



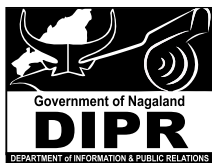
Governor, Assam & Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio arriving at the inaugural programme of the Hornbill Festival 2021 (left), and (right) Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with other dignitaries during the inaugural of the Hornbill Festival 2021 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inspecting the parade contingents during the Statehood Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2021.



Health personnel, Kesangcetle, Viseno Dolie and Rhikiuchi were awarded for Best Performance under Best Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centre, Primary Healthcare Team Award category at New Delhi on 13th December 2021.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

NBSE NOTIFIES ON VIDYANJALI 2.0

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for the information of the Heads of Registered Institutions that the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India has launched Vidyanjali 2.0 programme, a school volunteer programme which aims to enhance the quality of school education through community and volunteers' participation by allowing them to connect directly with the Government and government aided schools, and share their knowledge and skills as well as contribute in the form of assets/materials/equipments.

The broad categories of contribution by a volunteer include inter-alia, services such as subject assistance, teaching yoga, art & craft, vocational skills, assistance for Divyang students, adult education etc. and assets and materials such as basic civil infrastructure, electrical infrastructure, digital infrastructure, equipment for extra-curricular activities & sports, yoga, health and safety aids, teaching learning materials, maintenance & repairs, office stationary/furniture etc. Contribution of assets/materials/equipments cannot be in the form of any monetary support.

Schools having UDISE+ code shall register on Vidyanjali 2.0 portal and post the required service/activity or assets/materials/equipments on the web portal. Depending on the request raised by the school, a volunteer based on his/her area of expertise/interest on assets/materials can express his/her interest to partially/fully contribute to the schools who have requested for assistance. The Vidyanjali 2.0 portal may be accessed at <https://vidyanjali.education.gov.in>, and a mobile app for the same will be launched shortly.

Therefore, all Heads of Institutions have been requested to take note of the above programme, register themselves, post request for contribution and invite individuals/organisations/NGOs for the contribution in line with the guidelines of the programme.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON RETRO-REFLECTIVE TAPE

In pursuance of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways directive vide Letter No. RT-11036/19/2021-MVL dated 06.09.2021, the Transport Department has notified that vehicle owners may get their vehicles affixed with retro-reflective tape from any vendor if the retro-reflective tape has been type-approved as per AIS-090 by any of the testing agencies specified under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MAKES AMENDMENTS TO EARLIER NOTIFICATION

Finance Department (Revenue Branch) has notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 9 and Sub-Section (5) of Section 15 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (4 of 2017), the State Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has made the following amendments in the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department, Revenue Branch, F.NO.FIN/REV-3/GST/1/08(Pt-1)'D' dated the 30th June 2017, namely:

In the said notification:

- (a) In Schedule II - 6%, S. No. 243, and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (b) In Schedule III - 9%, against S. No. 452P, in column (3), the words "in respect of Information Technology software" shall be omitted.

NOTIFICATION ON SALE OF SECURED ASSETS BY FINANCING INSTITUTIONS

The Finance Department, Government of Nagaland has issued a Notification No. FIN/GEN/SLBC/12/2012 dated 10th December 2021 stating that in conformity with the special provision conferred by Article 371A (1) (a) (iv) of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Nagaland has notified the implementation of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) in Nagaland with effect from the date of this notification.

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In so far as the sale of secured assets taken over by the banks and financing institutions is concerned, it can be sold only to indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland in accordance with provisions of the Nagaland Land and Revenue Regulations (Amendment) Act, 2002.

HOME DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON ONLINE INNER LINE PERMIT

The State Home Department stated that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, and in continuation of its office notification of even number dated 08.11.2019, the provision for online application and issue of Inner Line Permit (ILP) has been extended with immediate effect to the non-indigenous persons belonging to the categories of trader/businessman/labourer/student/priest for the entry and temporary stay in Nagaland as per the provisions of Inner Line Permit regime laid down in the Home Department office notifications of even number dated 03.05.2018 and 09.12.2019. It stated that the application for issue of online ILP by the person concerned may be made by registering on the site www.ilp.nagaland.gov.in, providing all the requisite details, uploading photograph, valid government recognized photo IDs, address proof, and paying the prescribed fees as per the laid down instructions/guidelines on the website.

The guarantor for the persons seeking ILP online will also be required to register on the site www.ilp.nagaland.gov.in, by providing the required details, uploading the valid government recognized photo IDs, address proof, and other necessary documents as per the instructions/guidelines on the website. The digital copy of the ILP card generated or its hard copy shall be considered as valid ILP document when carried along with a government recognized photo ID by the person concerned. The facility of online ILP will be in addition to the existing manual/offline mode of obtaining ILPs.

In a press release, the Home Department stated that the online ILP module for all the categories, i.e. for businessman/trader/labourer/student, in addition for tourists, for whom the online facility has been operational since 8th November 2021, was launched on 16th December 2021 by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his office at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima in the presence of Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon. The online ILP module functions in line with the existing provisions of ILP and has been developed and made operational by the Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland in consultation and guidance of the Home Department, Government of Nagaland.

Anyone who wants to get an online ILP, may visit the online site www.ilp.nagaland.gov.in, get registered using his/her phone number, provide all the necessary details, upload the proof of identity and address, and the filled up application will be thereafter electronically transmitted to the Deputy Commissioner concerned who after carrying out the necessary checks, and on being satisfied of the eligibility of the person concerned, may approve for issue of ILP. On approval by the Deputy Commissioner, the applicant will proceed for payment of the requisite ILP fee in the portal, and on successful payment, the person concerned can download or print the ILP card. A soft copy of ILP card will also be sent to the email of the person concerned along with an SMS to registered mobile number with ILP number and validity. The digital copy of the ILP generated, or its hard copy, will be considered as valid ILP document when carried along with a government recognized photo ID by the person concerned. The guarantor for the persons seeking ILP online will also be required to be registered online on the site www.ilp.nagaland.gov.in, by providing his/her phone number, the required details, his/her government recognized photo IDs and address proofs.

Each guarantor will be given a unique number which the ILP applicant will be required to fill up, and on doing so, the guarantor will get an OTP on his/her phone which will have to be provided to the applicant for filling up for proceeding further with his/her application. This way, the guarantor can keep a check whenever anyone is making an application using his/her name as guarantor, and his/her unique number, for getting an ILP. As provided in the present guidelines, the online system doesn't allow anyone to become a guarantor for more than 10 (ten) persons. Further, one can remain and function as a guarantor for a maximum of 1 (one) year at a time. If one wants to function as a guarantor beyond 1 (one) year, one needs to renew on the online system. The Online ILP module is another significant step towards the commitment for making public services available in a more efficient and user-friendly manner. It besides making the entire process of obtaining an ILP convenient, and transparent, will further improve monitoring, generation of accurate and up-to-date data, and the overall quality of implementation of the ILP regime in the State.



NAGALAND CELEBRATES 59th STATEHOOD DAY

The 59th Statehood Day was celebrated at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2021.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio delivering his speech, appealed to the people to rededicate and work for peace, growth and development, and provide better standard of living for all citizens. He emphasized on the need to further improve our administrative and governance systems and added that the citizens have to join hands with the Government to usher in a new era of peace, development and prosperity.

Rio said that this year's celebrations also coincide with the ongoing nationwide celebrations to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the great achievements of its people. Close to six decades since statehood, the quality of life of our people has improved significantly, remarking that despite achievements in the expansion of health and education facilities, the road and power infrastructure need to improve. Rio added that the Government is committed to take necessary steps for all round development and to ensure that our people are provided with the best opportunities for growth and progress.

Rio said that our State occupies a unique position in the Indian Union with special provisions in the Constitution and as the wait continues for a solution of the Naga Political Issue, the dialogue and negotiations between the Government of India and the Naga Political Groups have reached a stage giving us hope for an early resolution. He said all the elected leaders of the State have come together to form an opposition-less government in the form of United Democratic Alliance to facilitate an early settlement of the Naga Political Issue.

The Chief Minister expressed grief and sympathies to those families who have lost their near and dear ones to COVID-19. He applauded the healthcare workers, frontline workers, the district administration and the civil societies and church leaders for their ceaseless hardwork. He added that

the Government has constantly monitored the situation and taken timely decisions which helped in dealing with the first and the second waves effectively. He stated that in order to improve the health infrastructure, hundreds of doctors and nurses were recruited by creating additional posts. Oxygen generation facilities were set up, added more hospital beds including a modern, state of the art 200-bedded Acute Care Hospital Block in CIHSR, Dimapur and deployed advanced equipment. He added that the facility at CIHSR Dimapur will help the State to be better prepared for future COVID-19 waves and other medical emergencies.

Rio cautioned the public to continue to be watchful and take all preventive steps as we open up and start the festive season. He said that vaccine hesitancy in some pockets of our districts is a matter of great concern. He remarked that within Nagaland, people in Kohima and Dimapur have taken the vaccine with great enthusiasm and these towns are safer today. Rio congratulated the villages which have completed 100% vaccination of their eligible population and appealed to all to come forward and take the vaccine as this will keep everyone safer against any future COVID-19 outbreaks.

Rio remarked that the Government's continuous endeavour is to improve the quality of education in our schools and colleges. 31 colleges out of the 66 colleges in Nagaland have been accredited by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council-NAAC, and many other college applications are in the pipeline. The Department of School Education has commenced implementing the National Education Policy 2020 in a phased manner and various innovative projects are being introduced, such as making the teaching-learning process joyful and productive to both students and teachers.

The Chief Minister said that electricity is the driver of all development and as we are heavily deficient in power generation, we need to quickly



enhance our capacity. He also said that the State received approval for two Externally Aided Hydro Electric Power projects, namely 42 MW Y Lower Tizu and 24 MW Zungki, with estimated costs of Rs. 529.78 crore and Rs. 367.21 crore respectively. In order to further augment our power generation capacity, we will be setting up solar power plants of 10-20 MW during the coming year, Rio added.

Rio mentioned that road network in the State is expected to see a further boost with Nagaland PWD and the NW DCL carrying out several projects in the State. Prominent among them are 78 Km two-laning in Wokha-Mokokchung sector of NH-2, strengthening of existing pavement in NH-2, NH-202 & N 702-A, the four-lane RCC Sanuoru bridge on the way to the New Capital Complex, the first four-lane bridge in the State was completed and opened to traffic on 29th November 2021. Further, 89 Roads & Bridges projects, including 22 Bridges are being constructed under PMGSY, covering a total length of 1107 Km, with a total sanctioned amount of Rs. 2284 crore. DPRs are also under preparation for the East-West corridor and North-South corridor in the State.

To showcase our tradition, culture and talents, the much awaited Cultural Hall, Kohima was inaugurated with a seating capacity of 1850 and it will be one of the premier Cultural Halls in the country.

The Chief Minister said that Nagaland witnessed a drought-like situation this year and in order to deal with the delayed and erratic rains, implemented a Crop Contingency Plan to help affected farmers with input support during Rabi season. Our State is giving more focus to organic farming not only to help farmers fetch better prices for their produce, but also to provide healthy and nutritious food, Rio added. He also mentioned that during the three years Convergence Programme of MGNREGA with North East Initiative Development Agency & Land Resources Department, a notable achievement was also made in our rural areas by successfully completing 105 Spring Shed Management

projects in 97 villages.

Rio stated that with the outbreak of African Swine Fever in neighbouring states this year, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services performed well to prevent spread of the disease in our State by enforcing strict bio-security measures.

Rio commented that during the recently concluded session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, we passed the resolution for implementation of the SARFAESI Act in Nagaland. The act will pave way for providing finance facilities by the banks to our promising entrepreneurs.

The other highlights of the programme included launching of NIPUN Bharat Mission in Nagaland and inauguration of photo exhibition 'Glimpses of the history of the State' by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. A musical presentation 'The Gael' was presented by NPTS Brass Band and 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Pipe Band. Deputy Commandant NAPTC, Dr. Kupe Kapfo Commander led the parade with Assistant Commandant 15th NAP (IR) Battalion, Medemkala as the second-in-command. Cultural display was presented by Aong Reju Cultural Organisation (Ao), Pfushin Thuringia Cultural Troupe (Rengma) and Khianmniungan Cultural Troupe (Kohima).

BHANDARI:

The 59th Statehood Day was celebrated at Bhandari Sub-Division on 1st December 2021 at ADC's Office Bhandari along with co-ordination meeting of BTF on COVID-19.

Chairing the meeting, ADC Bhandari welcomed the new member Deputy Director Temsutoshi SSF Merapani to the Board and stated that members have started the vaccination campaign and have already covered some villages.

SMO Dr. Caroline highlighted the vaccination action plan at Bhandari Block. The Board also resolved on door to door campaign for vaccination and to co-ordinate with their respective team.





Additional Chief Secretary and Chief Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Jyoti Kalash, IAS after hoisting the national flag on the 59th Statehood Day at New Delhi on 1st December 2021.

NEW DELHI:

Nagaland House Delhi staff celebrated the 59th Statehood Day at Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Road,

New Delhi on 1st December 2021. Additional Chief Secretary and Chief Resident Commissioner, Jyoti Kalash IAS hoisted the national flag.

RIO INAUGURATES IPR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT SECRETARIAT PLAZA



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and others viewing the Photography Exhibition organized by the Department of Information & Public Relations on the occasion of the 59th Statehood Day Celebrations at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2021.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Photography Exhibition organised by the Department of Information & Public Relations with the theme "Glimpses of the History of the State," at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on the occasion of the 59th Statehood Day Celebrations on 1st December 2021.

The displayed photos were captured on different occasions at different times which included photos of State's inauguration till today manifesting the reminiscence of the State.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, AHOds, HoDs and other senior officials.

HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2021

The 22nd Hornbill Festival 2021 began on a high note at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2021. Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the Chief Host.

The Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi stated that Nagaland is a place with rich culture, tradition and customs which are unique. The dance and music are well known worldwide and he urged the young generation to take pride in one's tradition and to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Nagaland. Nagaland is bestowed with rich biodiversity, both flora and fauna, and there is a need to harness it for the development of the State, adding that eco-tourism has a huge potential for the socio-economic growth and it can address the unemployment issue to a considerable extent. Stating that Hornbill Festival is a single platform where all the tribes showcase their rich culture and handicrafts to the world, he wished the dignitaries and guests who have come from far and near, a pleasant stay, and to go back with memorable experience of the hospitality of the Naga people which is widely acclaimed.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the Hornbill Festival is a collaborative celebration of all Naga tribes at one venue with an intention to promote all the indigenous tribes of Nagaland, their culture and products to the rest of the world. He also said that the 22nd edition of the festival will be celebrated in six districts of the State. Rio said that the festival should be considered not only just cultural festivity of mass get-togethers but a platform to experience the unique identity and cultural legacy while providing opportunities for the local economy to flourish. He also said that the festival has evolved and getting bigger by the year. Rio said the Hornbill Festival contributes immensely in enhancing the tourism brand of Nagaland, adding that the Festival is a team effort. He urged the guests to discover and explore all the exciting activities such as indigenous games and sports, Naga cuisine, songs and dances,

arts and craft, folklore etc.

