that people's participation was important to bring down corruption and to make the commissioning of Lokayukta effective.

The programme chaired by DC Dimapur was attended by HoDs, Administrative officers, NGOs, law students and others.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO AT KOHIMA

A sensitization programme on harmful effects of tobacco under the theme “choose life not tobacco” was held on 16th April 2019 at AMK building Kohima.

Chairing the programme, President AMK, Kevinourheno Seyie said that harmful effects of smokeless tobacco not only affects health but also our economy and environment where hard earned money is being wasted on tobacco and tobacco plantation leads to deforestation. She called upon the people to quit tobacco for a healthy living and greener environment.

Highlighting on the harmful effects of tobacco, District Nodal Officer NTCP, Dr. Arenla Walling stated that tobacco affects the whole system or parts of human body which causes oral cancer and other major diseases. She said India has the highest number of oral cancer cases in the world and 90% of oral cancers are tobacco related. She urged all the participants to spread the awareness in their

respective areas. She also thanked the AMK for their support and cooperation during the various enforcement drives and trainings especially in the rural areas.

Stressing on the main provisions of the COPTPA 2003 Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products, Act 2003, Achila Walling, Social Worker NTCP stated that Ban on smoking in public places includes government buildings, public transport, hotels, restaurants, parks, hospitals, school, libraries, auditorium, open auditorium, railway station, work places, cinema halls, discotheques, pubs, airport lounge and prison etc. and also highlighted penalty for violation of the Act.

The programme was jointly organized by DLCC and AMK. Participants from Chakhro Women Organization, Western Angami Women organization, Southern Angami Women organization and Northern Angami Women organization attended the programme.

HEALTH CAMP HELD AT DITANVONG

One day health camp organised by Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo in partnership with Kiphire Town Ao Baptist Arogo was held at Ditanvong Village Baptist Fellowship under Kiphire district with the theme “Committing to Health care of God’s people” on April 16 2019.

Around 140 people attended the health camp. A team of doctors from Civil Hospital Kiphire led by Deputy CMO Kiphire Dr. Tinurenla and para medical staff rendered their services at the camp. Medicines were also provided free of cost to the needy people.

TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED FOR BAN ON THE USE OF PLASTIC AT PEREN

In compliance with the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principle Bench, New Delhi, order dated 12th March 2019 regarding implementation of plastic Waste management Rules, 2016 as amended 2018 and subsequent to the notification issued by the Urban Development Department, Nagaland Kohima

vide No.UDD/7-GEN/07-PWM/2018 dated Kohima the 29th November 2018. Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sarita Yadav, IAS constituted a Task Force for restricting the use of plastics in the District with the following members:

1. DC Peren
2. SP Peren
3. DFO Peren
4. ADC

Peren Administrator, Peren Town Council, 5. ADC Jalukie, Administrator Jalukie Town Council, 6. ADC Tening, Administrator Tening Town Council, 7. All outpost Administrative officers, 8. Urban Development officer Peren, 9. Representatives from Zeliang Mipui Organization, Zeliangrong Baudi, Progressive Peren, Peren/Jalukie/Tening Town Women Organization, Peren/Jalukie/Tening Town youth Organisation. 10.

Representatives from Churches in Peren District.

This Task Force will function as squads for vigilance purpose and ensure ban on stocking, distribution, selling and use of any carry bags 50um thickness and plastic sachets/pouches usage of packaging, storing or selling of gutkha, tobacco and pan Masala with immediate effect.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

Mon District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of April was held on 15th April, 2019 at DC's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Mon, Thavaseelan. K, IAS

The meeting deliberated on

Ayushman Bharat enrolment, Hepatitis campaign, election 2019, monsoon preparedness, OCM's Indoor stadium construction and power point presentation on District vision plan by Deputy Commissioner.

He gave a presentation on the 7 priority sectors that need to be given importance.

Health, education, livelihood and employment generation, agriculture, water and sanitation, infrastructure (power, telecom and roads) and financial inclusion.

He further highlighted upon the seven focus groups i.e women, children, youth, differently abled, elderly citizens, PLHIVs and drugs and opium addicts. Lastly, he congratulated all the HoDs for the successful conduct of the Lok Sabha election, 2019.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

District Planning and Development Board Peren meeting for the month of April 2019 was held on 17th April 2019 at DC's Conference Hall. At the outset, the DC and Vice Chairman DPDB Peren, Sarita Yadav, IAS expressed her indebtedness to all the officers and staff of various departments for contributing their selflessness services during the last Parliamentary elections in the district.

CMO Peren also thanked all the departments and staff involved during Measles and Rubella vaccination Campaign in the District. DC Peren gave away the Certificates of Measles and Rubella vaccination campaign to DPO Social Welfare, Joseph Vikirto, ADC Peren, DEO and staff Peren, DPRO Peren, DC Peren, CMO and staff and ANPSA.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The Monthly meeting of Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board for the month of April was held on 17th April 2019 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman District Planning and Development Board, Zunheboto, Shanavas C, IAS.

The DC thanked and congratulated all the members for successful conduct of the election in the district. However, he also informed that strict action shall be initiated against all the suspended polling officials. On poor attendance of government officials in the office, he directed all Heads of Offices

in the district to ensure regular attendance in their respective offices.

Power Point Presentation by District Forest Officer Zunheboto, Rajkumar, IFS followed by District Horticulture Officer Zunheboto, I. Chubatoshi.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT BHANDARI

The monthly departmental co-ordination meeting of Bhandari Sub division was held at the Conference hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, on 17th April 2019.

