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President of India, Ram Nath Kovind beating the traditional gong during the inaugural function of the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2017.

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Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya, Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS with the newly appointed CIC, SIC and other officials at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 21st December 2017.



Governor, P.B Acharya and CM, T.R. Zeliang along with the newly inducted Cabinet Ministers at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 16th December 2017.

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VOTER VERIFIABLE PAPER AUDIT TRAIL (VVPAT)

(Temjenkaba, IA, DIPR)

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) is an independent system attached with the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) that allows the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.

The VVPAT is attached to the Ballot Unit (BU) of the EVM and both the BU and the VVPAT are placed in the voting compartment. The VVPAT has a small transparent glass window on it. When a voter comes to vote and presses the blue button on the BU to vote for the candidate of his/her choice, the glass window on the VVPAT lights up and a printed paper slip containing the serial number, name of the candidate and election symbol of the candidate is visible to the voter behind the glass window. The voter witnesses all these details on the paper slip and is satisfied that his/her vote has been cast as intended.

The printed paper slip remains visible to the voter through the transparent glass window for seven seconds. After seven seconds, the printed paper slip gets automatically cut and falls into the sealed printed paper slip compartment/drop box of the VVPAT below, followed by a beep sound. Thereafter, the light goes off behind the glass window.

During counting, after the votes have been counted using the Control Unit of EVM and the result sheet is prepared and announced by the Returning Officer (RO), the candidate/election agent/counting agent may apply in writing to the RO to count the printed paper slips accumulated in the drop box of the VVPAT in respect of any polling station (s) giving the reasons for such requests. In such a case, the RO shall, pass a speaking order on whether the counting of paper slips shall be done or not. While deciding the matter, the RO shall give consideration to factors like the total number of votes polled in that polling station and the margin of votes between the winning candidate and the candidate making the application; whether the EVM met with any defect and was replaced during the poll at that polling station or whether there was any complaint about the VVPAT at that polling station during poll. In case the RO decides to allow counting of the printed paper slips of any polling station, the same shall be done and the printed paper slips count shall be considered in the result sheet.

The Election Commission of India has directed that henceforth, VVPAT shall be used with EVMs at all the polling stations in all the future elections to the Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies. The VVPAT is thus going to further enhance the transparency and verifiability in poll process.

(Source: Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland)

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

REVISION OF RATES OF INTEREST ON GPF/CPF/AISPF ETC.

The Government of India recently revised the rates of interest on GPF/CPF/AISPF etc. Consequently, the Governor of Nagaland has revised the rates of interest accruing on GPF/CPF/AISPF etc. as below:

Sl. No.	Period	Rate of Interest
1.	01-04-2017 to 30-06-2017	7.9%
2.	01-07-2017 to 30-09-2017	7.8%

DoSE NOTIFIES ON ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018

The Directorate of School Education, on 6th December 2017, notified the academic calendar 2018 to all government and private schools throughout the State for strict compliance.

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| January | - 16 th - School re-opening for admission in hot region
- 22 nd - School re-opening for hilly region
- 31 st - All admission to be completed |
| February | - Regular classes to resume
- 1 st - VEC/WEC/SMC/SMB meeting
- DEO/DDEO/SDEO/ JEO meeting with heads of government schools
- HSLC/HSSLC examination
- Cl-XI promotion exam |
| March | - 1 st - Parent-Teacher meeting of respective schools
- Admission for Cl-XII
- School Level Sports Week
- District Level GHSS/GHS Tournament in the last week |
| April | - 13 th - Submission of students' enrolment with teachers' particulars to SDEO for Elementary Schools and Secondary Schools to DEOs as on 31 st March to April first week and a copy to SCERT/NBSE/DSE
- State Level GHSS/GHS Tournament |
| May | - Admission for Cl- XI
- May/June 1 st Term Examination for Elementary Mid Term for Secondary Schools |
| June | - 1 st and 2 nd - Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) Entrance Test
- 25 th June to 17 th July - Summer vacation for hilly region |
| July | - 9 th to 31 st - Summer vacation for hot region |
| August | - District Level Science Seminar
- 2 nd - VEC/WEC/SMC/SMB meeting
- Flower Show/Cultural Day/Parents' Day |