Greetings were delivered by Ambassador of Israel to India, Naor Gilon; United States Consul General, Melinda Pavek and Consul General of Germany, Manfred Auster.

Head GB, Sangpur, K. Lakiumong invoked the traditional blessings while Festival Father, Mannyem Wangnao invoked the festival blessings. Festival Host, Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi delivered the vote of thanks. It was followed by Flight of the Hornbill, a musical pres

On 2nd December 2021, on the second day of the Hornbill Festival, the guest of honour, Laisam Simai, MLA & Advisor of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and special guest, Anshul Gupta, General Manager, North Frontier Railway (NFR) was honored at the Heritage Village, Kisama, Kohima during the cultural programme in the morning session. It was hosted by Tongpang Ozukum, Minister of Housing and Mechanical and Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor of Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy. In the evening session, S. H. Shyam Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (CCA), NER, Ministry of Finance Department of Revenue was the guest of honour. The hosts for the programme were Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tribal Affairs and Higher Education and Pukhayi, Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and Taxes.

In the morning session of the third day of the Hornbill Festival at Kisama, Lt. Gen. Ravin Khosla AVSM, SM, VSM, General Commanding Officer, 4 Corps, Tezpur was the guest of honour and Minister for Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi and Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio were the hosts. The hosts for the evening cultural programme were Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Skill Development, Labour and Employment, CAWD, Kazheto Kinimi.



The fourth day of the Hornbill Festival 2021 at Kisama witnessed colourful cultural dances, songs and games performed by the various tribes of Nagaland during 'Cultural Connect Session.' Guest of honour, AVSM, YSM, DG Assam Rifles Shillong, Lt. Gen. PC Nair, and hosts of the day's event, Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yephthomi and Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and other delegates, tourists and visitors witnessed the cultural extravaganza. During the afternoon session, Deputy Consul General, Australia, Daniel Sim was the guest of honour.

The fifth day of the 22nd Hornbill Festival was graced by Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia as the guest of honour and Chief General Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Noonmati, Guwahati, K.V. Ramanamurthy as the special guest in the morning session. It was hosted by the Advisor of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire. The guest of honour and special guest in the afternoon cultural show was Secretary, Ministry of MSME, GoI, B. B. Swain and Director General (INV) Income Tax,

West Bengal, Sikkim and NER, Sri Suresh Kumar, IRS. Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi was the host for the programme.

NAGA CHEF:

The first round of Naga Chef – Season 8 "Let's get cooking!" started at the Amphitheatre in Kisama on 2nd December 2021. A total number of nine participants took part in the competition. There were seven rounds that identified the different skills required to be a successful chef and entrepreneur. Contestants were assessed on specific cooking skills, creativity and innovation, experience and knowledge of local cuisine, passion for food and the art of cooking, ability to work under pressure, attitude and teamwork skills.

HIPFEST:

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha stated that the Hornbill International Photo Fest (HIPFEST) has contributed to the growth and journey of the Hornbill Festival and it is festivals like these that Nagaland is taken to the world, and the world is brought to Nagaland, while inaugurating the



Judges and organizers of the HIPFEST 2021 at Kisama on 2nd December 2021.

HIPFEST, organized by DIPR and Eastern Art Council at Kisama on 1st December 2021.

Metha stated that photography is an art that can speak a thousand words and tell the story of the Naga way of life in one picture. Hornbill Festival is not only about one event but is a wholesome Naga experience. While we promote, preserve Naga culture by showcasing our dances, songs, it is also events like these that show that the younger generation is arriving at the world stage. Art, photography and music are taking Naga soft power beyond our boundaries, he added. Proprietor, Portrait Studio & Eastern Art Council, Myinthungo Ezung stated that HIPFEST started in the year 2008 and has come a long way as part of Hornbill Festival. HIPFEST has brought photographers, artisans and enthusiasts not only from the State but from all over the world under one roof. He stated that the exhibition shows every aspect of Naga way of life through photographs.

The Hornbill International Photo Fest also displayed photos by Tom Potisit, an award winning professional photographer from Thailand. Tom is well known for stimulating conversations on social and environmental issues across various mediums and industries.

Altogether, there were 46 participants with 116 entries. The results were declared at Kisama on the 2nd day of the Hornbill Festival with Photographer Kekhriezhazo Machieo, Freelancer Merimvu Doulo

and Media Officer to the Chief Minister, Ayieno Kechü as the judges. Longso Yimkhiung won the HIPFEST Photography Contest, Inakavi Kasho and Parvej Akhtar were placed in 2nd and 3rd positions respectively, and were awarded Rs. 25,000, Rs 20,000 and 15,000 respectively. Nine consolation prize winners were also awarded with cash prize of Rs. 5000 each.

CRAFTSCAPE:

The Craftscape Corner was inaugurated by Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

Metha congratulated the curator, Sentila T. Yanger and thanked her team for adding so much value and colour, and dimension to the Hornbill Festival.

The exhibition presents an opportunity to meet Naga artisans and experience handmade distinctions of tribal craft specialties by skilled artisans who embrace dignified livelihoods in keeping alive intangible heritage. The exhibition also seeks to create awareness on the fading craft traditions.

HORTISCAPE AND AGRI PAVILION:

Hortiscape and Agri Pavilion at Hornbill Festival 2021 were inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at Kisama on 1st November 2021. The Hortiscape showcased varieties of greens,



Floral display on the first day of the Hornbill Festival 2021 at Hortiscape, Kisama on 1st December 2021.

succulents, cactus, orchids, flower and pine saplings from floriculturists in the State and Sikkim.

A State level flower show-cum-competition was also organised by the Department of Horticulture. The flower competition also held in various categories. Fruits and vegetables like oranges, pineapples, bananas, kiwi, ginger, mushroom, etc. from various districts of the State were also available for sale at the Hortiscape. Some of the entrepreneurs who sold their agri products were Kerhung SHG Farm, Naturally Nagaland Food & Craft, Oakland Organic Agri & Allied Cooperative Society Ltd, Entrepreneurs Associates, Chansu Organic Kiwi Producer Company Ltd, Green Accent, Cold Mountains, Charity Club Multipurpose Society Wokha.

HANDICRAFT THEMATIC EXHIBITION:

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir inaugurated Handicraft Thematic Exhibition on 1st December, 2021. It was organized by Directorate of Industries & Commerce, sponsored by Development Commission (Handicrafts) Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Addressing the launching programme,

Imnatiba said that Hornbill Festival is a platform to provide an opportunity to local entrepreneurs to promote and sell their products. Altogether 50 stalls were allotted to the artisans from all the districts. It seeks to rekindle the rich culture and enhance the livelihoods of artisans.

VINTAGE CAR ON DISPLAY:

The Department of Art & Culture, Nagaland organized the display of Vintage Car near the World War Museum, Kisama. Inaugurated by Khehovi Yephthomi, Advisor of Tourism and Art & Culture, the display consisted of four vehicles that were used during the 2nd World War, two Willys Jeep from America, one Land Rover from England, and one Power Wagon or Nissan torch from America.

TRADITIONAL EVENING PARK AT KIGWEMA:

The Hornbill Festival extension of Traditional Evening Park with the theme 'Local Friendly' was inaugurated by the Chairman, Nagaland Khadi & Village Industries Board, Dr. Neiphrezo Keditsu as special guest at Kigwema Local Ground on 1st December 2021.

The programme was organized by the Kigwema Youth Organization in collaboration with the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland



Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir inaugurating the Handicraft Thematic Exhibition on 1st December 2021.

with the motive to help the self-help groups to showcase their talents. The function was also attended by Medo Yhokha, Advisor for Technical Education, Election and Chairman DPDB, Kohima, Kigwema Village Council, Kigwema Women Organization, Kigwema Students' Union and Kigwema Gazetted Officers Krotho.

4th EDITION OF PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL AT KHEZHAKENO:

The 4th edition of People's Festival, an extension of Hornbill Festival started on 2nd December 2021 at Chida Resort, Khezhakeno with Minister of Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as the Chief Host.

The festival was held from 2nd to 4th December 2021 with various indigenous games/activities and competitions such as, Phe Ke-te (stilt bamboo race), Lici/kuboh muhu kaqa (bamboo horn/traditional trumpet blowing), Lu de kaqa (catapult shooting), Tholo tsu chu kaqa (sea beans), chi-so-che kuvu kaqa (oak seed top spin), tribal hut construction competition, open air concert and many more.

The People's Festival commenced in the year 2018, it is being organised annually by the Khezhakeno Youth Organization (KYO) at Chida Resort under Khezhakeno village in Phek district coinciding with the annual Hornbill Festival of Nagaland. The primary objective of this Festival is to promote people to people interaction and experience each other's cultures. The Festival is supported by the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland.

HORNBILL TRADITIONAL SHOT PUT:

As part of the Hornbill festival, traditional shot put competition was held at Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2021. The event was organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports. Altogether 15 people participated in the competition.

Likho Sangma of Garo tribe bagged the first

position while Jangsat Hangsing from Kuki tribe and Tsaptsi Kapui Zeliang secured the second and third positions respectively.

GO KART RACE:

The 4th edition of indigenous Go Kart race was held in Kohima on 5th December 2021. The race started at PHQ Junction with Old MLA Hostel Junction as the finish point.

Nuhu Thira and Muzikho Puro emerged as the champions of the race. The second position went to Onuzo Puro and Sehuto Puro, and the third position was secured by Chikrosuto Vero and Vezota Thira. All the winners are from Kikruma village under Phek district. The youngest participants were Homo (14 years) and Khaiko (13 years) from Noklak district. A total of 19 teams - two persons per team took part in the competition. The event was organised by Go Travels and sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland.

ADVENTURE SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT KISAMA:

Nagaland Association for Adventure Mountaineering & Education (NAAME) set up some thrilling and exciting adventure sports activities for all ages at Children's Park, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama at the Hornbill Festival 2021.

The adventure sports activities include Ziplining 350 m & 100 m, Giant Bouncy Castle, Body Zorbing, Air Rifle, Artificial Wall Sports Climbing, Trampoline, Play Golf, Sky Walk and Spider Web.

14th INTERNATIONAL HORNBILL NAGA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021:

The 14th International Naga Wrestling Championship was held on 4th December 2021 with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha as the special guest at the Amphitheatre, Kisama.

Speaking at the event, Neikha said that the Naga wrestling is one of the oldest traditional games



of the Nagas and that Naga wrestling is by far the highest grossing sports event in the State. He encouraged the NWA to play an active role in promotion of Naga wrestling to higher heights and also encouraged the other Naga tribes to come forward and participate in every tournament.

Kezhaseluo Pienyii emerged as the winner of the 14th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship, and walked away with a cash prize of Rs 1,20,000; first runner-up Dzieselatuo Keretsu bagged a cash prize of Rs. 80,000; second runner-up Atuo Tevo bagged Rs.40,000 and third runner-up Kekhriezo Nagi bagged Rs. 20,000. Shekho Veini won the Amateur/Tourist Category and won a cash prize of Rs. 30,000, while second position, Moses Puomai won Rs.20,000 and the semi-finalists were awarded Rs. 10,000 each.

9th HORNBILL CYCLE RALLY HELD AT KOHIMA:

As part of the Hornbill Festival 2021, the 9th Annual Hornbill Cycle Rally was flagged off on 5th December 2021 by the Joint CEO, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Government of Nagaland, Johnny Ruangmei as the special guest. The event was organised with the theme 'Go Green, Stay Fit, Reduce Carbon Emission,' which aims to promote Go-Green initiatives, tourism and introduce cycling as a professional sport in Nagaland.

Around 50 cyclists participated at the rally passing through the crowded streets of the State capital covering a total distance of 13 Km from Kohima Local Ground area to Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. The event was organised by Alaphra Group, endorsed and sponsored by the Department of Tourism, GoN with NSDMA as supporting partners.

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF CULTURAL ITEMS AT KOHIMA VILLAGE:

An extension of the Hornbill festival 2021, the LidiKro-u Society, Kohima village successfully organised a live demonstration of various cultural items from 2nd to 5th December 2021 at Kohima village.

The event was conducted under the theme "Promotion and preservation of traditional skills and knowledge" where various activities including folk songs, Tati, Thupfheütsanuü, Nuokepfüpe, traditional headgear weaving, traditional rice pounding and folksong narrations were carried out during the four day event. A number of local and national tourists also visited the site and took part in the live demonstration during the event. The event was conducted with an aim to promote and preserve the Angami traditions and culture through various programmes and training activities for the younger generation.



Joint CEO, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Nagaland, Johnny Ruangmei flagging off the 9th Annual Hornbill Cycle Rally at Kohima on 5th December 2021.

THIRD NAGALAND FILM FESTIVAL

The Third Nagaland Film Festival, Hornbill Edition began on 3rd December 2021 at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima. Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS graced the inaugural programme as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary stated that films have the potential to play an important role as a medium of entertainment, information and education and as a catalyst for social change. He added that they are a facet of a mass culture and mass art. Alam said that films made by Naga filmmakers have been creating an impact not only in the national level but also in the international arena. He added that the film festival has garnered a very positive response with participation not only from North Eastern states but from the mainland India and global cinema at large. The Chief Secretary opined that filmmakers are turning their interests to the North Eastern states.

Alam said that as the nodal department for films in the State, the Information & Public Relations Department is firstly working towards framing the Nagaland Film Policy in a very simple and friendly manner which would facilitate local artists as well as filmmakers coming to Nagaland. He hoped that the young talents of the State will utilize the platform provided during the event and use inputs from the experts.

Additional Secretary, IPR, Asangla Imti delivered the welcome note. President, Nagaland Film Association (FAN), Kivini Shohe in her short speech said that filmmaking is in a very nascent stage in Nagaland and filmmakers have to work in honing their skills to become better cinematographers, directors, writers, actors etc.

The result of the online film competition was declared during the programme where the winners were felicitated by the Chief Secretary, Nagaland. 1st

prize was bagged by Tiakumzuk Pongener for 'Abnoral' who received a cash prize of Rs. 25, 000/- with certificate. The 2nd prize went to Cimematixx for 'The Dancing Philosopher' who received a cash of Rs. 15,000/- and certificate. The 3rd prize was bagged by joint winners, Kupe-ü Krome for 'The Bright Side' and Rehti Thonger for 'Forever & Always' who received cash prizes of Rs. 10,000/- and certificates each.

On the first day, the films Angh, An Engineered Dream, Bethlehem, and Look at the Sky were screened. Masterclass on Film Tourism was presented by Alexander Pou and workshop on Scriptwriting was conducted by Munish Bhardwaj.

The Nagaland Film Festival was organised by the Department of Information & Public Relations in collaboration with the Film Association of Nagaland (FAN) and National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) from 3rd - 5th December 2021.

On 5th December 2021, at the valedictory programme, Director of Information & Public Relations Department, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema appreciated the talented members of the Film Association Nagaland (FAN) and together, with the IPR Department, he hoped that they could take forward the promotion of films in Nagaland in the future. He also hoped that the film festival would encourage the young budding talents in Nagaland and across the North East states.