At the outset, ADC Bhandari, Tiameren Chang welcomed the new members and thanked the officers and staff for their cooperation for the successful conduct of the General Election to the 17th Nagaland Parliamentary constituency, 2019.

In the meeting, the forthcoming Naga Students' Federation (NSF) conference which is scheduled to be held in the month of May 2019, at Bhandari Town was deliberated at length and agreed to render all logistic support.

The ADC also reminded the Police department, Bhandari, to make appropriate arrangements for security and traffic movements during the NSF conference.

After thorough discussion, the members also resolved to initiate beautification of the offices of their respective departments by the end of April, 2019. The chairman also briefed and highlighted to the house that works for proposed construction of traffic Island at Bhandari town will commence immediately.

“NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE WEEK” OBSERVED AT KOHIMA

In observing the “National Fire Service Week” with the rest of the Fire Services across the country, the Department of Fire & Emergency Services Nagaland, Kohima organized a fire awareness training with the theme ‘Fire prevention and fire awareness’ at Local Ground Kohima on 18th April 2019.

Highlighting the significance of “Fire Service Week”, S.I Chumbemo Patton stated that the “Fire Service Day” is celebrated on 14th April every year in commemoration of the 66 gallant Officers and Firemen of the Bombay Fire Brigade who laid down their lives in fighting the great fire. The day is observed as ‘MARTYRS’ day to pay homage to those brave firemen and the day is also set aside for Mass Awareness campaigns on fire hazards and safety measures by conducting public education programmes through various methods such as fire safety and evacuation drills, public lectures, demonstrations, mock drills etc. across the country.

During the training, demonstration on usage of different types of fire extinguishers was given by ASI, Menose Zashūmo; first aid and rescue technique by ASI Tejongol Sophie; ropes and lines by ASI Hairam and ladder & live demonstration by SI, Sevi Kera.

SI, Thepfukranyu in his closing remarks thanked all the participants from various departments for extending their cooperation and making the training a success.

FIRE AWARENESS TRAINING AT JALUKIE

Nagaland Fire & Emergency Services Peren conducted Fire awareness training under the theme “Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting” on 18th April 2019, at Traffic point Jalukie Town. The Training was organized as part of the National Fire service week celebration held every year on 14th April in commemoration of the 66 fire fighters who laid down their lives in line of duty during the infamous Bombay Dockyard incident.

S.L. Kezhalehou Sachu, 2nd OC FS Peren in his welcome address appealed public to take note of the demonstration on DO's AND DON'Ts on Fire Safety Measures, Care Maintenance and Safety of LPG, Rescue Techniques and Bandages, Use and operation of Fire extinguisher & Demonstration on LPG fire.

FIRE SERVICE WEEK OBSERVED AT PHEK

The Fire Service Week was observed at Phek Town Council Hall on 18th April 2019 with the theme "Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting".

OC Fire & Emergency Phek, Sheiya Konyak gave a brief note about the Fire Service Week and cautioned the public to be careful from electric circuit as most fire incidents are caused by electric circuit and advised the people to have portable extinguisher.

EAC Phek (Sadar) chaired the function while EAC Phek, Imliakum Sanglir delivered the welcome address.



Fire & Emergency Services, Phek observing "Fire Service Week" at Phek Town Council Hall on 18th April 2019.

FIRE SERVICE WEEK OBSERVED AT WOKHA

Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Wokha conducted the Fire Service week with the theme 'Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting' at public ground, Wokha on 18th April 2019.

EAC, Wokha, Riku Khutso while addressing during the observation of fire service week said, looking at the context of our society, fire safety education and awareness is poor and urged the department to take this day as an opportunity to take fire service to the people and generate awareness and relationship with general public.

He also stated public must be educated to take precautionary measures to prevent harmful fire accidents and also educate survival skills during fire accidents. He further dwelled on some basic fire safety measures for the general public. Lauding the services rendered by the firemen, he said "we sleep in peace because, these firemen stay awake round the clock to ensure our safety".

Later Rescue techniques and use of fire extinguishers was demonstration by the personnel of Fire & Emergency Services.

RASHTRIYA POSHAN ABHIYAAN AWARENESS SEMINAR HELD AT BHANDARI

The Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan awareness seminar was held at ADC conference hall Bhandari on 17th April 2019 which was organised by Child Development Project Office (CDPO) Bhandari. Dr. Aren Ao CHC Bhandari who was the resource person spoke

on the theme on early initiation of breastfeeding, the health care of mother and infant.

Earlier the programme was chaired by T.Y. Peter Yanthan and vote of thanks was delivered by Tsenjonthung Odyuo Sr. Supervisor.

DC PEREN INFORMS HEADS OF OFFICES

Sarita Yadav IAS DC Peren informs all Heads of Departments under Peren District that Administrative Training Institute Nagaland, Kohima will be conducting one week special training programme for office Assistants from 3rd to 7th April 2019 at Town hall, old Peren. The Training will include the following modules:

1. Office procedure topics like noting, drafting, file, maintenance of service books etc.
2. Service matters related to seniority, promotions etc.

3. Account matters such as Pension Rules, GPF Rules, Fixation of pay, General financial Rules, Leave Rules, Travel Allowances Rules, Medical Attendance Rules, Budgeting, Auditing etc.

Therefore, all HODS are requested to nominate clerical staff/ office Assistants on or before 20th April 2019 for availing the said Training which will help in ensuring an efficient and effective work in their respective establishments.