September	- Mid Term for Cl-XII
	- 5 th - Teachers' Day
	- State Level Science Seminar
	- District Level Youth Parliament
	- 2 nd Term Examination for Elementary
October	- 22 nd - CEAF Exam
	- Mid Term for Cl-XI
	- Parting Social for Cl-XI & XII Students/Annual Prize distribution
	- State Level Youth Parliament
	- 14 th - Children's Day
November	- National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Exam
	- National Talent Search Exam (NTSE)
	- Primary School Leaving Certificate (PSLC) examination
	- Final examination for Elementary & Cl-IX
	- 1 st and 2 nd - Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) Entrance Test
December	- Coaching/Preparatory classes till 15 th December
	- 1 st to 3 rd week - Declaration of academic result
	- Winter vacation from 21 st December.

Note:

1. Ensure working days in compliance to RTE Act, 2009.
 - i. Class 1 to 5 - 200
 - ii. Class 6 to 8 - 220
2. Split the whole syllabus into three equal sections (Elementary), one section for each Term Exam in the teachers' scheme of works (covering 1-2 lessons) in a week with all academic exercises and class test as per CCE for elementary section.
3. 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month shall be utilized for class tests/co-curricular activities/life skills/social works etc.
4. All general holidays indicated in the State Government Calendar are to be observed as State/ National holidays compulsorily along with three local restricted holidays.
5. Every school is to enforce Code of Professional Ethics for teachers as per NCERT norms.
6. To cope up with the changing world, the schools are directed to develop physical, moral, social, spiritual well-being of the students throughout the academic year.
7. The performance of students in all the three term exams (Elementary) shall be taken together to determine the promotion of the students to the next higher class and the weakest students shall have to repeat the same class in the next academic session.

NBSE REVISES EXISTING TEXTBOOKS OF CLASSES IX & XI

The Nagaland Board of School Education has revised the existing textbooks Cl-IX & XI with the syllabi of all subjects remaining unchanged except for Cl-IX Science, which is based on the NCERT syllabus.

Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose in a notification on 19th December 2017 has stated that this exercise was taken up to accommodate and address the needs of the students through updated information, thereby to promote quality learning.

The new textbooks will be used effective from the academic session 2018. NCERT books for CI-IX Mathematics & Science and CI-XI Physics, Chemistry, Biology & Mathematics shall be used in order to cater to the needs of the students while pursuing science studies. The NCERT books will also be followed in CI-X & XII in a phase manner.

At Secondary Level, Laboratory Manual for Mathematics, Science and an Atlas (Map work book) have been developed for use by the students from the 2018 academic session. By introducing Laboratory Manual, it is hoped that it will support and help the teaching- learning of science and mathematics at the school level. Therefore, all students must possess the manuals and the Atlas.

All registered institutions of the Nagaland Board of School Education have been informed to strictly follow the syllabi and the textbooks prescribed by the Board.

The Heads of registered schools have also been reminded that qualified teachers must be appointed to teach the concerned subjects.

STATE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 6 of the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016, the Government of Nagaland has declared the following establishments as industrial or other establishment, wherein, the employer shall pay to every person employed, their due wages only by cheque or by crediting the wages in his/her bank account.

The list of industrial or other establishments are: (i) Factories (ii) Hotels & Restaurants (iii) Bakeries & Confectionaries (iv) Shopping Malls (v) Print Media (vi) Automobile Workshops & Showrooms (vii) Private Institutions (viii) Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes (ix) Contractors Establishments (x) Petroleum/Diesel Pumps (xi) LPG Agencies (xii) Local Authority.

In another notification, the Government of Nagaland has declared the following establishments as industrial or other establishments for the purpose of the said sub-clause with immediate effect: (i) Factories (ii) Hotels & Restaurants (iii) Bakeries & Confectionaries (iv) Shopping Malls (v) Print Media (vi) Automobile Workshops & Showrooms (vii) Private Institutions (viii) Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes (ix) Contractors Establishments (x) Petroleum/Diesel Pumps (xi) LPG Agencies (xii) Local Authority.