Film curator, Meenakshi Shedde from Mumbai said that there has been tremendous efforts to make this festival happen and there has been a lot of attention paid to details in making this festival successful. She said very unique stories have been told during the festival which the world needs to hear. Shedde said the film festival has been well timed to give everyone the opportunity to showcase the stories about North East to the rest

WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

World AIDS Day was observed in Kohima at

the LCS building. The programme was organised by the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit



(DAPCU) along with KNP+ and Targeted Intervention NGOs with Rev. Vezopra Rhakho as special guest. Addressing the function, the special guest emphasised on the need for churches to come together and step forward and help fight the HIV epidemic.

The significance of the day was delivered by Vituozolie Kuotsu, District ICTC Supervisor, DAPCU, special number was presented by Zovilie Yiese and Shurhosinuo Solo, while closing remark was pronounced by Sentimongla Tzudir, District Program Officer, DAPCU.

BHANDARI:

World AIDS Day was organised by District Prevention & Control Unit Wokha/TINGOs and sponsored by NSACS at Bhandari Town Hall on 1st December 2021.

ADC Bhandari, Tiameren Chang gracing the programme as the special guest, encouraged the parents to be role model and called on the people to treat the patients with love and respect. We should reduce stigma and discrimination against the people living with HIV/AIDS.

The theme speaker was Dr. Caroline, SMO (CHC) Bhandari. Lichumo Odyuo, DPO, DAPCU Wokha briefly spoke on HIV/AIDS scenario of Nagaland & Wokha, HIV Act 2017.

NOKLAK:

World AIDS Day was observed at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 1st December 2021 under the theme, 'End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemic.'

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that Noklak has high cases of HIV-AIDS and to this, he requested all the stakeholders to create awareness at all levels. Informing the gathering, Meru mentioned that, as per the report, most HIV cases are spread through sexual transmission, followed by drug use in the district and therefore, he called upon all the stakeholders, civil organizations and religious leaders to continuously support, and sought help to spread awareness in order to prevent and control

HIV transmission in the district and to end the pandemic.

Senior Medical Officer, District Hospital Noklak, Dr. Victor NC in his keynote address highlighted on the overall scenario of HIV status in the district and the functioning of the ART Center, Noklak. He called upon all the citizens to know their HIV status by getting themselves tested, stating that fear and unwillingness to get tested are some of the factors which leads to spreading of the disease. He challenged everyone to take steps, create awareness and to come forward voluntarily for HIV testing.

The programme was organised by District Hospital, Noklak in collaboration with TI under KBCA, Noklak and District Administration, sponsored by Nagaland State AIDS Control Society.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire district conducted World AIDS Day on 1st December 2021 at Conference Hall, District Hospital Kiphire under the theme "End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemic."



Kiphire district organised World AIDS Day at Conference Hall, District Hospital Kiphire on 1st December 2021.

The programme started with one minute of silence for those who have lost their lives to AIDS.

Speaking on the significance of the day, Tsiatsuvi, DPO- DAPCU said among all the awareness, HIV/AIDS related awareness is one of the longest running awareness programmes in the world. She urged all the apex leaders to encourage

and support those people living with HIV/ AIDS to disseminate information on availability of medical services provided by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Joe Mariadhas urged the people to come forward and collectively fight against it to live a healthy life. He advocated sex education to be taught in the schools so that the young people can be safe. People are aware of HIV but they hesitate to avail the services because of discrimination from the family and society, so he urged the leaders to show love, patience and affection and stand up as one and fight against HIV/AIDS.

Special presentation was given by RRC, Loyola Higher Secondary School, and Khupai DLN gave a short speech about her life testimony. Felicitation of New India@75 (phase) competition were awarded to the winners with certificate by the special guest.

LONGLENG:

Health & Family Welfare Department in collaboration with NYSK Longleng observed World AIDS Day at Longleng with the theme "End Inequality, End AIDS, End Pandemic" on 1st December 2021 at Longleng Town Ao Baptist Church.

Guest speaker, Dr. Kibangkumba, Medical Superintendent (MS), DH Longleng said one should not discriminate people having HIV/AIDs, but create awareness in the community. HIV/AIDS is one of the most serious issues we are facing. When a person gets infected with HIV, and slowly starts suffering with some other problems or diseases, we call it as AIDS. HIV infects the human defense system and

when a person's health becomes defenseless by HIV, any disease can affect a person, most commonly Tuberculosis. Through the advancement in science, ERT treatment for HIV has been developed - a treatment which slow down the increase of virus in a person's body.

Dr. Obangjunga, CMO Longleng shared about the significance of the day. A. Mane Phom, Retainer Lawyer District Legal Services Authority Longleng shared about the legal aids for People Living with HIV (PLHIV). Shamthai, President ENWO and Mongnyei C. Phom, NYV Longleng also spoke at the programme. The programme was attended by the District Administration, NGOs and students.

PHEK:

Phek district observed World AIDS Day at Conference Hall, District Hospital, Phek on 1st December 2021 which was organized by DAPCU, DLN, ELF & Vihaan, Phek and sponsored by Nagaland State AIDS Control Society under the theme "End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemic."

Zhoi Lohe, SDO (C), Phek stressed on the awareness of 'Dos and don'ts' regarding AIDS. He paid tribute and remembered the people who have lost their lives to AIDS, and called upon the people not to discriminate but to love them. He requested the stakeholders to organize such programmes even in schools and colleges so that the students also know about the preventive measures of the disease.

President of District Level Network, Mese Letro and Khriezotuo Paphino, CMO, Phek also spoke on the occasion. Presentation of HIV Scenario in Phek district was given by Hierhotho Kajiri, DIS, DAPCU.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR CIVILIANS KILLED AT OTING AND MON HEADQUARTER

The funeral service in honor of the innocent civilians killed at Oting and Mon Headquarter on 4th and 5th December 2021 was held at Helipad Ground, Mon on 6th December 2021.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy CM, Y. Patton, Ministers Metsubo Jamir, Neiba Kronu and Pangnyu Phom, T. R. Zeliang and all the Konyak

Legislators were among the thousands who attended the service.

Rio in his speech stated that he along with his colleagues were there to mourn together with the people of Mon. He stated that the whole State is with the Konyaks and the ENPO to observe 4th and 5th December 2021 as Black Day, against the incident



which took the lives of innocent Nagas by the Indian Army. This day will go down in the history of our people, where our brave sons sacrificed their lives for our land, he added. He stated that the challenge of removing the tag of "Disturbed State" on Nagaland and the prevalence of Armed Forces Special Powers Act in the State is a continuing challenge which the State Government is fighting against.

Rio assured the people that the components of the joint memorandum submitted by the KU, KNSK and KSU, which falls under the State's prerogative will be looked into and for those under the Centre, the State Government will work towards its fulfillment. He declared an

ex-gratia of Rupees Five (5) Lakh for the family of each victim by the State Government. He also stated that the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, has announced an ex-gratia of Rupees Eleven (11) Lakh and a government job to the family of each victim.

Representatives from Konyak Legislators, ENPO, Konyak Union, KNSK, ENSF, KSU, Village Council of Oting, Jakphang and Chi delivered speeches condemning the incident and the cruel and draconian provisions of AFSPA.

The service was chaired by Vice-President, KSU, Yuwang Konyak. The invocation prayer was pronounced by Pastor KBCM, Rev. Nahngom and the lastrites were performed by Executive Secretary, KBBB.

NAGALAND OBSERVES WORLD SOIL DAY 2021

KOHIMA:

World Soil Day 2021 under the theme "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity" was held at the Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima on 5th December 2021.

Gracing the occasion as the Special Guest, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS said that since 70% of the farmers are engaged in agriculture activities depending on Agri & Allied activities and out of that 73% are dependent on jhum and shifting cultivation, not knowing the warnings about the safety of soil so he urged all to play the role in spreading awareness about taking care of the soil by not misusing and overusing the same soil without any treatments, and letting them know that sick soil would not be able to yield crops as desired.

APC stated that the Department of Soil & Water Conservation has been given the responsibility for soil health management, where Soil Testing Laboratory for 12 districts and 74 blocks are to be set up and two more bio-fertilization are to be established. He also requested all Agri & Allied department to have discussions about the importance of soil and sent advisors to the farmers before their new cultivation. He also advised that with availability of water source, both animal and crop farming can be taken up side by side leading to

development of the area which would further bring road connectivity and market for the produces. He also called upon the church members to spread awareness about the importance of soil in the churches.

Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science SASRD, Nagaland University, Medziphema, Dr. A.K. Singh who was the resource person in his PowerPoint presentation pointed out that World Soil Day is an international day celebrated to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil for sustainable management of soil resources and the day signify the importance of soil in our ecosystems

To achieve food security in the country, we need to focus on both area expansion under agriculture and rise in food production. In his PowerPoint presentation, he illustrated the global scenario of soil salinization, area under soil degradation and the status of salt affected soils in India and also about food security in India through reclamation of salt-affected soils.

The programme was chaired by Commissioner & Secretary, Soil and Water Conservation and Geology and Mining, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS, while welcome speech was delivered by Joint Director, Soil & Water Conservation, Denis Angami and vote of thanks by



Deputy Director, Soil & Water Conservation, Rongsenlemzung.

A two minute silence was also observed in honour of the victims of the 4th December ambush in Mon district.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Mokokchung along with KVK Mokokchung celebrated the World Soil Day on 5th December 2021 at DCSO Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the theme "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity" to commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav."

Altogether, representatives from five villages along with officials from ATMA under Mokokchung attended the programme which was chaired by DSCO, Mokokchung, Ruokuosietuo Dzuvichu. He highlighted that World Soil Day is being observed as a means to focus attention on importance of healthy soil and to advocate for sustainable management of soil resources. Despite the year's theme, the soils of Nagaland being acidic in nature, he said that they are to concentrate more on soil acidity problem and find ways and means to address them to boost soil productivity in the region.

Keynote address was delivered by Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Mokokchung, Dr. Keviletsu Khate where he apprised the farmers to seriously give importance on soil health for sustainable development of agriculture and preserve our land for future generation. PowerPoint presentation on activities of District Agromet Unit was delivered by SMS, Agromet, KVK, Mokokchung, Nungshiyangerla. It was followed by film show on importance of soil fertility and soil pH and interactive session by SMS (Soil conservation) KVK, Mokokchung, Imtilemla.

Soil Health Cards and pamphlets were distributed to the village representatives of Aliba, Mopungchuket, Changtongya (N), Longkhum and Longmisa villages. Awareness campaign on World Soil Day was conducted in the form of pasting posters and banners on strategic locations of the town.

WOKHA:

In commemoration of World Soil Day, the District Soil Conservation Office, Wokha organised a "Farmers Mela" on 7th December 2021 at Community Hall, Soil Colony, Wokha.



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DSCO Wokha, Lidemo Murry said World Soil Day is commemorated on 5th December annually and is aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of soil. Degradation of soil being a pressing environmental issue, he encouraged the people to come together and think of sustainable ways to manage soil resources. He added that soil management is the application of operations, practices, and treatments to protect soil and enhance its performance.

JSCO, Wokha, Nzanbeni N. Jami in her keynote address spoke on the importance of Soil Health Card (SHC), stating that SHC is used to assess the current status of soil health and when used overtime to determine changes in soil health that are effected by land management, it displays soil health indicators and associated descriptive terms. She said SHC will be valid for three years and urged the farmers to avail the opportunity for boosting their agricultural production.

During the technical session, demonstration of soil sample collection and demonstration on soil testing was done at District Soil Testing Laboratory Wokha. SHC cards were also distributed to the farmers during the programme.



MAHAPARINIRVAN DIWAS OF DR. BHIMRAO RAMJI AMBEDKAR OBSERVED

Mahaparinirvan Diwas in honor of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav a programme was held on 6th December 2021 at the Directorate of Social Welfare, Kohima.

Additional Secretary, Home Department, Nusieta Rhakho while reading out the formal statement said that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar who was awarded the Bharat Ratna - India's highest civilian award, was an Indian jurist, economist, and social

reformer who fought against economic and social discrimination of the untouchables and outcasts and a champion of the depressed untouchables and backward classes of India. He informed that today a grateful nation pays rich homage to this exemplary statesman who rose to stardom from a very humble social and economic background, and his scholastic spirit and achievements, his constitutional, political and economic expertise has created a far reaching impact on the Indian states and citizens.

PRESS BRIEFING ON EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING HELD

Addressing a press briefing at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat on 7th December 2021, spokesperson for the State Government and Minister for Planning & Coordination, Neiba Kronu stated that an emergency cabinet meeting was called to discuss the firing incident in Mon district and the subsequent incident that followed in Mon town.

Kronu stated that the Cabinet was briefed on the actions taken by the Government including

setting up of a Special Investigation Team headed by an IGP and consisting of four other members, and it was decided that the SIT should complete its investigation and submit its report by one month time. The Cabinet has also decided to write to the Government of India to immediately repeal the Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958 from the State, he added. He also stated that the Cabinet has decided to support the demands put forward by the Konyak Union to the President of India.

PAINTING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

As part of the national campaign on energy conservation 2021, a state level painting competition on energy conservation was organised by the Ministry of Power on 8th December 2021 at the East Gate Hotel, Kohima.

Director, School Education Department, Nagaland, Wonthungo Tsopoe said he was happy to see great turnout of students in the competition which will encourage the spread of knowledge about energy conservation. He expressed the need for a wider participation of students from different districts in future. He said education should be for the all round development of a child and children should think out of the box.

The winners from Category A are: 1st prize: Vivian Poddar from Hope Academy School, Dimapur; 2nd prize: Seyiesinuo Yhome from LFS Higher Secondary School, Kohima and 3rd prize: Imkongsenla from Little Star Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. The winners from Category B are: 1st prize: Delphi Oinam from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Dimapur; 2nd prize: Michael Yanthan from Saint Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dimapur and 3rd prize: Victor D. Sangma from VKV Doyang.

The event was conducted by the Nodal CPSU i.e. Doyang Hydro Power Station, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. NEEPCO.

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ORGANISED FOR FELLOWS UNDER MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (MGNF)

The Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship organised a two

day sensitization workshop from 8th to 9th December, 2021 for Fellows under Mahatma Gandhi National





Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden addressing the sensitization workshop for Fellows under Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) at Kohima on 9th December 2021.

Fellowship (MGNF) programme under the World Bank assisted 'Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP)' project of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. The MGNF programme is an initiative of the MSDE, implemented by the State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) and the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIMK) as the Academic Partner.

MGNF programme was initiated to address the issue of non-availability of dedicated professionals at district level for effective skill planning and management. Twelve (12) Research Fellows are currently placed in each district of Nagaland under MGNF to work closely with the District Administration and strengthen the District

Skill Committees headed by the Deputy Commissioners.

Addressing the workshop, Chiden Yaden, Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and SSDM stated that the event was organized to understand the experiences of the fellows and enable them to learn from the stakeholders in the State's skilling ecosystem. Sreekanth CN, Manager, MGNF from IIMK apprised the gathering of the structure, objective and roles of various stakeholders under the MGNF programme.

The event was chaired by Zubemo Lotha Tsanglao, Deputy Director, ESD&E, presentations were made by Nouné Chase, Director, YouthNet, Lezo Putsure, Founder/CEO, Edu Centre, and Menguzelie Suohu, ESD&E.