NSDMA INFORMS

OSD to the Govt. of Nagaland, Johnny Rongmei in a press release informed that the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department in coordination with the IMD, Regional Office Guwahati issues weather updates for the coming days. Heavy rain along with thunderstorm and gusty winds (speed 40-70 kmph)/lightning is expected at isolated places such as Kohima, Peren, Mokokchung, Longleng, Kiphire from 19th to 21st of April 2019. In districts such as Mon and Tuensang, thunderstorm with gusty wind (speed 40-50 kmph) is expected at isolated places on the 21st of April 2019.

The Maximum temperature will see a dip during this time, settling even below 20° over the hilly areas.

All the DDMA's and other line departments who are responsible to attend to any emergencies caused by natural calamities are requested to be on alert to save lives and properties during this period.

Through this press release, NSDMA, Home Department urges the public to be vigilant during this pre-monsoon period from lightning, gusty winds and thunderstorms. Public are requested not to shelter under large trees and near the river banks to prevent unnecessary risk to life from lightning and flash flood.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

Kohima District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of April was held at DPDB's Conference Hall on 22nd April 2019.

Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Kohima, Anoop Khinchi, IAS thanked all the members for their efforts and cooperation extended for the

Kohima DPDB meeting for the month of April 2019 at DPDB's Hall on 22nd April 2019.



successful conduct of the last Lok Sabha Election 2019.

While reviewing the last meeting minutes, the house decided and fixed the last date for submission of Adoption Committee report on 15th May 2019. In this regard, ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa who is also the Convenor of the Core Committee informed that the report would not be accepted after the fixed date. On registration of societies, Committee Convenor, SDO, Shaying Sheu informed the house that some anomalies were detected in some applicants, where the Committee has submitted their report to DPO with some proposed additional criteria to be included for approval. In this connection, DC suggested to check the proposed additional criteria whether it was under the preview of the Registration Act and further decided to take up the matter in the next DPDB meeting.

During the meeting, DIC Kohima General Manager, A.Temjen Jamir gave an overview of his department's activities and action plan for 2019, where he stated that the DIC Kohima has been functioning as a single window interacting agencies at the district level by providing service and support to small entrepreneurs. He also highlighted the various schemes under the State Incentive Schemes and North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) implemented by the department. Activities carried out by the DIC Kohima at the grass-root level included bee-keeping farm at Viswema, Stenography training under Rural Artisan Program (RAP), Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP), R. Soma Handicraft Cluster-CFC etc.

COMMUNITY SENSITISATION ON HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PLASTICS USE AT MEDZIPHEMA

A programme on Community Sensitization on the Harmful effects of Plastics use and One-day Training on Paper Bag making is scheduled to be held at the Town Hall Medziphema Town, Government Higher Secondary School compound on the 30th April

2019 at 10 am, organized by Atsi & Co in collaboration with CAN YOUTH Dimapur. The programme aims at making the community aware on the harmful effects of plastic usage which is creating health hazards and destroying the environment. The sensitization programme will also include training on paper bag making to selected women to help reduce plastics use.

The organizers request schools, Churches, community leaders, Civil Societies, Youth organizations, Students union and other stake holders to come and attend the Sensitization program.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON AIDS AND DRUGS HELD AT TUENSANG

Synergy Sensitization programme on AIDS and Drugs organized by DEF Tuensang-Kripa Foundation-IDS was held at Tuensang on 16th April 2019. The programme aimed at containing high prevalence of HIV-AIDS and Abuse of drugs.

Brigadier S.K Sheoran, 7 Sec HQ AR graced the programme as the Special Guest challenged all the participants to worship one's own body and called upon the parents to give adequate time towards their children and help them to stay away from harmful habits.

DC Tuensang, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS, SP Tuensang, Bharat Laxman Markad, CKS President, Nungsanglemba and ENWO Vice President, Asang while addressing the gathering urged the participants to work together to ensure that the menace of HIV-AIDS and Drug Abuses are being checked

DC WOKHA CALLS MEETING OF HEADS OF OFFICES

DC Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS convened a meeting of all Heads of Offices under Wokha district on 25th April 2019 at 12:00 pm in the DC's conference hall in connection with the proposed 28th NSF Conference to be hosted by Lotha Students'

Union from 8th to 11th May 2019 at Bhandari.

Therefore, the DC Wokha has requested all concerned officers to attend the meeting without fail. A meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority was held at DC's Conference hall, Phek under the chairmanship of DC Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS on 25th April 2019.

He called upon the members to be alert and urged all sections of the people to give their best efforts whenever calamities arise. He said that mass social work also need to be held frequently.

SDO (Civil) Phek, Lemlila also called upon the members to co-operate with one another.

LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT ZUNHEBOTO

The Nagaland Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the Nagaland Bar Association 2019 held a programme at Zunheboto on 23rd April 2019 at North point prayer fellowship, SBCZ Zunheboto as part of a year-long legal awareness campaign.

SDO (C) Zunheboto, Temjennaro appreciated the various works done by the State Legal Services Authority and how such programmes benefit every section of the people.

Chairperson, Zunheboto District Legal Services Authority, Niechochiyi Suyie thanked the GBs and various NGOs for their participation and encouraged everyone to know their legal rights as it is our strength and make us stronger in every step of our lives if we are well versed with our legal rights.

Zunheboto area GB Association President, Hetoho Yeptho thanked the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and further encouraged them to organise such programmes as often as possible. Subject speakers C.T. Jamir Sr. Adv. and Joshua Sheqhi Adv. spoke on 'Judicial institutions and legal services authority and NGOs and the law'. Paper presentation by Rainbow Ngullie and Khumchuba Chang on welfare schemes, legal support system and right to health and A. Hukavi Zhimomi, GS Dimapur Bar Association delivered the concluding speech.

The programme was chaired by Convenor Golden Jubilee Committee Chairman, Akito Zhimomi and GS, Nagaland Bar Association, N. Hukavi Zhimomi delivered the introductory speech.