RUPIN SHARMA TAKES CHARGE AS THE NEW DGP, NAGALAND

Rupin Sharma, IPS has taken the charge of the Director General of Police, Nagaland with effect from 24.11.2017.

All correspondences relating to Secret/Confidential and Demi-Official matters requiring personal attention may be addressed to him by name. Telephone No. 0370-2242889(O)/2244273(R),

Fax Number-0370-2244274, Mobile No. 9402206040/9869621234 (Whatsapp)

STATE MISSION DIRECTOR FOR AMRUT DESIGNATED

The Government of Nagaland has designated the State Mission Directorate in the Urban Development Directorate for the implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the State level with immediate effect.

A. Chenithung Lotha, Deputy Director, Urban Development, Nagaland has been designated as the State Mission Director for AMRUT in the State.

NBHM GETS NEW TEAM LEADER

The Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission in a circular has informed that T. Imtiwapang Aier assumed charge as the Team Leader of Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) on 11th December 2017.

All official correspondences related to NBHM may henceforth be addressed/mailed to the particulars given below:

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STATE ROUND UP

HIGHLIGHTS OF HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2017

PRESIDENT OF INDIA ADDRESSES HORNBILL FESTIVAL AT KISAMA:

The celebration of the 18th edition of the Hornbill festival, also known as the 'Festival of festivals' began at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2017 with the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind as the Chief Guest. The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya and the Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang were the Chief Host and Host respectively. The Hornbill festival is organized by the Department of Tourism in collaboration with other departments.

Addressing the people of Nagaland, the Chief Guest, Ram Nath Kovind said that he was honored to be a part of the Hornbill festival which also coincides with the Statehood Day. He said that the Hornbill festival and the Hornbill International Rock Contest represents the diversity of the Naga society and is also the perfect platform to showcase the Naga culture and tradition. He said that Naga people has been endowed with talents and that Nagas are progressing in all fronts. While addressing the public, he congratulated all the Naga people particularly the Naga soldiers who had sacrificed their valuable lives for the nation.

On tourism sector, Ram Nath Kovind mentioned that the State has the potential to become the hub of tourist attraction since it is blessed with abundant natural resources. However, he added that the State needs development in the field of infrastructure and connectivity. He categorically mentioned that 'without the development of Nagaland, development of India would be incomplete.'

The Governor of Nagaland and the

Chief Host of the Hornbill festival, P. B. Acharya said that this festival is a platform to showcase our folksongs, traditional dances and indigenous games and way of life. He mentioned that Nagas have great potential in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture and tourism. He described Nagas as hardworking people and said that Naga youths are among the best in performing arts, hospitality and service sectors. He appealed to all the Naga brothers and sisters that all the guests coming from outside the State go back with fond memories of the festival.

The Chief Minister of Nagaland and the Host of the Hornbill festival, T. R. Zeliang said that Hornbill festival which was initiated in 2000 by the Government of Nagaland to showcase our ethnic cultural identity has gained much popularity over the years. He mentioned that our customs, dialects, culture and traditions are the hallmark of our identity. He also stressed on the importance of roads and air connectivity for which he urged the Government of India to be more sympathetic so that it would not be a hindrance for the tourists from mainland and different parts of the world.

Earlier, Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Pankaj Kumar, IAS delivered the welcome speech. The Village Chief/Head GB, Tuensang village, L. Sangkumwongto Chang Naga offered traditional blessings for the festival. The opening song titled 'Hallelujah' was presented by Handel's Messiah while, G. Rio School, Kohima and Police Band presented the National Anthem. 'Enculturation' presented by Sky Entertainment marked the opening ceremony. The Governor of Nagaland and the Chief Host, P. B. Acharya also released the book titled 'The Konyaks: Last of the Tattooed Headhunters,' during the inaugural function.

State Chaplain, Kuzierang Thou pronounced the invocation prayer.

HORTISCAPE 2017:

Chief Minister, Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang inaugurated the floral gallery and farmer's mela at Hortiscape at Naga Heritage Village (NHV), Kisama on December 1, 2017. Farmers from 11 districts participated in the exhibition-cum-sale of flowers, fruits, vegetables and spices. The stalls consisted of different associations, self help groups, and flowers growers from within and outside the State, exhibiting locally grown indigenous and horticulture products which were also on sale.