IN MEMORIAM: A TRIBUTE PROGRAMME

'In Memoriam,' a tribute programme for the Oting tragedy was held on 9th December 2021 at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his memorial message stated that the Oting incident was a misuse and abuse of the Armed Forces Special





Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Leader of the Naga People's Front Party, T. R. Zeliang speaking during the tribute programme for the Oting tragedy held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 9th December 2021.

Powers Act (AFSPA) 1958. He added that the Act is violative of human rights and the Naga people have opposed it for decades.

Rio expressed his condolences to the bereaved families of the 14 victims. He also urged the public to remain strong and courageous, and appealed not to retaliate. He said that it is the time to defeat violence with non-violence and asked the people to shun away from violence and show the nation that AFSPA is not needed. He added that the society cannot allow any force to derail the hard won peace process. The Chief Minister hoped that the country and the rest of the world will not only understand the Nagas' story but also the want for lasting peace.

Former Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang called for repeal of AFSPA stating that it brought only pain and suffering. He said that no amount of reason can justify the killing of innocent civilians and urged the Government to leave no stones unturned to bring the perpetrators to justice. Zeliang said that when the

Nagas are anticipating the final breakthrough in the Indo-Naga political issue, the Oting incident had come as a rude shock.

President, Konyak Union Kohima, H. Angnyei Konyak shed light on the Oting incident. He called for revocation of the AFSPA adding that the country do not want to see another Oting incident. He also lamented at the misinformation being spread by the media. Konyak expressed his gratitude at the solidarity shown by various sections of the society.

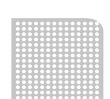
Musical performances were presented by Kewhira Strings Quartet, Nagaland Conservatory of Music Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Union Baptist Church, Chubatulalmsong, Tali Angh & friends, Konyak Youths (East Story), Bozio Nienu and Ameü Üsou Zao Choir.

Chairperson of the programme, Senior Pastor, Kohima Ao Baptist Church, Rev. Sentisashi Aier gave the introductory remark. Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton delivered the vote of thanks.

STATE LEVEL SCIENCE SEMINAR HELD

The State Level Science Seminar, 2021 was held at the Mini Conference Hall of the Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 10th December 2021 with Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Nagaland, Shanavas C. IAS,

as the speaker. The topic was 'Boosting Immunity - The need of the hour, prospects and challenges.' The competition was held on virtual mode. Altogether 10 participants from Kohima, Dimapur, Tuensang, Phek, Kiphire, Peren, Wokha,





Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Nagaland, Shanavas C, IAS speaking during the State Level Science Seminar, 2021 held at the Mini Conference Hall of the Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 10th December 2021.

Zunheboto, Mon and Mokokchung participated in the competition.

The Principal Director in his speech stressed on the importance of science which as a subject offers so many opportunities for students. He lamented on the absence of students in the programme owing to the pandemic but hoped for better opportunities for students to participate and better exposure through these type of programmes in the days to come. He expressed that these type of seminars and exhibitions help students to grow and build for a better future as it builds their confidence level and they learn from one another. He also said collective effort is needed by line departments like SCERT, NBSE, DSE etc. and it need to collaborate and work together to motivate our students to participate in these kind of competitions.

The panel of judges for the year's seminar were Deputy Director, School Education Emilo, Vilakhole, Research Associate, SCERT and Dr. Rokovikho Dominic, Assistant Professor, Kohima Science College.

The participants were earlier made to undergo an aptitude test on Google format arranged by Tosovi Philip, GT (Science), GHS PWD and the marks scored by the students were added to their performances in the seminar. Basing of the two performances, Tspongla S from Ministers' Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School, Kohima was declared the Winner of the State Level Science Seminar 2021. The First Runner's up was bagged by Chaangsangla Y of Wela Foundation School, Tuensang and Second Runner's up was bagged by Arizongla of Jubilee Memorial School, Mokokchung.

APC NAGALAND FORWARDS SEVERAL PROPOSALS DURING ICAR MEETING

APC, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS, representing the State, attended the 25th Regional Committee Meeting of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through Video Conference on the 11th December 2021. The meeting was chaired by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, and attended by the senior officials of Government of India, Vice Chancellors, Heads of ICAR institutions, scientists

and officials of Agriculture & Allied Departments of the North-East Region (NER). Kikheto commented that even after 59 years of Statehood, there is no worth mentioning National or Regional Institute in the State of Nagaland and appealed to consider the following proposals:

1. **College of Agriculture under Central Agriculture University (CAU), at State**





Agriculture Research Station (SARS) Yisemyong, Mokokchung

Kikheto stated that about 70 % of the State's population is engaged agriculture, out of which 73% is under jhum agriculture, which is neither economically viable nor ecologically sustainable. However, it cannot stop jhum cultivation, hence there is a need of College of Agriculture specializing in upland or hill agriculture technologies which will benefit not only Nagaland but the entire hill region of United States of NE India. SARS, Yisemyong is located at 1050 above mean sea level and having 132 hectares of State Government land.

2. Regional Centre for Soil & Water Conservation at State Soil & Water Conservation Training Research and Demonstration Institute at Sechu-Zubza, Kohima

Kikheto spelled out the need to conserve soil and water and creation of water bodies like ponds, spring sheds, revival of springs, rainwater harvesting, check dams, etc. He also stated that after 59 years of Statehood, the Union Government has recently sanctioned for Soil Testing Labs (STLs) in all the 11 districts and Mini STLs in all the 74 blocks of the State. He therefore proposed for a Regional Centre for Soil & Water Conservation to be established at Sechu-Zubza where the Soil & Water Conservation Research and Training Centre have sufficient area of 21 hectares. By this intervention, it would provide a platform to conduct basic and applied research in the field of soil and water conservation in the NER.

3. Regional Livestock Centre on Pigs at Zunheboto

Nagas are mostly non-vegetarian and mostly pork lovers, the requirement being met through imports from other states. It was estimated that meat worth about Rs. 1,000 crores are imported annually to meet the local requirement. Therefore, it is proposed for Regional Livestock

Centre on Pigs at Zunheboto district, which is centrally located in the State where pig feeds can be easily procured and processed even from nearby districts also.

4. Establishment of an Organic Hub with quality control facilities

The State is by and large organic by default. However, there are no Institutes established to facilitate and screen for the quality parameters including certification body. The normal organic certification process takes three years. However, jhum fields remain productive only for two years during which most of the vegetables are produced. Therefore, possibility of certifying as organic after two years was also proposed.

5. Naga Integrated Settled Farming (NiSF)

Kikheto also urged the August House about adopting the Naga Model of Integrated Settled Farming. He stated that NiSF should be adopted by all the Agri & Allied departments in a cluster mode. The most important factor under this model is the availability of water. The components includes agriculture, horticulture, plantation crops, livestock, fisheries, sericulture, post - processing plants, farm roads, power connectivity etc, forming into an economic or business hub, where the educated unemployed can also gainfully participate, ultimately turning into an Agro-Eco tourism.

The APC also informed that already this model is being implemented at Boke-Botsa under Kohima district as a pilot project and if Government of India promotes this model, jhum areas can be reduced and forest protected, thereby increasing ecological services.

The APC also proposed for a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) for the new district of Noklak. He further assured that the State's Agri & Allied departments will continue to closely work with ICAR and KVKs for the benefit of the farming community.



THREE HEALTH WORKERS FROM NAGALAND AWARDED FOR BEST PERFORMANCE

Three Health Workers from Nagaland have been awarded for Best Performance in New Delhi on 13th December 2021. The three health personnel - Community Health Officer, Viseno Dolie of Anatonger Health & Wellness Centre (HWC), Kiphire; Rhikiuchi, ANM of Phelungre HWC Kiphire and Kesangcette, ASHA of Pungwla HWC Peren were felicitated along with others from 36 States and Union Territories during the observance of Universal Health Coverage Day, 2021 with Union Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar as the Chief Guest in New Delhi.

They were honored under the category of Best Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre-Primary Healthcare Team Award for their commendable performance in delivering the expanded package of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

The awardees were accompanied by the Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland, Dr. I. Talitemsula Jamir; State Programme Officer, NHM, Nagaland, Dr. Thanghoi Lam and Pairson, State Programme Officer, CPHC-NISHTHA Jhpiego-Nagaland.

PEACE ANGEL RALLY HELD AT KOHIMA



Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along flagging off the Peace Angel Rally at Sokhriezie Park, Kohima on 15th December 2021.

Peace Angel Rally under the theme "Universal Peace and Harmony" was held with Minister of Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest on 15th December 2021 at Sokhriezie Park and culminated at Ura Academy, Kohima.

Flagging off the peace rally, Along said the peace rally initiative requires efforts from every citizen of our State and the country at large to build peace within oneself so as to achieve peace all around. He congratulated the participants and the Brama Kumaris. He lauded the organisation which is recognised worldwide for helping people overcome many difficulties through meditation and bringing communities together.

BK Sister Rupa Raj stated that the Brahma

Kumaris is a spiritual movement that originated in Hyderabad during the 1930s. Adding that it teaches a form of meditation that focuses on identity as souls, as opposed to bodies, and they believe that all souls are intrinsically good and that God is the source of all goodness. The organization teaches to transcend labels associated with the body, such as race, nationality, religion, and gender, and it aspires to establish a global culture based on what it calls "soul-consciousness." In 2008, the movement claimed to have more than 825,000 regular students, with over 8500 centres in 100 countries.

Earlier, BK Sister spoke on the importance of value education and meditation and BK Brother Vinod highlighted on the aims and objectives.

NHIDCL ASSISTS POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES

National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) extended assistance to Police Department by handing over medicines and medical equipments at PHQ Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th December 2021.

In a brief programme held on 17th December 2021 at PHQ Conference Hall, Kohima, the National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) through M/S PKIPL-NSC (JV) & SIMPLEX Infrastructures Ltd. extended assistance to Police Department by handing over medicines and medical equipments.

During the programme, DGP Nagaland, T. John Longkumer expressed that the Nagaland Police and NHIDCL, two different entities belonging to different spectrum of activities are united by one cause i.e. Public Service, and that the spirit of co-operation has brought the two entities together today. The DGP Nagaland expressed his gratitude and happiness to NHIDCL for providing assistance and assured them of

assistance from Nagaland Police whenever required. It is pertinent to mention that, NHIDCL has earlier donated six ambulances to the Police Department.

Medicine and medical equipments donated by NHIDCL includes several tablets, injections, supplements and medical devices such as Portable ECG Machine, Syringe Infusion Pump, Digital BP machine, Glucometer, Phototherapy unit with trolley etc.

The programme chaired by Temjensenla, NPS, AIGP (Prov), was attended by ADG (Adm), ADG (Law & Order), M.S. Deol, Executive Director, NHIDCL, senior officials from PHQ and representative from NHIDCL, M/S PKIPL-NSC (UV) and SIMPLEX Infrastructures Ltd.

TRAINING HELD FOR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND NODAL OFFICERS OF BBBP NAGALAND

A webinar on the orientation and training for District Commissioners and Nodal Officers of Multi-Sectoral districts of BBBP, Nagaland was conducted on 17th December, 2021 by the State Level BBBP,

Mahila Shakti Kendra.

The moderator, Juliana Medom, BBBP State Team Leader gave an overview of the various activities conducted under BBBP in the State

including best practices and best performing districts.

Sarah R. Ritse, Commissioner and Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Administrator, NSSWB urged the multi-sectoral districts to make the BBBP scheme more effective.

Khrienuo Tachü, Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Women applauded the District Administration for carrying forward the BBBP scheme in their districts. She further stated that

more interventions in remote villages will create a greater impact.

Neingusalie Theünuo, Assistant Director called for more awareness and training of Anganwadi Workers who are the grassroot workers of BBBP scheme.

The webinar ended with a Question & Answer session, where all the stakeholders shared their opinions and concerns.

MEMBERS VOICE ON REPEAL OF AFSPA DURING NLA SESSION

The Tenth Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) was held on 20th December 2021 at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima. The members of the NLA observed two minute silence in memory and honour of the 14 (fourteen) people killed at Oting-Tiru village area of Mon district on 4th December 2021.

Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, P. J. Antony reported the assent of the Governor of Nagaland to the following Bills:

1. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2021
2. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 2021
3. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 7) Bill, 2021

Initiating the discussions on the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton stated that as per Section 3 of the AFSPA, 1958, the provisions of the said Act come into force in any area to which the Act extends, which gets declared as a 'disturbed area' by the Central Government or the Governor of that State, if in the opinion of either, the area is in such a disturbed or dangerous condition that the use of armed forces in aid of the civil power is necessary. He mentioned that the Government of India has been declaring the entire State of Nagaland as a 'Disturbed Area' by issuing notifications every six months, and thereby keeping the provisions of AFSPA, 1958 operative in the State for the past many decades. The latest notification issued by the Government of India was on 30th June 2021, and it is operational up till 29th of December 2021.

Patton said the provisions of AFSPA, by its nature, scope and intent, gives undue and excessive

powers to the security forces to take several coercive actions like search, seizure, arrest of suspected persons and use of firearms, even to the extent of causing death; for all the actions that may be taken by the personnel of the security forces, there is a great deal of immunity provided to them. He pointed out that the power and immunity has led to many instances of gross abuse by the members of the security forces, over the years, the most recent being the ghastly firing incident in Oting-Tiru village area of Mon district which led to the loss of the lives of 14 (fourteen) Konyak brothers.

Patton informed that the Government of India seeks the opinion of the State Government, before deciding on extending the Notification for Disturbed Area in the State, every six months. The State Government has consistently opposed the Notification declaring Nagaland as a Disturbed Area on the grounds that the overall law and order in Nagaland has been good for many years now, and on and on, many crime and other similar indicators, the situation is found to be better than many other states of the country. Further, all the Naga Political Groups are in ceasefire with the Government of India for many years now. In addition, the ongoing peace talks are proceeding in the right direction giving hope of an early solution to the Naga Political Issue. The Government of India, however, has always been, based on its own assessment, extending the Notification declaring our State as a 'Disturbed Area.' Patton added that the sentiments of our people are strongly against the continuance of AFSPA anymore in our State, that we do not deserve

to be designated as a 'Disturbed Area.' Henceforth, he urged each and every Member of the House to unitedly call upon the Government of India to see the situation on the ground, listen to the voice of the people, and take the most justified and correct step by withdrawing the operation of the AFSPA, 1958 from the State of Nagaland.

Participating in the discussion, Dr. Chumben Murry expressed that the dark side of Indian democracy created by the AFSPA is such that, horrendous acts of omission and commission have been committed under the Act and has caused mistrust, fear and untold miseries on the people of the State. It has served to alienate Nagas from rest of the Country rather than bring them closer for peaceful co-existence. Even after 60 years of the draconian Act, many Indian leaders and the Indian Army alike have not realised or choose to ignore that application of AFSPA continue to result in fostering anti-Indian feelings amongst the people of the State. He stated that at a time when people were hopeful that solution is around the corner, the unfortunate gruesome massacre in Oting, Mon district has created confusions in the minds of the people as to the sincerity of the Central Government as far as the Naga Political Issue is concerned. The intention to hide the crime and misinforming the Union Home Minister to give a wrong statement in the Parliament further angered the people of Nagaland. It is an unforgiveable crime and will never be forgotten. The ghastly act of the Army will definitely be written in the hall of infamous crimes and grievous violation of human rights. Therefore, he appealed to the House to repeal the draconian AFSPA 1958.