PRE-MONSOON PREPAREDNESS MEETING AT MOKOKCHUNG

Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS on 25th April 2019 called for a

meeting to discuss the Pre-Monsoon Preparedness and also the State Wide Mass Social Work.

DC Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundarajan, IAS speaking at the meeting for pre-monsoon preparedness and mass social work at Mokokchung on 25th April 2019.



In the meeting, representatives from various departments were asked to be prepared for any disasters or calamities during the monsoon season.

In regard to the Mass Social Work, the DC urged

all the HoDs to clean their office and its vicinity and also requested the officials to identify priority areas in Mokochung town for Social work. The mass social work will be conducted on 4th May 2019

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT AT MEDZIPHEMA

Awareness programme on Plastic Waste Management was held at Medziphema Town Hall on 26th April 2019. The programme was organised by ADC & Administrator Medziphema Town Council. ADC Thsuisie Phoji gave a short speech on Awareness of plastic waste management.

Resource person, EAC, Sentilong stated that plastic pollution is the accumulation of plastic objects in the earth's environment that affects humans and wildlife. Plastics were first produced since the 1940's and at present day, about 300 million tons of plastic is produced each year and only 10% of it is recycled

and the rest polluting our environment. As such plastic takes 500-1000 years to be decomposed, he said.

About 8 million pieces of plastic entering the ocean causing death to millions of sea birds, various marine mammals and aquatic ecosystem. Further, he added that an average human intake about 70,000 microplastics every year and as such some compounds found in plastic which affects the hormones and even affects the health.

Lastly, he called upon all to educate one another on plastic pollution. The programme concluded with distribution of biodegradable bag to each participant.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam on 25th of April 2019 at DC's Conference Hall.

Addressing the members, he congratulated them for smooth conduct of Parliamentary election peacefully under Longleng district. He asserted that success of peaceful conduct of election in the district was due to concerted efforts of all concerned and the cooperation rendered by the government officials, churches, civil

societies and the general public. He was optimistic that the same cooperation and support be reflected in



DC Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam addressing the DPDB meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 25th April 2019.

other day to day activities of the district in the days to come.

Citing that Pre-Monsoon Preparedness and State wide Mass Social Work will be held on the 4th of May 2019, the DC said that further instruction will be notified and meeting will be called two days ahead of the schedule time for mass social work for necessary arrangement. He cautioned that compulsory attendance of all the government employees in the mass social work is mandatory and action shall be initiated against the defaulters. He also urged the officers to be attentive in the meetings and activities of the district and contribute their service for the welfare of the people.

While reviewing the last meeting minutes, John urged the HoDs to come forward for voluntary contribution for construction of Bore Well at Buranamsang. He asserted that such particular projects are not available in any of the government agencies and therefore, it was compelled to resolve in the previous DPDB minutes for voluntary contribution to meet the immediate needs of the people. EAC

Tamlu, Nukshimatong also apprised the members to complete the contribution to start the project at the earliest and announced the list of the departments already contributed.

Registration of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal, Longleng was approved by the members after it was briefed by the representatives of the Veterinary Department, Longleng.

The Developmental Activities of the PWD (R&B) was presented by the SDO (PWD) Er. Chingi Phom. Basing on the activities of the PWD department the house decided to forward to the higher authority for creation of PWD (R&B) Division at Tamlu, SDO (Mechanic) PWD at Longleng and Inclusion of excluded roads under the PWD (R&B) Division, Longleng (except National Highway) which is presently under the jurisdiction of PWD (R&B) Division under other district for smooth supervision. The members also had a healthy discussion for quality roads in the district.

CHANGTONGYA OBSERVES WORLD MALARIA DAY

Community Health Centre, Changtongya observed the World Malaria Day with the theme “zero malaria starts with me” at the local ground, Changtongya Town on 25th April 2019.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Temsuwapang M.O ‘Ayush’ Community Health Centre Changtongya said that the facilities to test blood for malaria disease is available at CHC Changtongya. He encouraged all to avail the facilities stating that malaria can be cured.

Dr. Wapang challenged the gathering particularly the students to spread the awareness of malaria. Short speech was also delivered by Kisangwala Longkumer, from Oriental High School.

A school rally was also held to mark the occasion which was participated by students from Green River Valley High School, Christian Standard Higher Secondary School, Oriental High School and GMS (A).

The programme was chaired by Dr. Imtijungshi,

SMO Community Health Centre Changtongya. He also delivered the vote of thanks.

The programme was attended by all the heads of offices, Ward Chairmen, Goan Boras, School Teachers & Head Masters.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON “PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT” AT MON

Awareness programme on “Plastic Waste Management” with educational institutions was held on 30th April 2019 at Mon Town Council Hall with Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS as the special guest.

He encouraged all the students and participants to look for alternate steps to reduce the use of plastics in Mon Town. He also distributed the prize to the winner of essay competition on “Plastic Waste Management” and Plastic Trash Collection competition.

The winner of the essay writing were Wanmei Walim Konyak, Sacred Heart School, Toilih M. Konyak, Police Unit School and Neha Kumari Ram, Model School respectively. The programme was chaired by Ethel Konyak.

Entertainment on Plastic Waste Management was presented by Wangba Konyak and vote of thanks was delivered by ADC and Administrator Mon Town Council, Hiazu Meru.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON “PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT” AT TSEMINYU

Awareness campaign programme on Plastic Waste Management was held at Christian School Tseminyu on 30th April 2019. EAC Tsogin, Rozy Sangtam in his speech called upon school children to share ideas about plastic waste management to their parents at home. EAC also encouraged them to follow three steps for a very proper ways of managing the waste plastics, such as, to refuse to use them, to minimise or reduce the use of plastics in our daily lives, or to preserve them for recycling purposes.