In the flower exhibition section, various flowers were on display such as annuals, biennials, perennials, orchids (hybrids & indigenous), cactus, succulents, bonsais, and flower arrangement (dry and fresh) etc. In the fruit and vegetable section, varieties of indigenous and organic vegetables and fruits such as oranges, pumpkins, chilies, yam, pineapples, banana, lime and lemon, papaya etc. were on display.

Secretary, Horticulture, Alan Gonmei, IAS graced the function as the Chief Guest at the prize distribution for state level flowers, ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables and spices which was held on 4th December 2017.

The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind also visited the Hortiscape at Kisama on the first day of the Hornbill Festival.

CRAFTS BAZAAR 2017:

Crafts Bazaar 2017, organized by the Directorate of Industries and Commerce and NHHDC Ltd. was inaugurated at the Bamboo Pavilion, NHV, Kisama by Parliamentary Secretary, Amenba Yaden on 1st December 2017. It was funded by DC (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

The Craft Bazaar consisted of 103 stalls opened by local entrepreneurs and five stalls from other neighbouring States. This year, the pavilion had a number of young

entrepreneurs taking part, such as Chum Chum's Bakers (Kohima), Smokey Joes Restaurant and Grill (Dimapur), My Bamboo Story (Kohima) by the Youth Net, etc.

Under the banner of the Bamboo Story, a team from St. Joseph College, Jakhama participated in the Youth Net's intercollegiate entrepreneurship competition and set up a stall selling indigenous goods and crafts.

HIPFEST 2017:

Hornbill International Photo Fest (HIPFEST) 2017, a photography and art festival/exhibition was inaugurated by Parliamentary Secretary, Information & Public Relations and SIRD, Imtikumzuk on 1st December 2017 at NHV, Kisama. HIPFEST 2017 was jointly organised by the Department of Information & Public Relations and Eastern Art Council, supported by the Department of Tourism.

HIPFEST featured various aspects of photography such as acrylic/oil painting, sketching, sculpture and photos. This year's HIPFEST featured a special art exhibition (watercolour and pencil on paper) by Heather Layton, Senior Lecturer of Art in the Department of Art & Art History at the University of Rochester, with vast experience as an interdisciplinary artist.

In the general category of HIPFEST 2017, the first prize was bagged by Parvej Akhtar from Kolkata who was also the winner of HIPFEST 2014. Priyokit Akoijam from Manipur and Metsungnakba Longchar from Nagaland won the second and third prizes respectively. The consolation prizes went to Maong Longkumer from Mokokchung and Dr. Longri Kichu from Kohima.

In the children's category (13 years and below), Kehunülü Theyo, a student of CI-6 from G. Rio School, Kohima bagged the first prize, and the second and third prizes were bagged by Abi Mor, a CI-9 student from Kohima and Sinlo Seb from G. Rio School, Kohima respectively. Rangala Songduimei, a CI-4

student from St. Anthony School, Manipur and Thungja, a CI-5 student from Dimapur won the consolation prizes.

Altogether 45 participants took part in the Photography Contest under the theme 'Colours of Nagaland,' of which nine participants are in the children's category (13 years and below). The judges for the competition were Heather Layton and acclaimed Naga photographers, Rokovor Vihienuo and Merimvu Doulo.

Another feature of the HIPFEST was the Glocal Film Fest held at 'The Heritage' on 5th and 6th December, 2017, featuring short films from North America and Nagaland.



(From left to right) The 3 judges for HIPFEST 2017 - Merimvu Doulo, Rokovor Vihienuo and Heather Layton. Also seen are Sentienla Pongen Ezung and Eastern Art Council Coordinator, M. Ababe Ezung.

HORNBILL KIDS CARNIVAL 2017:

Hornbill Kids Carnival 2017 began at the Children's Park, NHV, Kisama on 1st December, 2017. It was organized by Synergy and Richa production.

Highlights of the carnival included games, performances and experiences in different fields like Tram polling, Zip liner, Sky walk and many more. The kids could also showcase their talents through Mini Olympics, The Voice Kids and Beauty Pageant, where they were awarded with certificates and prizes.