MLA, Imkong Imchen said that the 'genocide' committed on 4th December 2021 at Oting village under Mon district is one of the most glaring examples of the thousand genocides committed by the Indian security forces during the last 70 years, calling it a well and pre-planned incident. He added that there were loopholes even on the part of the District Administration and Police, and said it should be thoroughly probed and investigated by a competent authority even higher than the State SIT,

preferably a judicial probe headed by a retired Judge of a High Court or the Supreme Court. He condemned the Union Home Minister's wrong statement of the 4th December 2021 Oting firing incident, calling it misleading and not based on the factual happening, adding that the investigating agency should also take into account of this specific episode. He appealed that the August House passes a resolution urging the Government of India to Revoke/Repeal the AFSPA 1958 from the law of the land in India and make it a redundant/invalid law.

Regarding the Naga Political Issue, Imkong stated that it is almost 25 years since the ceasefire declaration and peace talks in 1997. Till date, there is no sign of any progress/headway being made out of this countless rounds of talks, adding that Naga people deserve to know what is happening to their destiny. Absolute secrecy and confidentiality may be good but only to a certain extent.

Minister Paiwang said that even after the attainment of statehood on 1st December 1963, AFSPA continues to be enforced despite resistance by the Nagas and killings of innocent Naga lives. AFSPA gained more hatred after the Oting-Tiru tragic incident where 13 civilians were killed and another one at Mon Hq. and many critically injured, and be it in the Region, State, North East, National and Internationally, we are witnessing the demand for justice in the form of repealing AFSPA and to punish those people who were responsible for the tragic killing in Tiru and Mon. He said that Nagaland is witnessing peace except for cases of extortions and illegal taxation here and there, we can now see shops and business establishments opening up and leading to economic expansion. So, now is the appropriate moment to repeal the AFSPA and the Disturbed Area Act and make the people of Nagaland and the North Eastern States closer to the nation.

Paiwang said on 4th December 2021 evening, sometime around 16:30 hours, the 21 Para Special Force ambushed and killed six civilians and two persons were critically injured, and after almost five hours gap at around 21:30 hours, another clash took place with the public from the village who came



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the 10th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 20th December 2021.



Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS along with officials during the inaugural of the Third Nagaland Film Festival at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 3rd December 2021.



Chang Cultural Troupe performing 'Khüngkhün Wansatyung' at Hornbill Festival, Kisama on 3rd December 2021.



Participants during the 4th edition of Indigenous Go Kart Race as part of the Hornbill Festival 2021 at Kohima on 5th December 2021.



Likho Sangma, who won the Hornbill Traditional Shot Put competition at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2021.



Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha inaugurating the Craftscape Corner at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2021.



Kezhaseluo Pienyü emerged as the winner of the 14th International Naga Wrestling Championship 2021 held at Amphitheatre, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2021.



Naga Chef Season 8 participants with judges and organisers at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.



Deputy Consul General, Australia, Daniel Sim addressing the gathering at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2021.



General Manager, North Frontier Railway, Anshul Gupta addressing the crowd at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2021.



Garo Cultural Troupe performing a folk dance at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 5th December 2021.



Rengma Cultural Troupe performing during the cultural show at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 5th December 2021.



Advisor, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and Food & Civil Supplies along with officials during the launch of e-Daakhil portal at NIC Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd December 2021.



Director, School Education Department, Wonthungo Tsopoe along with other officials and winners of the State level painting competition on energy conservation, which was held at East Gate Hotel, Kohima on 8th December 2021.

down looking for the boys who had left the coal mine areas on a pickup bolero towards the village. In the second incident, seven more civilians were killed after which the army fled towards the Assam side. He said that on 5th December 2021, accompanied by Nagaland Commissioner, Nagaland DGP, they reached Oting village and held meeting with the Village Council, pastor and church leaders, GBs, VGs and the village elders, where the government assured them that the high level Special Investigation Team was constituted and justice would be served. He mentioned that the State Government has extended the ex-gratia of Rs. 5 (five) lakh each and the Central Government Rs. 11 (eleven) lakh each to the dead, Rs. 1(one) lakh each to those seriously injured and Rs. 50,000 (fifty thousand) to those with minor injuries.

Paiwang mentioned that justice as demanded by the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation is repealing of AFSPA from Nagaland and awarding befitting punishment to those responsible for the tragic incident, but equally important is compensating the victims' families in providing government jobs as committed by the Union Home Minister and, he appealed that it must be done at the earliest.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu pointed that in the campaign for repeal of AFSPA, so many regional civil society organisations have lent their support. In mainland India too, organisations like the People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR) and People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) have championed the effort to have the Act repealed. However, all these efforts have come to no fruition as yet. The latest killings in Oting village have brought the notoriety of the Act into the limelight once again and we must use this opportunity to once again make a concerted effort to have the Act repealed from the law-books of the land where it continues to make an enormous blight. In the light of the above, it is crystal clear that AFSPA has no regard whatsoever for even international laws and the international community has been trying to get the Indian Government to repeal it.

Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, taking part in the

discussion, compared the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 to the Rowlatt Act, 1919. He said that the Act is a tool of State abuse, oppression and discrimination. He added that it promotes a culture of impunity, discards the rule of law and grants a license to kill. Sazo cited various incidents of abuse of the Act by the security forces over the years. He urged for a humanitarian approach rather than the use of force through AFSPA for lasting peace. He suggested Chief Minister, Rio to call upon the Chief Ministers of the North Eastern states to come together and urge the central government to repeal the Act from the region. He also urged the MPs from Nagaland to do same with their counterpart MPs from the region.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu advocated for a final solution through trust and understanding rather than the use of force. He stated that the purpose of the UDA Government should not be defeated and that more effort should be given at the juncture. Kronu opined that it is the right time to make the leaders at the Centre to understand the reality.

Leader, NPFLP, T. R. Zeliang taking part in the discussion, stated that no amount of reason can justify the killing of innocent civilians. He said that for a lasting peace in the region, AFSPA needs to be repealed. Stating that justice delayed is justice denied, Zeliang called for justice to be delivered on time. The former Chief Minister lamented at the absence of a State Human Rights Commission and to which, he urged that necessary actions be initiated and the Commission be set up at the earliest.

Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along while participating in the one-day special discussion on the AFSPA 1958, said that the Oting incident has brought back memories of atrocities meted out to our people through the draconian Act. He said there is no space for such kind of act in a democratic country like India. He strongly condemned the act and appealed for its revocation not only in Nagaland but also in the whole North Eastern region of India.



MLA, Yitachu said the basic fundamental rights including the essence of life are being denied with the existence of AFSPA. He said the Act has no place in a democratic and civilised country. The special provision for Nagaland enshrined in the Constitution of India becomes meaningless because of this very Act. He also vehemently condemned the Act and urged for its revocation.

Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and Taxes, Pukhayi said that the law is undue to the North Eastern people of India. He said as long as the Act is in existence, there is no certainty that similar incident would not happen anywhere in Nagaland.

MLA, C. L. John while deliberating on the issue said that the Act should not go hand in hand with democracy in a country like India. He said any prospering country cannot afford to give a step motherly treatment to its citizens. John strongly condemned the incident at Oting under Mon district and appealed to the Government for immediate revocation of the Act. He strongly appealed to the Central Government that intelligence failure and mistaken identity should not be an excuse. Instead, he asked the Central Government to ascertain the case before making any statement.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio in his concluding remark on the one-day special discussion on the Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958, said AFSPA had its origin in the Naga Political Issue, and the armed insurrection that followed. It was enacted by Parliament in 1958 in order to give the Indian Security Forces certain special powers to deal with Naga armed insurgency; and it was in force only in the then Naga Hills District of Assam. Later on, one by one, it spread to other North Eastern States. At present, it is still in force in Nagaland State, Assam, Manipur (excluding Imphal Municipal Area), and the Naga inhabited districts of Arunachal Pradesh, namely, Changlang, Longding and Tirap. It is also in force in some areas of Arunachal Pradesh, bordering Assam. Outside the North East, it is in force in Jammu & Kashmir since 1990.

In order to deal with the situation, the then Assam Government imposed the Assam

Maintenance of Public Order Act 1953 in the Naga Hills District, and intensified police actions. As the situation became worse, the Assam Government started deploying the Assam Rifles in the Naga Hills, and enacted the Assam Disturbed Areas Act, 1955, arming the State Armed Police and the Assam Rifles with certain special powers to deal with Naga insurgency, but as the State Armed Police and Assam Rifles could not contain the insurgency situation, the Government of India promulgated the Armed Forces (Assam & Manipur) Special Powers Ordinance in 1958, which was subsequently converted into an act by Parliament in the same year. This Act has been generally referred to as AFSPA since then.

There have been many instances of misuse or abuse of the provisions of the AFSPA at the hands of the Security Forces while carrying out their operations in Nagaland and other parts of the NE States, particularly in Manipur and Assam. The latest instance of such abuse being the killing of 14 innocent civilians at Oting and Mon on the 4th and 5th of December 2021 in Nagaland State.

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly is the democratically elected representatives of the people, Rio said the August House must sound the desire of the people. The desire of the people is to repeal this undemocratic and draconian law. Therefore, he urged all the Members of the House to unite in one voice and send out a clear and loud message to the world that Nagas do not want to see this Act anymore. We also need true peace to realise lasting political solution. Impediments like the AFSPA must be removed so that hurdles which are in the way for lasting peace are removed. Removing AFSPA will also contribute towards confidence building, strengthening trust and removing the feeling of alienation in the people's mind.

Nagas have made significant contributions towards the nation building process and our people, especially the youth, are keen to continue making efforts to strengthen the foundations of the country. Therefore, it is all the more crucial to make every effort to build confidence and trust and remove the negative impediments.



Ex-gratia and employment to the next of kin of the deceased families have been assured by the Central Government. However, in case the families of the deceased prefer a job in the State Government, we are ready to give grade III or grade IV as per their qualifications. Medical expenditure for all the injured will be borne by the State, Rio said

Rio appealed to the citizens of Mon district

and its civil societies to extend cooperation to the Government and its agencies in our collective efforts to restore normalcy in the interest of all the citizens. The House appreciated and supported the demand of the citizens and civil society in their demand for justice, while appealing to all sections to follow democratic norms in our collective endeavour towards realisation of justice.

NLA PASSES RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed during the 10th Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative assembly:

1. The Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) vehemently condemns the massacre that took place in Oting-Tiru Village area in Mon district on 4th December 2021 in the indiscriminate firing by the 21 Para Special Forces of the Indian Army in which 13 innocent people were killed, followed by killing of one innocent person by security forces at Mon town on 5th December 2021, and injuring of 35 persons during the incidents.
2. The House calls for an apology from the appropriate authority, along with an assurance that justice will be delivered by applying the laws of the land upon those who perpetrated the inhuman massacre and upon those who are responsible for the incident.
3. The House appeals to the citizens of Mon district, its civil societies, the citizens of the State and mass based organisations to extend cooperation to the Government and its agencies in our collective efforts to

demand justice, and to restore normalcy in the interest of all the citizens. The House appreciates and supports citizens and civil society organizations in their demand for repealing of AFSPA and delivery of justice, while appealing to all sections to follow democratic norms and non-violence in our collective endeavour towards realisation of peace and delivery of justice.

4. The Naga people have been crying for peace and an early solution for the long pending Naga Political Issue. It is of paramount importance that the people's voice is heard and respected. The House, therefore, once again appeals to the negotiating parties of the Indo-Naga political dialogue to bring the talks to its logical conclusion by reaching a settlement that is honourable and inclusive at the earliest.
5. The NLA unanimously resolves to demand that the Government of India repeal the AFSPA 1958 from the North East, and specifically from Nagaland, so as to strengthen the ongoing efforts to find a peaceful political settlement to the Naga Political Issue.



KIPHIRE DWSM COMMITTEE MEETING CONDUCTED

The Kiphire District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Committee conducted a meeting to review various activities under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) on 30th November 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Conference Hall, Kiphire.

Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Er. Akokba Sair, while highlighting the JJM activities stated that the main target of the project is to provide every rural household, schools, Panchayat, health centres and Angawadi centres with drinking water supply in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis at affordable service delivery charges, which can lead to improvement in living

standards of rural communities.

Akokba also briefed on the JJM schemes - implemented/ongoing works, Village Action Plan and District Action Plan (DAP), third party verification team activities and Implementation Support Agency (ISA).

Chairing the programme, DC and Chairman, DWSM, T. Wati Aier said that Kiphire being an Aspirational District, many projects/schemes are being provided from the Centre in various departments, and he urged the members to maintain transparency while implementing the schemes.

The programme was attended by DWSM Members from various departments.

111 BATTALION BSF SATAKHA CELEBRATES RAISING DAY

The 111 Battalion BSF, Satalkha celebrated its 57th Raising Day on 1st December 2021. The celebration commenced on 25th November 2021 and culminated on 1st December 2021. During the week-long celebration, various activities such as games and sports, literary events in schools, plantation drives and exhibition of weapons and equipments

were conducted.

The culmination programme included various cultural items, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the force and was followed by traditional feast during which Ex-CAPF, families of BSF martyrs, civil dignitaries were invited, and all the battalion personnel participated.

BASIC TRAINING ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT HELD AT WOKHA



Officials of Public Health Engineering Department, Wokha with participants during the training on skill development held at Wokha on 2nd December 2021.

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Wokha Division organised a one day training

on skill development for villagers under Jal Jeevan Mission support activity on 2nd December 2021.

Executive Engineer, PHED Wokha, Er. Imnazulu Ao said the training was organized to equip the stakeholders on various related trades so as to ensure the sustainability of water supply infrastructure. He urged the stakeholders to take proper responsibility of the operation and maintenance of water supply infrastructure once the projects are completed and handed over to them. Theoretical and

practical session on the use of equipments and tools on four trades, namely - plumbing, masonry, electrician, welding and training on water testing kit were imparted by skilled master trainers during the workshop.

The same programme was also conducted at Bhandari Sub-Division which was conducted under the leadership of SDO PHED, Bhandari, Er. K. Hukato.

SENSITIZATION ON NEP - THE LIGHTHOUSE (NECTAR) HELD AT NOKLAK



Deputy Project Director, Avelu Ruho speaking on the Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR) at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Noklak on 2nd December 2021.

District level awareness and sensitization on Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources (NECTAR)) was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Noklak on 2nd December 2021.

Elucidating on NEP, Deputy Project Director, NEP - The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Avelu Ruho stated that with the support from World Bank, the Department of School Education launched the 'NEP - The Lighthouse (NECTAR),' with the aim to improve and enhance quality and learning outcome of government schools in Nagaland. NEP - The Lighthouse is a project that will breathe new life into the education system of the State, providing greater opportunity for students and teachers to realise their potential, she added.