In order to avoid using plastic bags, cloth carry bags were distributed to the students, teachers and officials present at the programme.

Rozy Sangtam reminded the gathering that distribution of cloth carry bags signify Tseminyu town becoming plastic free.

Students of CHSS Tseminyu, Njini Thong and others also spoke about plastic waste management at the program.

The program was initiated and organised by Tseminyu town council under Swachh Bharat Mission.

COMMUNITY SENSITISATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS ON PLASTIC USE AT MEDZIPHEMA

An awareness and Community Sensitisation on harmful effects of plastic use and one day training on paper bag making was organised by ATSI &

Co.in collaboration with Can Youth at Public Hall, Medziphema Town on 30th April 2019. The programme was sponsored by District Administration with media partner by IPR.

Nino Krose an elderly person from Medziphema spoke on the topic ‘Action for Change’ where she dwelled on the importance of plastic management, concern of plastic pollution, waste management and the Three R’s i.e, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. She also stated that as a responsible citizen we need to contribute for a better world and thanked the Can Youth for organising and encouraging people to live a better life.

Resource person, Jenpu Rongmei, Chief Functionary Can Youth spoke about the purpose of the awareness campaign and highlighted the ecological and social effects of plastic pollution. He also explained on how to minimise the triggering threat of plastic pollution and urged the students, NGOs and all present in the programme to sensitise. He further said that educational institution and Churches must encourage to refuse and reduce plastic products in daily life. To help curb the issue, a one day training on Paper Bag making was also provided to women on how to make, paper bags along with cloth bags.

KIPHIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BANS PICNIC & FISHING

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Reny Wilfred IAS, in a notification, has informed the public of Kiphire District in consideration to the recent tragic drowning of young people in the rivers at Kiphire and Pungro sub-division. ADC Kiphire has made known to all the citizen that going for picnics, fishing etc. to the riverside has been completely banned for the students and youths till the end of the monsoon season.

ADC Kiphire, Reny Wilfred also notified the civil societies, student bodies and all the responsible citizens to assist the Kiphire district Administration to enforce this by bringing to notice any person going against this order. Kiphire administration has directed

all the respective Village Councils of Kiphire district to put stringent check on students/ youths from visiting

the rivers and the local bodies to put up sign board in the dangerous spot in rivers as caution.

LT. CAPT. NEIKEZHAKUO KENGURUSIE HONOURED BY AR AT JALUKIE

A memorial programme was organized by the 36th Assam rifles in memory of Lt.Capt. Kengurusie on 26th April 2019 at St. Xavier's School, Jalukie.

A statue of Capt. Neikezhakuo Kengurusie, Mahavir Chakra (Posthumous) 2nd Rajputana Rifles was unveiled by Neiselie, father of Lt. Kengurusie in

the presence of DIG 6 sector Assam Rifles. In his short speech, he expressed his gratitude to the 36th Assam Rifles for organising a remarkable program in honor of his son.

DC Peren, SP Peren and public attended the program.



A memorial programme organized by 36th Assam Rifles in memory of Lt. Capt. Neikezhakuo Kengurusie at St. Xavier's School, Jalukie on 26th April 2019.

INTER-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF AT AGHUNATO

Five-day interschool sports tournament kick-started on 30th April 2019 at Aghunato. The programme is being organised by Aghunato Town Students Union (ATSU).

Addressing the gathering as special guest, EAC Aghunato, Echung said that in modern education system, sports is an integral part of the education system so as to make education interesting, enjoyable and minimize tension. He said faring well in sports activities can bring worldwide recognition and lifelong achievement to a person. "Grab the opportunity and excel yourself." Echung encouraged the students. Apart from studies, there are various ways where a student can excel and explore their hidden talents. Some students may have the gift but may not be

able to explore their talents due to lack of confidence, and this kind of event might be the right platform for such students, urging the organizers to identify and appreciate their talents. "In today's world, most people have become selfish and pay lesser attention to community feeling, so let this kind of platform bring our children together, work together and succeed as a team." He said this while encouraging the teachers and organising team to instill community feeling in the mind of the students.

President (Aghunato Town Students Union), Nili A. Achumi encouraged the students to focus on the ability to expose their talents rather than to 'win' or 'lose'. She also said to the participants to take the event as an opportunity to learn from one another, and

participate with sportsmanship spirit and fair play.

During the programme a special song was presented by Mount Shepherd School Aghunato.

Earlier, the special guest unfurled the sports flag. Oath taking was carried out by Chishika Chishi. GBs, Ad hoc TCMs, elders and the public attended the programme.

IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' TRAINING AT CHANGTONGYA

Inaugural programme for the four-day in-service teachers training from 29th April-3rd May 2019 for elementary teachers under Educational Block Resource Centre (EBRC) Changtongya was held on 29th April 2019 at EBRC Hall, Changtongya

with the theme "Learning Outcome (Introduction on Constructivism & Learning Outcome)"

Resource persons for the training were TOTs Pangertola, Toshiwati and Watisangla. Altogether, 96 teachers participated in the training.

IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' TRAINING AT TOBU

In-Service Teacher Training on learning outcome was held from 23rd to 26th April 2019 at Tobu EBRC Hall.

Code of professional ethics relation to

parents and guardians, Home school partnership, Constructivism in EVS were the main topics. The training was attended by 83 teachers from Tobu and Mokha constituency.