ARTISTS' CORNER 2017:

Artists' Corner 2017 at NHV, Kisama displayed various art works, paintings and sculptures at the Hornbill festival which began on 1st December 2017. The art exhibition was organized by Art & Culture department in coordination with the Nagaland Art society.

20 artists participated with about 100 art works for the exhibition which were also for sale. Promotion of Visual art, Portrait, Cartoon, Sketch, Drawing etc. and spot painting competition for students were the main highlights during the 10 day long festival at Kisama.

A painting competition on Clean Election Nagaland campaign was organized by the Department of Art & Culture on 8th December 2017. Every year, the department conducts the exhibition where it encourages the local artists and at the same time, promote the artefacts of the State to take it to higher level.

HORSE RIDING AND PONY CART TRANSPORTATION 2017:

The second edition of the Horse Riding and Pony Cart Transportation was flagged off by S. Chuba Longkumer, Parliamentary Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services at NHV, Kisama on 1st December 2017.

During the flag off, I. P. Khala, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services said that the second edition was brought out because of demand from the public. The people



S. Chuba Longkumer, Parliamentary Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services flagging off the Horse and Pony Cart Transportation during the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2017.

could experience the ride by paying an amount of Rs. 30 to 60.

CRAFTSCAPE 2017:

Craftscape, a portfolio on Naga craft traditions was inaugurated by Secretary for Tourism, Angau I Thou on 1st December 2017 at NHV, Kisama. It was organized by Tribal Weave in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Art & Culture.

Inaugurating the Craftscape, the Chief Guest encouraged the participants to continue to improvise the culture and traditions of the Nagas.

The exhibition presented landmark distributions of tribal craft specialties by skilled artisans who embark dignified livelihoods in keeping alive the intangible heritage. The Naga artisans used rudimentary tools and bare hands, dexterously hand craft cane and bamboo basketry, engaged in woodcraft, metal work, material fiber textiles, beadwork and pottery, giving shape from the past to the present.

The craft items displayed at the stalls were Anghya Nyekok (The Queen's Bag) Thevora (Nettle Shawl), Pottery of Runguzu Nasa village, metal craft (a Konyak Naga Gunsmith), Rakdi (Head Gear), Henachi Tei (Banana Necklace), traditional earrings, Nyek (beaded necklace), cotton processing in the

Naga textile grammar, Khiamniungan traditional headgear etc.

HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017:

Parliamentary Secretary for Youth Resources & Sports and Music Task Force Advisor, Khekaho Assumi declared the Hornbill International Music Festival open on 1st December 2017, at the Dimapur District Sports Complex.

The music festival started off with high spirit where music lovers from all parts of the town and the country gathered at the venue, despite the chilly winter. The appearance of Padma Shree Kailash Kher, one of the most popular Bollywood singers sent the crowds into frenzy and loud cheers.

Music institutes including Margaret Shishak School of Music, Nagaland Conservatory of Music, the Institute of Music Education and Note Grid Music School and Media Studio also added more colours with their performances.

Popular legendary Naga singer, Methaneilie added more fun and excitement with his popular Nagamese songs, Nagaland city Kuribole and Whiskey Whiskey.

Earlier, Director, Music Task Force, Gugs Chishi gave an introduction of the Music Festival. The programme was compered by



Parliamentary Secretary, Khokho Assumi declaring the HIMF open alongside Director, MTF, Gugs Chishi at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 1st December, 2017.

Zehovire Kechu while, the event was managed by Concord Linx in collaboration with Music Task Force, Government of Nagaland.

WW II PEACE RALLY 2017:

"Let us take the rally as a mark to bring about peace and prosperity in the State," said Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony of the World War II Peace Rally which culminated at World War II museum premises at NHV,

sponsored by the Department of Tourism, was flagged off at Multipurpose State Stadium, Dimapur by Commissioner of Taxes, Mhathung Murry. A total of 11 jeeps consisting of 25 participants, including four women crew participated in the rally.