Avelu Ruho mentioned that through this initiative, the State Government is committed to prioritise and focus its efforts on addressing three

precisely targeted problems within a fixed project duration: enhance the governance of schools across the State, improvement in teaching practices and enhancing of overall learning environment. She also elaborated on the key components of NEP - The Lighthouse as improving system and school management, enhancing teaching and learning environment and technical assistance. She urged upon the community to take ownership and take responsibility for the successful implementation of the project in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said Noklak district has many challenges in the education sector which needs to be apprised to the higher ups. Stating that education is the driving force for all development, Hiazu Meru stressed on the need to have Science and Commerce stream in the district since due to economic problems many students cannot go outside the district to study these subjects.

CHECK POST AT KIPHIRE TO CHECK VACCINE CERTIFICATE

The Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 has decided to erect Check Post at Longmatra, Yangzitong and Anatonger to check vaccine certificate. The decision was taken at the DTF meeting conducted on 2nd December 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC and Chairman, Kiphire DTF, T. Wati Aier. This will come into force from 6th December 2021.

Kiphire district has the lowest percentage in COVID-19 vaccination in the State. The DTF decided that there will be no entry without vaccine certificate. The DTF decided to impose spot fine of Rs. 200 without mask at schools, colleges, market

place, shopkeepers and travellers.

The DC said that the District Administration and medical team had visited villages, door to door awareness campaign on COVID-19 and importance of COVID-19 vaccine conducted but despite all efforts Kiphire district has the lowest vaccination rate on COVID-19. Therefore, the DC urged the members to put all effort and spread awareness on COVID-19. He said everyone must be ready for the 3rd wave by maintaining all precautionary measures.

CMO and DIO also highlighted the activities carried out in the district and shared strategies for successful implementation of COVID-19 vaccination drive.

PROGRAMME ON e-SHRAM PORTAL SCHEME AT BHANDARI

A programme on awareness of e-Shram Portal for creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW) for optimum realization of their employability and extend the benefits of the social security schemes to them was held at ADC's Conference Hall, Bhandari on 2nd December 2021. Thungbemo Lotha, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Wokha briefed the

gathering about the portal.

Thungbemo Lotha spoke on key objectives, modes of registration, eligibility and documents required for registration and the benefits for unorganised workers registering on e-Shram Portal. He also requested the participants to inform all the unorganised workers to get registered as beneficiaries in the e-Shram Portal before 31st December 2021.

PROGRAMME ON CPD MODULE AND DIARY FOR SCHOOL HEADS HELD

Orientation programme on the pilot project of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Module and Diary for School Heads of Kohima district was held at SIEMAT Hall, State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) on 3rd December 2021.

Director, SCERT, N. Chumchanbeni Kikon advocated continuous professional development for school heads and teachers. She stated that CPD Module and Diary is going to be introduced in the schools for the first time as a pilot project in the country and it will greatly benefit the school heads, teachers and the school as a whole. She emphasized on the role

of school heads as leaders, to bring transformation in one's school. She congratulated the SIEMAT team for initiating and developing this CPD Module and Diary. She also launched the SLA Nagaland SCERT official YouTube channel.

The programme was chaired by Research Associate, Medemmongla Jamir while Research Associate, Thebi Joseph Shupao highlighted on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in reference to National Education Policy 2020. Reader, Benjungdenla Yaden explained in detail the activities in the CPD Module and Diary and the modalities of the project.

WORKSHOP ON STARTING EXPORTS OF AGRI PRODUCTS HELD AT PFUTSERO

A workshop on starting exports of agri products was held at CBCC's Conference Hall, Pfutsero with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo as the special invitee.

In the technical session, a host of topics were discussed by various resource persons: District Export Action Plan by General Manager, DIC Chozuba, Cholzo Sophie; Starting exports and financial assistance schemes under Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) by Senior Consultant, APEDA Guwahati, Dr. Archana Nath; Experience sharing on exports by Nukuzo Phesao, Pristine Foods;

Knowledge sharing by Horticulture Extension Assistant Farm, Pfutsero, Chapi Chale; and Support schemes and assistance to entrepreneurs by Shift In-charge Food Processing Industries Cell, Mhasi Phizo Khezhi.

In the inaugural session, welcome address was given by General Manager, DIC Chozuba, Cholzo Sophie, keynote address by Deputy Director, Industries & Commerce, Yawelie Noudi and vote of thanks was said by Inspector of Industries, Kezhaletuo Khrumo. The moderators for the technical session were Wekhrope Alamo and Veswuvo Phesao.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 7th December 2021 under the chairmanship of ADC, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS.

The meeting began with a minute of silence to pay homage to the victims of Oting village, Mon. The departments of the district were asked to write to the Deputy Commissioner's office to survey all the government land and plots and submit to Land Record & Survey Office in order to come out with proper mapping of the departmental lands for future references.

The District Aids Prevention and Control Unit, Tuensang also came out with an agenda proposing for the inter-departmental consultative meeting on awareness campaign for HIV prevalence in the district.

PowerPoint on implementation of projects and schemes in its blocks and departmental functioning in the district was presented by DRDA, Tuensang. ADC, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma encouraged the line departments to work in convergence while implementing Gram Panchayats development plan to successfully execute the developmental plans in the villages.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS**LONGLENG:**

In view of 16 days of activism against

gender based violence, a walk was organised at Longleng town on 7th December 2021 by the District



A walkathon was held to create awareness on the need to end violence against women at Longleng town on 7th December 2021.

Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra - District Level Centre for Women in collaboration with Phomla Hoichem (Phom apex women body).

Speaking on the occasion the President, Phomla Hoichem, Chuimei Phom encouraged the gathering to organise such programme to give platform to show support, strength and stand against any form of violence towards women and girl child in the society.

The walk began from Lempong and culminated at Aboi Junction. Women from different churches, ward presidents, youth representatives from various organizations and District Administration headed by SDO (Civil), Longleng participated in the walk.

PEREN:

The 16 day activism against gender based violence on the theme 'End Violence Against Women Now' along with United Nations culminated at Peren Town Hall on 10th December 2021.

The activism was organised and launched by the District Administration, Sakhi - One Stop Centre, Mahila Shakti Kendra in collaboration with Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana in Peren.

WOKHA:

Culmination programme of 16 day activism against gender based violence was celebrated on the occasion of Human Rights Day on the theme

'End Violence Against Women Now' at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 10th December 2021.

SDO (C), Wokha, Selemela S. Sangtam said during the activism, volunteers from DLCW-MSK and Sakhi - One Stop Centre conducted door to door campaign to spread awareness to end violence against women. She encouraged womenfolk to voice out their rights in order to bring about gender equality, and continue working to bring positive change for women.

During the programme Medical Officer, Nyiro, Dr. Wonchibeni T. Murry urged women to raise their voice in unity so that violence can be eliminated and also to report on time regarding their health issues and grievances so that problems can be addressed early.

Panel Lawyer, Wokha DLSA, Advocate W. Gracy Ezung highlighted the various rights of women. Short speeches were also delivered by District Skill Development Officer, Wokha for Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship under the initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Anuranjan Singh, representatives from Lotha Eloehoho, Central Administrator Sakhi - One Stop Centre, Renthunglo Kikon and Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Wokha Branch, Dr. Zumomo Ovung.



Human Rights Day with the theme 'End Violence Against Women Now' was observed at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 10th December 2021.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th December 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren. The meeting was chaired by DC and Vice-Chairman, Peren DPDB, Sentiwapang Aier.

While reviewing the last meeting minutes, the DC reminded the district office heads to submit the accurate Sustainable Development Goals data within one week. The Board also reviewed the agenda for setting up of a Public Park at New Peren Headquarter, wherein the Board after deliberation decided to approve and put it forward for necessary action.

During the meeting, Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Peren said the school building was established in the year 1947 and is in dilapidated condition. She has submitted the agenda for renovation of classrooms and

construction of additional three to four rooms for science laboratory. After taking views and suggestions, the Board agreed to endorse the proposal and further directed the Principal to prepare necessary and relevant documents in support of the proposal.

The Board also approved the proposal for registration of Mithun Society, Tening village, which was forwarded by ADC, Tening.

DC, Peren shared concern in regard to the low coverage of vaccination drive in the district. He said that assistance from the district heads and stakeholders are required in order to ensure 100% successful vaccination drives.

Discussion in regard to strict monitoring of vaccination card at check gates, village adoptions where vaccination coverage is low was also held in the meeting.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB HOLDS MEETING

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo addressing the monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 8th December 2021.

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

In an issue raised by one of the members, the Board discussed that unlike many other sub-

divisions of other districts, sub-divisions under Zunheboto are yet to have a fire and emergency services station in its jurisdictions. The Board acknowledging the importance asked the concerned officials to notify and update the details in the next board meeting. The DC lauded the efforts of Public Works Department in improving some key

routes under their jurisdictions connecting Zunheboto to other districts and also appealed to the Heads of Offices to continue to do so in various other possible ways.

The members thoroughly discussed the district not having proper uniformity in its inter and intra district taxi fare, it concluded with the decision

of following the rates which were agreed during the meeting held in the month of March 2021. The concerned administrative heads were also informed to properly monitor whether the rates are being followed. The Board also decided to monitor through proper channel, the legality, rates and quality of LPG and fuel depots in the district.

DC KOHIMA INFORMS ON FIREWORKS

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawieli informed all concerned that bursting of fireworks in 'Silence Zones' that is, an area of at least 100 metres away from hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district healthcare centres, education institutions, courts and religious places is strictly prohibited

The order also added that only crackers with reduced emission (improved crackers) and green crackers will be permitted to be sold through licensed traders and used. The manufacture, sale and use of fire-crackers generating noise level exceeding 125 Db or 145 Db at 4 metres distance from the point of bursting shall be prohibited and the manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) have been banned as the same causes air, noise and solid waste problems.

Fireworks containing barium salts are also banned.

On festival days like Diwali, Gurupurab, etc. when fireworks generally are used, the same will be allowed strictly till 10:00 PM only and not beyond. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, when such fireworks start around midnight i.e., 12:00 AM, it would be permitted from 11:55 PM till 12:30 AM only.

DC also informed that as per the Supreme Court directives, though there is no total ban on use of firecrackers, the general public, however, are advised to refrain from and minimize the usage of the same.

The Order have been issued for strict compliance by all concerned to take note of the above directives and ensure strict adherence to the same and the defaulters are liable to be penalized under relevant sections of the law.

INFORMATION EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION (IEC) AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN MON DISTRICT

Turning Point Organisation which was empanelled by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Mon Division as Implementing Support Agency (ISA) to facilitate constitution of Gram Panchayat i.e. Village Council/ WATSAN Committee, etc. carried out Information, Education & Communication awareness campaign as Jal Jeevan Mission Support Activity starting from 30th November 2021 in 30 villages under Mon district where JJM is being implemented and also in villages where the scheme is currently ongoing.

During the course of the campaign with the Village Council, WATSAN committee, GBs, Asha and Anganwadi workers, church bodies, students, etc., it was highlighted by ISA that in order to implement JJM in their concerned villages for water

supply in adequate quantity on regular and sustainable basis to households and also to provide piped connection to Anganwadi centres, schools, health centres and community hall, the villagers should actively participate in implementation of JJM schemes and contribute 5% in the form of labour/kind/cash which is pre-requisite for implementation of JJM schemes, to have at least five women representative in WATSAN committee for water quality monitoring and surveillance and also to levy water user fee/charge for sustainable Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the scheme in future and also reiterated that every new household constructed should have its own latrine and open defecation to be totally prohibited in the village and every household should manage grey water from



kitchen and toilet for safe disposal and not to allow it to remain stagnant, which is hazardous and unhealthy.

ISA also impressed upon the villagers to pass resolutions to totally ban Single Use Plastic

(SUP), littering and burning of plastics in the village and that community level awareness campaign around the elimination of SUP will be launched and proper management of the plastic waste will be implemented as per the guidelines issued.

AIRGUN SHOOTING COMPETITION AT WOKHA



1st Winter Open Airgun Shooting Competition was held at Wokha on 9th December 2021.

Airgun Sporting Association of Nagaland (ASAN) organized its 1st Winter Open Airgun Shooting Competition at Wokha on 9th December 2021.

Ayamo L. Khuvung was adjudged the winner of the first Airgun Shooting Competition, while M. Nyamo Odyuo and Bankathung got the 2nd and 3rd prizes, respectively. Seven consolation prizes including cash prizes and certificates were also given.

District Forest Officer, Wokha, Suman WM Sivachar, IFS who was the special guest congratulated the ASAN for selecting Wokha as its headquarter and for organizing the competition, and said that Naga youths have the capacity to achieve anything when they focus their mind, and to excel in any event the youth needs to accept the challenges and give more determination and dedication. He encouraged the participants to introspect and take sports as a professional career, and channelize their energy into sporting activities.

While speaking on the conservation of the State's rich flora and fauna, with special reference to fauna, Suman said that Nagas are by default hunters and poachers, so we hunt, but the State legislature

has accepted Wildlife Protection Act 1981, which supersedes Article 371(A) on the Naga's customary laws, and the law has given the Forest Department legal sanctity to protect and preserve the flora and fauna.

DFO said that to give a balancing act, the Forest Department educates and create awareness to the people about the importance of preserving the flora and fauna and added that even though Nagaland has very good forest cover, it is diminishing because of mono plantation and human occupation, and added that we depend on forest for our survival but we have to do so in a holistic manner.

SP Wokha, Menang Meren Ao who was the guest of honour said shooting is a very disciplined sports, and expressed his happiness to see many participants from different districts. Founding Member and President, Ajamo Odyuo delivered the welcome address. Brief highlight on the formation of ASAN was delivered by Manenkaba.

District Forest Officer, Wokha, Suman WM Sivachar IFS also launched ASAN's website. 43 participants including from Kohima took part in the

competition. Two minute silence was observed during the programme where officials and

participants wore black arm bands in solidarity with victims of the Oting shooting.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL PHEK



MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu along with other officials during the 50th Anniversary of District Hospital Phek on 10th December 2021.

The 50th Anniversary of District Hospital Phek was celebrated at Phek on 10th December 2021 with Kuzholuzo Nienu, MLA as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuzholuzo said celebration of 50 years is a very significant day where one needs to introspect and retrospect and rededicate for betterment of the people. He warned the people regarding the epidemic of COVID-19 and to take preventive measures. He thanked the faculty members for their tireless efforts.

MLA, Kezhienyi Khalo appreciated the staff and requested them to continue giving their best in serving the people.

A short speech was given by Phek, Deputy Commissioner, Razouvolie Dozo. The function was chaired by CMO Phek, Dr. Khriezotuo Paphino. Invocation prayer was pronounced by ANS DHP, Lodino Yoho. Welcome address was given by MS, District Hospital Phek, Dr. Avile Zao. Special Song was presented by Golden Jubilee Choir DHP. A brief history of District Hospital Phek was given by SMO, Dr. Ngopelo Keviechu.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HIV, TB AND BLOOD DONATION

The 2nd phase campaign on New India @75 - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was virtually launched on 12th October 2021 at the national level organized by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India which were planned to conduct awareness campaign on the three themes namely: HIV, TB and Blood Donation with the objectives to disseminate information regarding HIV/TB prevention and services, developing an understanding about the infection and to reduce stigma and discrimination against People Living with HIV/AIDS and TB, and also to encourage blood donation within the youths.