IMA ORGANISES FREE SURGICAL CAMP AT ZUNHEBOTO

Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagaland state branch organised for the first time in Zunheboto district a 'Free Laparoscopic surgical and Gynaecology workshop cum CME' at Hezukhu Memorial hospital and Rochill hospital Zunheboto from 25th to 27th April 2019.

The renowned team of doctors was led by Dr. Kezevituo Kreditsu (Gynaecologist, Putuonuo nursing home, Kohima and Indian Medical Association President, Nagaland), Dr. Victo A Wotsa (Gynaecologist and MD Nikos Hospital Dimapur). Along with

Doctors from Zunheboto district, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Angami (Surgeon, Kohima), Dr. Keneilhoulie Medom (Anaesthetists, Kohima), Dr. Imsulemba Jamir (Anaesthetists, Mokokchung) and Dr. Aoakum Kichu Radio oncologist Eden hospital Dimapur participated in the free Laparoscopic surgical camp.

Altogether, around 38 patients availed the surgery. They expressed gratitude to the Doctors and IMA and hoped that similar programmes are held every year so that the poor and downtrodden can avail free medical services.

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ICU INAUGURATED AT TUENSANG

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) constructed with the initiatives of Assam Rifles, Tuensang Chambers of Commerce & Industries (TCCI) and well wishers of Tuensang district was inaugurated on 2nd April 2019. The project ICU was successfully completed with the support from Assam Rifles donating all ICU apparatus and equipment while the TCCI initiated the entire budgeting and materials collection with donation from the well-wishers.

IG AR, Maj. Gen P.C. Nair YSM graced the inaugural programme as the Chief guest mentioned the story of the origin of the Project ICU. The need of the ICU in the district has been materialized in 4 months' time through collective responsibility which itself is a testimony of the individuals who contributed to the project, he said.

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vikeyie Losu mentioned that he was impressed and encouraged to see the initiatives taken by the stakeholders. He expressed hope and optimism that other districts will also follow the footsteps of Tuensang. He also assured to provide manpower



Maj Gen P.C Nair, YSM inaugurating the ICU constructed by Assam Rifles and TCCI at Tuensang on 2nd April 2019.

and ICU related matters from the department. He conveyed his appreciation and sincere gratitude to AR, TCCI and well wishers for making the project a reality.

Medical Superintendent Tuensang, Dr. Moa Jamir mentioned that it would be an opportunity and inspiration for the doctors and nurses to come and work in District Hospital, Tuensang.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SET UP AT KOHIMA

Urban Development Department in a notification informed that the Government of Nagaland has set up a Kohima Solid Waste Management Authority (KSWMA) under the aegis of Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) for taking up the exercise of a regular Operation & Maintenance (O&M) for "Kohima Solid Waste Management Facility at Lerie" funded under ADB assisted programme with immediate effect.

A Board of Director (BoD) shall be constituted for

overall monitoring, operations and technical support of the facility under Kohima Solid Waste Management Authority (KSWMA). The Managing Director shall also be designated for KSWMA.

The Managing Director of KSWMA shall be authorized to take up a Plant Manager and Assistant Plant Manager for the day to day operation and technical support of the facility, to be hired on contract basis. The KSWMA will also engage labourers as required

for segregation and operations of the facility. In order to build up local capacity, KSWMA can also have a Deputy Plant Manager to be provided through Entrepreneurs Associates. KSWMA shall maintain separate Book of Accounts for maintenance of the facility.

KMC shall also depute Sanitary Inspectors and

other staff that may be required for undertaking the responsibilities being entrusted to KSWMA.

Bye-Laws shall also be framed for the Kohima Solid Waste Management Authority (KSWMA) which should be submitted to the Government within 30 days for approval.

SCERT INTRODUCES DIKSHA PORTAL AT KOHIMA

SCERT introduced DIKSHA, a digital initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), GoI and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Nagaland on 16th April, 2019 at SCERT, Kohima.

DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) was launched on 5th September, 2017. It is a National Digital Platform which aims at facilitating a dynamic community of teachers where they can access, create and share quality content for improved learning outcomes as well as furthering their professional growth and development in the form of audiovisual at the fingertips. This platform aspires to complement and support teachers, working towards creating teaching-learning system suitable for the needs of the 21st century.

The objective of DIKSHA is to enhance knowledge sharing for better Teaching Learning Materials, to encourage teachers for creation and curation of e-contents, and to create a familiarity and comfort ability for teachers across the State with use of technology, network and sharing learning experiences.

Principal Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Government of Nagaland, Menukhol John said that it has been introduced as a new training method which will support teachers to create a vibrant mode of teaching and learning.

Pranshu Jain, team DIKSHA, MHRD, Project Management Unit(PMU), who was the resource person said that, as part of DIKSHA, it has developed Energized Textbooks (QR Code incorporated textbooks)

as a pilot project in two text books covering English and Social Sciences of Class V. Each textbook is linked with e-contents with the QR codes printed. Teachers, students and guardians can access those e-contents by scanning the QR Codes printed in the text books with the help of QR code scanner from their smart phones and also one can download from the Google Play store.

He also stated that, it was introduced to empower teachers and to make the classroom more engaging for the students. The textbooks have been introduced not to replace blackboard or to replace teachers but as an aid to the teachers, parents and students to impart better learning for the students, he added.

Director, SCERT, Jack Sekhose, in his opening remark, said that, introduction of DIKSHA in Nagaland is an effort of the centre to ensure that quality initiative of learning are introduced in all states. He informed that, sufficient tools and equipments are there in the States but when it comes to quality education, Diksha is where we are challenged to impart certain learning levels for children that lack in level of competency and learning skills. He also mentioned that, DIKSHA has been introduced in order to equip the teachers on how to transact the learning outcomes and educational objectives in and through the mode of technology of multimedia towards the directions of learning tools to help the department and teachers.