Winners of the various categories are - Best uniform squad: Car no. 4- Kanato, Kashito, Tonika and Kaka, Most disciplined squad: Car no. 6- Vinito, Kito and Inato Sumi, Best all women squad: Car no. 11- Alebu, Velhukhalu, Keneichanuo and Kehoule-u, Best tourism promotion squad: Car no. 8- Tovika, Akato and Samuel, Best maintained vehicle: Car no. 5- Er. Imsukaba and Aren, Best original vehicle: Car no. 3- Aron, Anoka Vikaito, Diku and Norbert.

NAGA CHEF SEASON 5:

Naga Chef Season-5 began at NHV, Kisama on 2nd December 2017. The competition is a live cooking event and intends to establish



Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir giving away prizes to the participants of World War II Peace Rally during the Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 2nd December, 2017.

a platform for any Naga cook who has the potential to promote indigenous Naga food globally. The annual event was organized by Synergy Group Enterprise in partnership with the Department of Tourism. The event aspires to showcase the varied delicacies of the different tribes during the festival by the way of presenting Naga indigenous cuisines of high quality, aiming to reach the value of international standards.

The winner of the Naga Chef Season 5, Rokokhono Rhutso walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh besides many more benefits and opportunities. Khrusatolu Chuzho and Shiumai Phom came in second and third places respectively. Nisi Chase, the youngest contestant (14 years old) came in fourth at the competition. Altogether 10 contestants participated.

TRADITIONAL FIRE MAKING COMPETITION 2017:

The famous Naga Traditional Fire Making competition was held on 3rd December 2017 at NHV, Kisama.

The participants were allowed to use only natural materials without any chemical substances for the competition. There were six participants representing six different tribes. Secretary of Art &

Culture Department, Ahola Those, gave away the prize money of Rs. 7,000 to the champion, Duzholu Swuro from Chakhesang tribe.

GREAT HORNBILL RUN 2017:

The seventh Hornbill Half Marathon & Great Hornbill Run was flagged off at New Secretariat Plaza junction, Kohima on 3rd December, 2017. This event was organized by 3EN (Elite Entertainment Enterprise).

A total number of 78 male and five female participants took part in the event and they covered a distance of 22 km from New Secretariat junction, culminating at the same venue. In the male category, the 1st place was bagged by I. Mosa (1.08.54 seconds) who



Participants of the 7th Hornbill Half Marathon and Great Hornbill Run at New Secretariat Junction, Kohima on 3rd December, 2017.



Participants at the Naga Traditional Fire Making competition on the 3rd day of the Hornbill Festival (3rd December 2017) at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, 2nd and 3rd places by Pache and Mhasekho with cash prizes of Rs 20,000 and Rs.10,000 respectively. In the female category, Shyamali Singh (1.28.00 seconds) won the first prize and was awarded with a prize money of Rs.50,000. The 2nd and 3rd places were bagged by Tsuchoi T and Mary

Chuzho, awarded with cash prizes of Rs 20,000 and Rs.10,000 respectively. The participants were also given certificates.

CYCLE RALLY 2017:

ALAPHRA group organized the sixth edition of Cycling Rally on 3rd December 2017. 22 young enthusiastic athletes dedicated themselves and took part in the rally.

The Nagaland Cycling Association (NCA), Secretary, Rickey Ozukum flagged off the rally from the Directorate of Tourism, Kohima. In his speech, he mentioned that due to the ongoing exams in schools and colleges, many people could not participate in the rally. He also hoped that in the near future, tourists from other parts of the country would be able to take part in the rally. This event was initiated to encourage the younger generation for a healthier lifestyle and a step towards conservation of the environment.

INTERNATIONAL HORNBILL NAGA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2017:

The 11th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship 2017 was held at Amphitheatre, NHV, Kisama on 4th December, 2017. The event organized by the Nagaland Wrestling Association was graced by Minister, Roads & Bridges, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire as the Chief Guest.

Speaking at the programme Dr. Neikiesalie Kire urged wrestlers to work towards increasing their strength and

physical fitness instead of relying on the old way of eating the best food to gain weight. Citing the example of neighbouring state Manipur, he encouraged players of different games in the state to be adoptive to make progress in their respective fields.

Dzieselatuo Keretsü emerged as the winner and Kezhavizo Thevo as the runners up. In the Tourist category, the Champion was Sheko Veini Poumai (Manipur) and runners up was bagged by Hraiba Dow Poumai (Manipur).