The District Committee under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS and CMO, Dimapur, Dr.

I. Moatemjen as the Member Secretary launched the 2nd phase campaign at the district level. The 2nd phase awareness campaign was conducted during the month of October and November which was spearheaded by District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit (DAPCU) and District Tuberculosis Officer, Dimapur and conducted awareness camps on HIV, TB and Blood Donation in various schools and colleges within Dimapur district.

Altogether 7 RRC colleges namely Dimapur Government College, Golden Crown College, St. John College, Mt. Mary College, Eastern Christian College, Patkai Christian College and Government Polytechnic College Seithekema 'C', and the following six schools i.e. Government Higher Secondary School Purana Bazar, Government High

School Thahekhu Government High School Lingrijan, Government High School Burma Camp, Government Higher Secondary School Medziphema and Government Higher Secondary School Diphupar were covered under the 2nd phase of the awareness campaign. The campaign also included competitions on the three themes i.e. HIV, TB and Blood Donation for the schools and colleges. In the school category the competition were on 'Paint Your Thought' (face painting/ mask painting) and 'Voice Your Thought' (spoken word competition), and in the college level the competition were on 'Publicize Your Thought' (poster making) and 'Film

Your Thought' (short video/ documentary). Altogether 545 youths and 567 adolescence were sensitized on HIV, TB and Blood Donation in the entire 2nd phase campaign.

After all the entries were received, the screening committee which comprised of Deputy CMO, and DPO, DAPCU Dimapur screened and judged the entries received from the students under the three themes. After the committee screened the entries, the result of the competition was declared on 10th December 2021 with CMO and EAC (Development), Dimapur who felicitated the winners.

PHEK DPDB MEETING-CUM-PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION HELD



Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu speaking during the Phek District Planning & Development Board meeting - cum - Pre-Christmas celebration held at Kiwi Farm House, Laka Thuvopisu, Phek on 14th December 2021.

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-Pre-Christmas celebration was held on 14th December 2021 at Kiwi Farm House, Laka Thuvopisu, Phek. The meeting was chaired by Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman, Phek DPDB, Neiba Kronu.

Addressing the meeting, Kronu urged the gathering to retrospect oneself to progress and for the betterment of the society. Other speakers included MLA, Kezhienyi Khalo, MLA Yitachu and Principal Phek Government College, Dr. Vizovol Mekro. Special songs were presented by Tekheweu-u Lasuh and Cheweku Rhakho and friends.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING-CUM-PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu addressing the Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board-cum-Pre-Christmas celebration at the DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 16th December 2021.

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB)-cum-Pre-Christmas celebration was held with SDPDB Chairman and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu as the chief guest at the DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 16th December 2021.

In the meeting, Swu urged all the Village Chairmen to beautify and develop their areas during their chairmanship. He informed that more tree saplings will be planted in all the 24 villages with the help of officers in the month of April 2022. On Pughoboto's district demand, the MLA urged the people to reflect for the upliftment of the areas and also introspect their forefather's contribution in nationalism, migration and religion. Swu said he would continue to give his best for the people as the representative of the area, and he called upon them to contribute positive thinking and also not to miss the bus for creation of Pughoboto district.

Pughoboto district demand memorandum booklet copy was also handed over to all the Village Council Chairmen (VCC) in the meeting.

ADC Thungchanbemo Tungoe informed the VCC to play their role with positive mindset for a healthy and prosperous environment.

SAH President, Inavi Swu highlighted on the need to establish a State Bank of India office in Pughoboto. Appreciating the MLA and ADC for taking special meeting with the VCC and grassroot level workers, he urged the Chairmen to know more about the government developmental activities and requested them to co-operate with each other.

The people gathered also observed two minute silence in remembrance of the 14 innocent civilians killed at Oting village and apprised the Government to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board held its monthly meeting on 17th December 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan

K, IAS.

The meeting began with five minutes of silence in honour of the 14 innocent civilians who lost their lives during the 4th & 5th December 2021



In honour of the 14 innocent civilians who lost their lives at Oting and Mon town, the Mon District Planning & Development Board members observing five minutes of silence, at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 17th December 2021.

incident at Oting and Mon town.

A proposal for the registration of Fienau

Welfare Society at Chen town was accepted and forwarded to the concerned authority.

ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD



Officials and representatives of villages and schools which were awarded with Tobacco Free Certificates at Zunheboto on 17th December 2021.

The 3rd quarterly Zunheboto District Level Coordination Committee meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) residence, Zunheboto on 17th December 2021.

During the meeting, Tobacco Free Certificates were awarded by the DC to Natha Old

and Lizu Naghuto village and Tobacco Free School Certificate was given to Sunbeam School. The programme was chaired by District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Dr. Easter Chophy Ngullie and a speech was delivered by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING-CUM-ADVENT CHRISTMAS HELD

The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 17th December 2021 at Eco Camp, Suteplenden Longkong village.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical) and Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Tongpang Ozukum. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Limawapang Jamir welcomed all the members to the meeting and one minute silence was

observed in respect for the victims of Oting firing at Mon.

In the meeting, the Board reviewed the last DPDB meeting minutes. The agenda discussed during the DPDB meeting were - Approval of translated documents of Village Council Act, the Board after thorough discussion approved the documents and also gave more time to the committee members for the authentic addition of the documents.

ADC Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj, IAS gave a PowerPoint presentation on Five Year Action Plan for

Aspirational Block, Longchem, over which the Chairman, Tongpang Ozukum suggested the Board that he will have a meeting with the Sub-Divisional Development Board for its approval.

A comprehensive report on Samagra Shiksha, its proposal, implementation and progress of work in Mokokchung district, number of schools, teachers and students in each school under Mokokchung district was presented by the School Education Department through a PowerPoint presentation.

COVID-19 and vaccination report in Mokokchung district was presented by CMO, Chubala Aier, where she stated that in the district 82% were vaccinated.

Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Aotula Imchen highlighted the Board on the problems of cyber crime and social media awareness campaign

on which a short video documentary compiled by the Mokokchung Police was screened during the meeting. It also includes an awareness calendar which was launched in the meeting by the Chairman, Tongpang Ozukum.

A dedicatory-cum-handing over programme of hearse and medical equipments was also held, medical equipments procured under Local Area Development Programme 2021-2022 in respect of Mokokchung district for combating COVID-19. The recently procured equipments were Pediatric Head Gear for Ventilator - 5 nos; Labour Table - 5 nos; ECG Machine 3 channel - 2 nos; Electric Suction Machine - 3 nos; Steam Sterilizer - 3 nos; Vertical Autoclave Machine (medium) - 3 nos; Semi Auto Analyzer - 13 nos; Digital BP Instrument - 75 nos; Digital Thermometer - 75 nos; Weighing Scale - 58 nos; Nebulizer - 18 nos; and Hearse (Force Trax) - 1 nos.

NKIO VILLAGE STUDENTS UNION CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

The Nkio Village Students Union celebrated its Silver Jubilee under the theme, 'Strive for Brighter Future' on 17th December 2021 at GMS Campus, Old Nkio village under Tening Sub-Division with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the special guest.

The Advisor unveiled the Jubilee monolith while dedication was done by Rev. Hairei Pame. The official programme began with an invocation pronounced by Ariebo, Executive Secretary, ZBA (N) Centre Nsong.

Namri Nchang urged the student community to confidently face the challenges that comes their way since they are living in a competitive world. He called upon the members present to embrace peace, harmony and kindness and added that with renewed spirit the people from the village should achieve more success. He said hardwork, dedication and determination are the essence of a successful life and urged the students to strive for excellence for a brighter future.

NATHA NEW STUDENTS UNION GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Natha New Students Union Golden Jubilee Celebration was held at Natha New village on 29th December 2021, under the theme 'Vision towards a greater height' with Director, Information & Public Relations, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema as the chief guest, Rtd. Deputy Director, Youth Resources & Sports, Shihokhe Sumi as the guest of honour, General Secretary JDU, Nagaland, Kitoho S. Rotokha and Pastor SBC, Mokokchung, Kughazhe Zhimomi as speakers.

Tokishe Sema while speaking at the celebration, drew parallels of pupa to butterfly metamorphosis to that of successful person's life

and stated that struggle is a phase of life which every successful person experiences. Tokishe asserted that with knowledge and wisdom we can change the world and bring peace and therefore called upon the students to pursue true knowledge and wisdom. Every person who wants to achieve greatness should have a strong will power, he added. He also quoted Swami Vivekananda's proverb, 'Take up one idea, make that one idea your life; dream of it; think of it; live on that idea. Let the brain, the body, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea. This is the way to success, and this is the way great spiritual giants are produced.'

NEIPHIU RIO INAUGURATES CAPITAL CULTURAL HALL AT KOHIMA

Capital Cultural Hall was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio on 1st December 2021 at Kohima.

Speaking as the special guest, Neiphiu Rio stated that the proposal for the construction of the building was initiated since he took over as Chief Minister of the State, adding that it has been a long way for the completion of this kind of world class building as funding was not available. He also reminded that few years ago, Nagaland State was rated as 'Worst City for Habitation' since there were no good facilities for tourists coming to the State, and he shared his hope that this would become the pride of the State, utilising all the potentials for large gatherings of church conventions, public functions and for the people.

Highlighting the technical report, CEO, Kohima Smart City Development Ltd. Er. K. Theünuo said that the Hall has been constructed with a seating capacity of 1800, exhibition halls, conference hall with 150 seating capacity, restaurant with pantry, dedicated basement parking facility for 40 cars and many other facilities.

The special guest also unveiled a monolith. The programme was chaired by Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs and State Mission Director, SCM, I. Himato Zhimomi, short speech was delivered by Advisor, Urban Development Ltd. Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and invocation prayer was offered by Pastor, Union Baptist Church Kohima, Rev. Dr. Rachülie Vihienuo.

'DIPR NAGALAND' MOBILE APP LAUNCHED



Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha launching the 'DIPR NAGALAND' Mobile App at the Media Facilitation Centre, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2021.

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Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2021.

Calling the launching of the 'DIPR NAGALAND' Mobile App 'the way forward,' Abu

Metha said that the Department of Information & Public Relations is one of the first departments in the Government of Nagaland to have a mobile app on Android and iOS platform. Congratulating the Department for looking ahead, being progressive and using technology to the maximum, he said that the mobile app is much needed in today's fast moving world of information and technology. He called for more ways to continue developing and updating the app, and to find sustainable ways and plans to manage the app. He said that the State Government and the people of the State will benefit from the features of the app, adding that

information about the State Government, various programmes, schemes, and policies will reach far corners of the globe through this app.

Zhalhouvi-e Nagi, Business Development Manager, Excellogics Tech Solutions delivered a brief overview of the 'DIPR NAGALAND' Mobile App, which is a one stop information platform for all official news in Nagaland.

The programme was chaired by Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema, and was attended by DIPR officials and a host of media persons. The 'DIPR NAGALAND' mobile app was developed by Excellogics Tech Solutions, and can be downloaded from Google Play Store and iOS App Store.

NEMIS AND THE e-CLASSROOM PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY K. T. SUKHALU

Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu virtually launched the Nagaland Education Management & Information System (NEMIS) developed by the Department of School Education and the e-Classroom Program under ICT & Digital Initiatives implemented by the Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland on 2nd December 2021 from the NECTOR Conference Hall, Directorate of School Education.

K.T. Sukhalu congratulated the Department of School Education for developing the NEMIS which can play a major role in ensuring quality education to all children across the State particularly to those from the rural areas. He expressed happiness for developing a mechanism for tracking the development of children.

K.T. Sukhalu further stated that students, particularly those studying in Government Schools have faced many challenges during the pandemic time to access the online education classes due to various factors and thanked the Ministry of Education, Government of India for sanctioning the e-Classroom program which can help the students, teachers and the Department in addressing the challenges related to the accessibility of online education. He asked teachers and officials to make best use of the facilities provided so that students studying at Government Schools can update themselves with the help of the latest technical developments.

Shanavas C, IAS, Principal Director, School Education chaired the programme and gave brief description of the NEMIS and the e-Classroom Program. The programme was attended by Kevileno Angami, Special Secretary, School Education; Temsunaro Aier, Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha; Asano Sekhose, Chairman, NBSE and officials from the Department.

The Nagaland Education Management & Information System (NEMIS): The NEMIS Portal is developed by the DoSE for monitoring functioning of both Government and Private Schools functioning in the State. It has the following functions - Information of School Ownership & Management; Information of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff; Online Admission Register; Class wise Students Information; Results; Health Record; Transfer Certificate and Child Tracking.

The NEMIS is made in such a way that it can be modified and more features can be added in future as per the needs of the Department.

The e-Classroom Program: The concept of e-Classroom has been introduced in the State even before the onset of the pandemic. During 2020-21, the Ministry of School Education & Literacy, Government of India has approved the use of e-Classroom for 191 Elementary Schools (Classes 6 to 8) and 282 Secondary Schools (Classes 9 to 12) in the State. One of the main purposes for providing

e-Classroom is to enable the students to cope up with their interrupted learning due to lockdown.

The e-contents of each lesson class-wise have been developed according to the SCERT/NBSE curriculum. The pre-loaded video lessons are embedded in pen drives and shall be transacted through Smart TVs. The e-content modules are incorporated with 2D, 3D animations, videos and illustrations to make lessons easier,

engaging and more interactive. The lessons can be updated according to changes in the curriculum. Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland has partnered with Bright Tutee for e-content development.

The ICT e-Classroom program will help the students understand their lesson/concepts better, develop more innovative ideas, queries and solutions to broaden their domain of knowledge and achieve academic excellence.

PUKHAYI LAUNCHES EDAAKHIL PORTAL FOR THE STATE OF NAGALAND

The eDaakhil portal for the State of Nagaland was launched on 2nd December 2021 at NIC Nagaland State Centre Video Conference Hall by the Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS), Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LM&CP), Pukhayi Sumi.

Pukhayi thanked the NIC for developing the consumer centric service and the NIC Delhi team for coming to the State for the launching programme. He said traders often exploit the consumers hence this programme/service is essential and necessary to protect the entire consumers of the country. He expressed happiness to the Government of India under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for the programme and initiating several citizen centric services across the country.

President NVCO and Manager, Nagaland State Consumer Helpline, Advocate, Kezhokhoto

Savi explained the functioning of the State Consumer Affairs and consumer's rights. He requested the State Government to implement the Consumer Protection Act 2019 at the earliest for the benefit of the citizens of the State.

Amaranatha Mishra, DDG & HOG, Consumer Affairs gave a brief outline of the project through virtual mode. Ravindra Kumar, Scientist and HoD Consumer Affairs, NIC Headquarter New Delhi gave a presentation and a short clip on the eDaakhil portal.

Commissioner & Secretary, F&CS, LM & CP, Chubasangla Anar, IAS along with the officers of the department, the Director of LM & CPD, the Registrar of State Commission along with State NIC officials attended the launching programme. All the District Consumer foras and DIOs of NIC Nagaland participated in the programme through virtual mode.