For further incorporation of Quick Response Code (QR code) of the Energized textbook, one can avail the information from the portal given: (<http://diksha.gov.in>) & (<http://diksha.gov.in/nl>)

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES NEW HEALTH SCHEMES

To provide financial assistance to poor patients, the Government of India has launched a new umbrella, scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi comprising of the following components: (1). Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) (2). Health Minister's Cancer Patients Fund (HMCPF) and (3). Scheme for financial assistance for patients from Specific Rare Diseases. The objectives of the three components of RAN scheme are as follows:

1. Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN): To provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from life threatening diseases relating to heart, kidney, liver etc for their treatment at Government hospitals/ institutes having super-speciality facilities.
2. Health Minister's Cancer Patients Fund (HMCPF): To provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from cancer, for their treatment at Regional Cancer Centre (RCC)/ Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCC) and State Cancer Institutes (SCI).
3. Scheme for financial assistance for patients from Specific Rare Diseases: To provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from specific rare diseases, for their treatment at Government hospitals/institutes having super-speciality facilities.

General Conditions:

1. The financial assistance to eligible patients will be in the form of 'One-Time Grant'.
2. Government servants and their families will not be eligible under the scheme.
3. There will be no reimbursement of expenditure already incurred.
4. Families covered under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yajna (AB-PMJAY) will not be eligible for financial assistance of RAN and HMCPF components.
5. Maximum financial assistance admissible under the scheme will be Rs. 15.00 lakhs.
6. Financial assistance received under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) or from any other source by the patient for treatment, shall be deducted from the admissible amount of financial assistance

under the umbrella scheme of RAN.

7. Common application form has been prescribed for submission of request for financial assistance under any of the component of the umbrella scheme of RAN. The application shall be signed by the treating doctor/Head of the Department and countersigned by the Medical Superintendent of the hospital concerned.

The Application Form will be available free of cost during working hours from the Office of the Medical Superintendent of all District Hospitals across the State.

8. Application for financial assistance shall be submitted along with:
 - a. Income Certificate (in Original) of the patient/ parents/ other major earning members of the family, indicating income from all sources, duly certified by the Head of the Local District Administration- Extra Assistant Commissioner/ Sub Divisional Officer (Civil)/Additional Deputy Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner/ Administrator of Municipal Corporations.
 - b. A copy of the entire Ration Card along with cover page, with details of all family members, issued by the Food & Civil Supply department of the State government duly self attested.
 - c. Application should be submitted to the Section Officer, Grants Section, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Room No: 541, A-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.
9. The details of the Guideline including- State-wise Poverty Line for Rural and Urban Area wef 01/01/2019 (Annexure: I), Illustrative list of categories of treatment for financial assistance (Annexure: II), List of Government hospitals/ institutes under RAN and Specific Rare Diseases components (Annexure: IIIA), List of Regional Cancer Centre (RCC)/ Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCC) and State Cancer Institutes (SCI) under HMCPF component (Annexure: IIIB) and Prescribed Application Form for Financial under umbrella Scheme RAN (Annexure: IV) can be downloaded from the url:- https://mohfw.nic.in/sites/default/files/RAN_Guideline_2019.pdf

NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

A DIPR feature by Atuzo Peseyie, APRO

In Nagaland, Jhum cultivation meets approximately 60% of food demand. The practice of short rotation cycle of Jhum leads to lower production due to shorter fallow period. The state has lowest yield per hectare from Jhum Cultivation among the North Eastern states. Average productivity in Nagaland is estimated at 702 kg per hectare while that in other North Eastern states it is approx. 1,193 kg per hectare. As a consequence, there is increasing pressure on the forests for commercial exploitation to augment income of rural population. This pressure results in degradation of the forest resources and the biodiversity.

According to the India State of Forest Report (FSI, 2017) forest cover in the state was 12,489 sqkm-which constitutes 75.33% of its total geographical area, but more than half of it is in open forest category (having canopy density less than 0.40). Moreover, according to this report Forest cover has decreased by 450 sq. km since 2015.

The biodiversity of state is not only valuable for their intrinsic value, but also provide critical ecosystem services such as food sources, water sources, soil formation, nutrient cycling and primary production. Thus, sustainable restoration and rejuvenation of Jhum area is essential for restoration of forests and conservation of biodiversity in the State.

The Project Objective:

Nagaland Forest Management Project-NFMP was started during 2017-18 with the assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The project has three main objectives:

1. Strengthening conservation regime through

Community participation:

This is the main objective of the project which envisages to expand area under tree cover, increase tree density in selected areas and to conserve (and augment) the biodiversity of the state through community participation.

2. Livelihood Opportunities for Enhanced Household Incomes through Convergence:

The project shall also strive to promote and strengthen livelihood opportunities for enhancing incomes while seeking active synergy complementarily with other governmental and non-governmental programs. This will also aid food security and reduce vulnerability to climate change while reducing pressure on natural resources.

3. Institutional Strengthening:

The project would support extension and strengthening infrastructure at various levels. the Project shall develop,

build and strengthen existing community and institutional capacities to plan, implement, monitor and report.