DC WOKHA INAUGURATES ZILA SAINIK REST HOUSE

Deputy Commissioner and President, Zila Sainik Board, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha inaugurated the newly constructed Rest House of Zila Sainik on 4th December 2021.

Inaugurating the new rest house, the DC encouraged the ex-servicemen community to continue contributing and keep serving for the cause of the society. While congratulating the Board for having a new rest house, he urged them to use it with a sense of responsibility and judiciously.

Welfare Officer, Zila Sainik Board, Wokha,

Captain (Retd.) Seikholen Thomsong, expressed gratitude to all individuals concerned, land owners, Ex-Servicemen Association and to the DC and President, Zila Sainik Board, Wokha for the support extended in successfully completing the construction of the rest house.

The Ex-Servicemen Association informed that they have already submitted a proposal to the Major General, SM IGAR (N) Camp, Kohima for construction of War Memorial at Wokha in memory of the 1971 Battle of Dharamdan, Bangladesh, and awaiting approval from higher authority for





Deputy Commissioner and President, Zila Sainik Board (ZSB), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha with Welfare Officer ZSB and ex-servicemen during the inauguration of the newly constructed Rest House of Zila Sainik on 4th December 2021.

construction of the same. The Association requested the Deputy Commissioner to extend logistic support.

The new rest house is located near Public

Ground, Wokha under Tsumang 'B' colony. Chairman of the colony who also gave a short speech assured to extend all possible support for the welfare of the ex-servicemen community.

CM INAUGURATES SOIL TESTING LAB AT SECHÜ



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking during the inauguration of the Soil Testing Laboratory at Soil Water Conservation Research & Training Centre, Sechü, Kohima on 7th December 2021.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Soil Testing Laboratory (R&D) at Soil Water Conservation Research & Training Centre, Sechü, Kohima on 7th December 2021.

Rio stated that Soil Testing Laboratory is an important and basic requirement for soil health and management. He said that the new laboratory is a

step towards modernization and self-sufficiency in food production. He said land and water are the most valuable resources and human existence depends on them. The Chief Minister added that there is a need to devise methods to use the resources judiciously. He urged the farmers to use modern technology and be progressive farmers. He

also stressed on the need to use technology to achieve self-sufficiency. Rio expressed his happiness at various progress and development among farmers and their use of technology.

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining and NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam, speaking at the inaugural programme highlighted the activities and projects undertaken by the Department of Soil & Water Conservation while also giving a brief history of the Department. He said that the Department is currently working towards setting up of mini soil testing laboratories in all the 74 blocks in the State. He further shed light on the importance of the soil testing laboratories and how it was helping the farmers in the State. Sangtam also said that the laboratories will benefit not just the farming community in the State but also other State departments who are in the construction sector and

also students and research scholars who can utilize the laboratories for their research and for conducting practicals. In conclusion, he emphasized on the need for everyone to be aware of the importance of soil health and encouraged all to actively participate in keeping the soil alive.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y Kikheto Sema, IAS gave the keynote address while the technical report was shared by the State Nodal Officer, Soil Health Management & Additional Director, K Khekiho Shohe. Executive Director/CEO, Octopus Inc, Omesh Boni delivered the commissioning report.

The programme was chaired by Commissioner & Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, K Libanthung Lotha, IAS while Director, Soil & Water Conservation delivered the vote of thanks.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (EDC) LAUNCHED AT GHSS KIPHIRE

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T Wati Aier inaugurated the Entrepreneurship Development Centre at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Kiphire in the presence of Joint Director, Industries & Commerce, Youth Net Kohima, DEO and the staff of GHSS Kiphire on 7th December 2021.

Aier in his speech encouraged the students to make best use of the centre and to set education as the first priority in their life. He stated that skill development is a process of identification of the skill gap in youth and providing training and employment benefits to them. He expressed hope that EDC will benefit the students as well as the unemployed people and requested them to use the centre wisely even in the days to come.

Joint Director, Industries & Commerce, Lipongse Sangtam lamented that the people in the State does not know what entrepreneurship is about.

He added that many people only want to start their business on a large scale and fail. The DC appealed to all the students to take advantage of the EDC and look at the future and to be prepared. He stated that if anyone is interested in online entrepreneurship development course from recognised institutions, they can go for free admission and free course and right after completion of the course, they will be reverted back by the State Government. Sangtam urged all the students to take it as a privilege since the Department will assist them financially in every aspect.

An overview of EDC was given by Youth Net Kohima. The programme was led by S. Imtinaro.

EDC is a hands on entrepreneurship mindset programme which gives participants an opportunity to develop essential mindset and skills through the experience of doing a real business.

ICMR DRONE RESOURCE AND OUTREACH LAUNCHED AT MOKOKCHUNG

In order to ease the numerous challenges in vaccine delivery, especially in the hilly areas and remote villages, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has taken the initiative in the

implementation of drone resource and outreach in parts of India. Based on suggestions of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and permission granted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil



Aviation, two states and one union territory i.e. Manipur, Nagaland and Andaman & Nicobar Islands were considered for this pilot study.

In this pilot project for studying the feasibility of the drone technology in delivery of medical supplies, two districts in Nagaland i.e. Mokokchung and Tuensang were chosen.

The formal launch of the i-Drone activity in Mokokchung was held on 14th December 2021 from Chief Medical Officer's Office to Primary Health

Centre (PHC) Longsa village in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and Deputy CMO, Mokokchung.

Normally, it takes more than one hour to reach Longsa village from Mokokchung town, to cover a distance of almost 30 Km, which may increase during monsoon due to bad road condition. With the drone, it will only take 8 minutes to reach PHC Longsa from Mokokchung town to cover an aerial distance of 11.5 Km.

CM LAUNCHES ONLINE ILP MODULE



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launching the online ILP module portal at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 16th December 2021.

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Rio stated that the module for online issue of ILPs for tourists was made operational in November 2019. He said the new module will cover other categories such as businessmen, traders, labourers, priests, students and expand online services. He added that it is part of the Government's effort for making public services available in a more efficient and user-friendly manner.

The Chief Minister said that ILP is a tool to protect the indigenous people of Nagaland and is enforced under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 and was also agreed as part of the 16-Point Agreement that led to the formation of the State. Similar provisions are also available in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Manipur. He

added that with strict timelines and monitoring, it should be possible to see that the approval process is not abused and the ILP applicants are also happy.

Rio said online ILP would enable authorities to capture all data of visitors to the State, analyse it and help in planning better for various facilities. He advocated more government services online so that the public can avail services through their computers, mobile devices or through Computer Service Centres. He also stated that websites should not be only tools for providing information but should provide services online within a short time limit.

Briefing on the online ILP module, Principal Secretary, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said that with the new module, all categories of visitors can now apply online for permits at the comfort of their homes and added that payment for applications can be made

online for all categories. Sinha informed that offline mode will continue for some time and the Government will take a final call on it later.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmholumo Kikon informed that till date, a total of 17,786 online ILP applications

have been received. He said that the new module is easy to use and it can be accessed by everyone. Kikon stated that with the new module in place, the State will be able to check the outflow and inflow of visitors to the State.

One can visit the ILP portal at www.ilp.nagaland.gov.in.

COMMON GRAVEYARD INAUGURATED AT KIPHIRE TOWN

The Common Graveyard was inaugurated at Kiphire town by MLA and Chairman, Kiphire District Planning & Development Board, T. Yangseo Sangtam on 15th December 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Yangseo said the Common Graveyard was completed through the initiative and cooperation of the people of Kiphire town. He mentioned that earlier people faced hardships for burial as there was no road connectivity towards the graveyard. Yangseo urged the people of Kiphire to maintain hygiene and keep the surroundings clean. He thanked all the land donors, resting shed donors and all the

initiators for the successful completion. The certificate of appreciation to the land donors and resting shed donors was handed over by the MLA.

Welcome address was delivered by Chairman, Kiphire Town Wards, Lesithrong while vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary, Common Graveyard, Dr. H. Apise. The programme was hosted by Alison, President Baptist Pastors' Fellowship Kiphire Town and the programme was attended by tribal hohos of USLP, ESH, TTC, Pastors, GBs, Hindu and Muslim communities, and ward leaders.

MEDICAL SUPPLY TRANSPORTED USING DRONE IN TUENSANG

A drone flight pilot project was carried out at Tuensang Parade Ground on 18th December 2021 with the assistance of DEF Tuensang.

The proposed pilot project by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the State Health Authorities was undertaken to test the feasibility of sending COVID-19 samples from Mokokchung to Tuensang since

the District does not have COVID-19 RT-PCR testing facility.

The drone equipped with about 3000 units of medical supplies took about 26 minutes to reach Tuensang from Mokokchung. According to the iDrone project team, over 7000 units of medical supplies have been transported to Nagaland through this project

Y. PATTON INAUGURATES FAIRFILL FUEL STATION AT WOKHA

Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Home and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Government of Nagaland, Y. Patton inaugurated the newly commissioned M/S HP LP, Fairfill Station located at Church Colony, Wokha town on 22nd December 2021.

Patton while speaking during the short programme lauded the proprietor/owner for initiating

such project in the heart of the town and wished them success in their noble venture. Area Sales Manager, Jorhat Sales Area, Sijou Swrjee who was also present during the launching function assured for delivering best services in terms of quality and quantity to the customers. He also wished and encouraged the entire team to give their best service to expand the HP CL (Hindustan





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Petroleum Corporation Limited) network.

Sijou Swrjee (Area Sales Manager) during the verification on the spot said that he is satisfied with all the required necessary arrangements which were done according to the given specifications. HPCL is the first fuel outlet

to be commissioned in Wokha district.

Proprietor M/S HP LP, Fairfill Station, Chumlanthung Patton expressed gratitude to all well-wishers and individual concerned who have extended support and cooperation for the successful commissioning of the project.

HEALTH CARE WITH COFFEE

(A DIPR feature by Kiso, IA, Peren)

Coffee is a brewed drink prepared from roasted coffee beans, the seeds of berries from certain coffee species. From the coffee fruit, the seeds are separated to produce a stable, raw product - unroasted green coffee.

The health benefits from coffee are as follows:

- * Two cups of coffee could cut post-workout muscle pain upto 48%.
- * **Increases fibre intake:** One cup of brewed coffee contributes upto 1.8 gram of fibre.
- * **Protects against liver cirrhosis:** Both coffee and decaffeinated coffee lowers the liver enzyme level.
- * **Lowers type two diabetes:** Daily cup of coffee consumed decreases type two diabetes by 9%.
- * **Lowers Alzheimer's disease:** There is considerable evidence that caffeine may protect against Alzheimer's disease (European Journal of Neurology).
- * **Reduces depression:** Harvard School of Public Health found that women who drink four or more cups of coffee were 20% less likely to suffer from depression.
- * **Protects against Parkinson's disease:** Research in Sweden revealed that drinking coffee reduces risk of Parkinson's even when genetic factors come into play.
- * **Coffee drinkers have less risk of heart disease:** Korean researchers found that participants who consumed three to five cups of coffee in a day were less likely to show signs of disease.
- * **Coffee drinkers have stronger DNA:** European Journal of Nutrition showed that the white blood cells of coffee drinkers had far less instance of spontaneous DNA strand breakage.
- * **Lowers risk of Multiple Sclerosis (MS):** At least four cups of coffee in a day help protect

against the development and reoccurrence of MS.

- * **Reduces colorectal cancer risk:** Even moderate consumption of coffee could reduce the odds of developing colorectal cancer by 26%.
- * **Reduces liver cancer risk:** Researchers at USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Centre found that those who consume one-three cups of coffee in a day have a 29% reduced risk of developing liver cancer.
- * **Less gout risk:** Risk of developing gout in man decreases with increase in coffee consumption.
- * **Prevents retinal damage:** A Cornell University study showed that coffee may prevent retinal damage due to oxidative stress.
- * **Black coffee prevents cavities:** Researchers in Brazil found that strong black coffee kills the bacteria on teeth that lead to tooth decay.
- * **May protect against periodontal disease:** The US Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Longitudinal study has linked coffee consumption to dental health.
- * **Reduces heart attack mortality risk:** Researchers found that those who drink two or more cups of coffee daily after having a heart attack have the least risk of dying from heart attack.
- * **USDA recommends for better health:** The USDA's new 2015 dietary guidelines recommend it for better health.
- * **Helps to get along with co-workers:** The Journal of Psychopharmacology showed that the workers/ work places who consume coffee have a more positive view of self and others.

(Source: Department of Land Resources, Government of Nagaland)



NSBB APPEALS FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

(A DIPR feature)

The survival of human beings and animals, both directly as well as indirectly, depends on biodiversity, as their basic needs in the form of food, water, and shelter are met from biodiversity. In addition to these tangible benefits, biodiversity plays a key role in carbon sequestration, amelioration of environment and climate change.

The Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) was signed by the world leaders in the Earth Summit at the Rio de Janeiro in June 1992 by having realized the importance of biodiversity for survival and development of human beings. Different countries of the world enacted Acts and framed rules for conservation of biodiversity, its sustainable use and equitable distribution of benefits accruing from its use and associated traditional knowledge. In our country, the Biodiversity Act was passed in 2002 and the Biodiversity Rules were framed in 2004 for achieving the aforementioned objectives. The Biodiversity Act had been ratified by the State Legislators and the Nagaland Biodiversity Rules, 2012 had been made for biodiversity conservation.

With the active support of the Forest Department/ District Administration/ Rural Development Department, Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) have been constituted in the State in 1266 villages out of 1285

villages for achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD). The constitution of BMC in remaining villages of the State is under progress.

The content of the Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 is as under:

'No person, who is a citizen of India or a body corporate, association or organisation which is registered in India shall obtain any biological resources for commercial utilisation, or bio-survey and bio-utilisation for commercial utilisation except after giving prior intimation to the State Biodiversity Board concerned.

Provided that the provision of this Section shall not apply to the local people and communities of the area, including growers and cultivators of biodiversity, and *vaid*s and *hakims*, who have been practicing indigenous medicine.' (Prior intimation to State Biodiversity Board for obtaining biological resources for certain purposes)

The Nagaland State Biodiversity Board has appealed to the public, government officials, Village Councils, army and para military personnel, students, NGOs and other stakeholders for protection and conservation of biodiversity. Any applicant, seeking extraction of biological resources for research or commercial purpose may apply to the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board.

(Source: Nagaland State Biodiversity Board)





Drone activity was launched at Mokokchung from Chief Medical Officer's office to Primary Health Centre, Longsa on 14th December 2021.



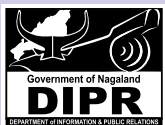
Officials during the launch of the drone flight pilot project at Tuensang Parade Ground on 18th December 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, his wife, Kaisa Rio, his cabinet colleagues and other officials during the launch of the Capital Cultural Hall at Kohima on 1st December 2021.



In honour of the innocent civilians killed at Oting and Mon Headquarter, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, his cabinet colleagues, State Legislators and thousands of citizens attended the funeral service at Helipad Ground, Mon on 6th December 2021.



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