Project Cost:

With the total estimated cost of rupees 533 crores, the project is to be implemented in 185 villages in 22 selected forest ranges in 11 Forest divisions covering all the districts of the State. The main approach is to undertake need based and village specific interventions in the Joint Forest Management (JFM) mode through the JFM Committees. Ranges/Independent beats will be selected by applying the criteria of Jhum intensity, forest cover and security situation, and villages within selected ranges/ independent beats shall be selected at the beginning of each batch (33 Villages in batch I, 55 in batch II, batch III with 66 Villages and 31 villages in batch IV). Selection of the target villages should be in a cluster based approach i.e. a group of villages sharing the same geographical and vegetation landscape requiring similar forestry interventions Project component: With the aforementioned goal, the Project has four main components, namely:

1. Forestry Interventions and Biodiversity Conservation.
2. Livelihood Improvement and Community Development.
3. Institutional Strengthening, and
4. Project Management Consultancy.

Component 1:

Forestry Interventions and Biodiversity Conservation through community participation:

Total forestry intervention area under the project is 79,096 ha. through five models viz. Jhum Agro-forestry (JAF), Jhum Fallow Forestry (JFF), Jhum Conversion to Forestry (JCF), Jhum Conversion to Community Conservation Area (CCA/JCC), and Protection and Expansion of CCA (PEC). In Model 1,2,3 interventions will be undertaken as forestry interventions while model 4 and 5 under biodiversity interventions in Jhum areas.

Component 2:

Livelihood Improvement and Community Development:

- Execution Agency: Planning, execution, monitoring, capacity building and knowledge sharing would be undertaken by designated groups and officials (Joint Forest Management Committee (UFMC) and Field Management Unit (FMU) and facilitated by Project Management Consultants (PMC) and NGOs under the PMU and HPC.

- ***Micro plan preparation and revisiting-microplan***

manual:

A Micro-plan Manual will be developed by the PMU in consultation with and support of the PMC. One micro plan per target village will be prepared. PMU will execute the activity in consultation with and support of the PMC. Micro Plans will be revisited in each village at the end of five years of the implementation of the Micro Plans.

• Community Development Activities (CDAs) or Entry Point Activities (EPA):

The entry point activities, as identified in the micro planning stage would be among the first activities which will be implemented in all 185 Villages. An amount of INR 3 lakh will be provided for each Village by the project for CDA activities. JFMC will be responsible for recording and certifying all expenses included in the cash book. For all CDA, 25% of the labor cost will be contributed by the community through JFMC/VC facilitation.

• Income Generating Activities (IGAs) and microenterprise development:

Suitable IGA activities would be identified in the Microplan and implemented through SHGs/UGs, supported by the project. Efforts will be made to prioritise socially vulnerable groups (like BPL households, People with Disabilities, as heads, women headed households, widows, etc.) in new or existing SHGs. Based on the IGA plan, each SHGs will be supported with a revolving fund to a maximum of INR 50,000 per SHG in the village, after six months of formation and management of SHG. The revolving fund would be routed through the village level JFMCs. A cluster level institution covering 10 SHGs and 3-4 villages, would be promoted for taking up activities on micro-enterprises/Value Chain improvements/marketing, branding, insurance, trainings etc. that are feasible on scale. The IGA activities will cover all project villages and cover on an average 3 SHGs per JFMCs. Around 60 clusters will be promoted. A provision of fund of INR 9 lakh per cluster is made as revolving fund support for taking up group based activities.

• Community Based Ecotourism:

Under this sub-component, the project will try to develop infrastructure and tourism sites around community conservation areas. It will enable the communities to have options of livelihoods with protection, growth and conservation of forest. Community-based ecotourism will be tested as a mechanism of 'compensatory conservation' around CCA under REDD+ mechanism in Nagaland context, where community plays a vital

role in owning and governing the natural resources. Fund for ecotourism initiative will come as full grant for development of ecotourism infrastructure, required capacity building and advertising. Running expenses will be provided as Revolving Fund.

Component 3:***Institutional strengthening***

The following activities are proposed for institutional strengthening:

- Repair, maintenance and construction of buildings wherever necessary.
- Procurement of office equipment, furniture and fixtures, computers, laptops, vehicles etc. for PMU, DMU and FMU, will be made as per the JICA procurement guidelines and manuals prepared during the preparatory phase.
- Purchase of two wheeler and Four wheel drive vehicles as per project requirement.
- Procurement of survey tools like GPS, Smartphone or tablets, and accurate compasses.
- The existing GIS facilities of the Nagaland Forest Department would be augmented with the procurement of additional workstations, upgraded software and other equipment like plotters, printers, etc. GIS database would be upgraded for project planning and monitoring.
- Building capacities of the personnel involved in the project at different levels.
- Study tours with a mix of classroom session and field exposure would be planned for select staff posted at the PMU/DMU/FMU level to pertinent projects/institutions/organisations within the state, to other locations in the north eastern region and to other locations in the country.

ROJB:

A Resource Organisation on Jhum and Biodiversity (ROJB) shall be established under the NFMP as an autonomous entity which shall engage/collaborate with state, national and international institutions to undertake knowledge collation, research and documentation on Jhum and biodiversity in the state. Overall, it shall have an institutional arrangement to have adequate interface with Government Departments/Projects, Academic Institutions and NGOs involved in similar work, for working on the problems/challenge faced by jhumias, and Village Councils and to provide them with right information and innovative options to address the problems/challenges. This autonomous entity shall work more closely with project institutions and be associated with the project processes to supplement knowledge gaps and augment innovations.



Er. Khose Sale with officials during his farewell function at the CE's office, Power Department, Kohima on 2nd April 2019.



Director General BSF, Rajni Kant Mishra during his visit to Satakha on 22nd April 2019.



On the final day of the Aoleang-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival 2019, the Konyak womenfolk attempting to set the Guinness World Record for largest traditional Konyak dance display at Local Ground, Mon on 5th April 2019.



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