The winner of the championship walked away with a cash prize of Rs. One lakh and citation while, the runners up was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- and citation. In the Tourist category, the Champion and the runners up were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 15,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- and citations respectively. A total of 44 local wrestlers and 16 tourist wrestlers participated in the annual event.

1st HORNBILL FOLK SONG COMPETITION:

The first ever Hornbill Folk Song competition was held at NHV, Kisama on 4th December 2017 with Joint Secretary, Tourism, Shayong Phom as the Chief Guest. 17 different tribes took part in the competition which consisted of solo, duet and quartet.

Khamniungan quartet was declared the winner of the competition and walked away with prize money of Rs. 30,000. The first runner-up went to Chang quartet and the



Three times champion of the International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship, Dzieselatuo Keretsü with match officials, NWA officials and participants at the Amphitheatre, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December, 2017.



Khiamniungan quartet receiving the winning prize from Joint Secretary, Tourism, Shayong Phom during the first ever Hornbill folk song competition held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December, 2017.

second runner-up was bagged by Yimchungrü quartet. The first and second runner-up received a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and 10,000 respectively. All the other participating groups were awarded consolation prize of Rs. 2000 each.

The programme was initiated by Harmony Society in collaboration with the Tourism Department. The aim of the competition is to help and assist the preservation of tribal communities and to promote Naga culture.

The judges were Mhathung Odyuo (from Purple Fusion), Neikuo Khezhe and Kehodi Yoho, both from Coloured Keys.

KOHIMA DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE 2017:

Native Station Nagaland organized the 4th edition of Kohima Downhill Mountain Bike Race on 4th December 2017 which was flagged off at Viswema village and culminated at NHV, Kisama. It was sponsored by start-up cycle manufacturing company based in Pune - Psynide Bikes and Nagaland based clothing start-up Winter Made.

Native Station and the Nagaland cycling community envisions to motivate and inspire an environmentally conscious generation who will grow up with a conscience to live in harmony with mother nature, cherish

our serene mountains, encourage a sustainable lifestyle and also promote alternative means of eco-friendly means of transport to help reduce levels of traffic congestion and pollution.

The winners of Kohima Downhill Bike Race 2017 are Suman Tamang, Nepal (1st), Apshai Griffith Niangti, Shillong (2nd), Prachit Thapa, Nepal (3rd), Gautam Taode, Pune (4th) and Ollie Hemstock, United Kingdom (5th). The Best Local Rider was

awarded to Seyieo Sekhose (Kohima). Firestone medals made in Nagaland by Naga craftsman and entrepreneur Veta Huphrem were handed over to the winners by the young patrons of the event. The race also paid tribute to popular Indian mountain biker, Ajay Padval (4th position in last year's race) who died in a mountain bike accident earlier this year (2017) in Leh, Ladakh.

ANGLING ACTIVITY AT DOYANG RESERVOIR:

Two day angling competition at the beautiful landscape of Doyang reservoir under Wokha district was organised on 4th and 5th December 2017. It was organized under the aegis of Anglers Association Nagaland (AAN), District Anglers Wokha Nagaland (DAWN) and sponsored by the Department of Fisheries (GON), which sponsored the overall prize money of two lakhs.

Anglers from within the State and from different states of India, also from abroad, converged at the site and exhibited their skills, patience and luck, vying for the biggest catches of the day.

Deputy Director, Fisheries, Neitho Kuotsu, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest said that fisheries being one of



Two day angling competition being held as part of the Hornbill festival at Doyang reservoir, Wokha from 4th - 5th December, 2017.

the most valuable and important sectors of production in the State, the value of fish and its by product has increased considerably among the local populace, and thus has account for immense opportunity to develop the fisheries sector in the State.

The competition was held under three categories, Mahseer, Pole Rod and other category. Altogether 60 participants took part in the main event and 50 anglers took part in the traditional pole rod event.

The programme concluded with felicitation and greetings from President, AAN Phukato Sumi, short speech and prize distribution by Deputy Director, Fisheries, Neitho Kuotsu, special song by De Band and vote of thanks by Khyolamo

Humtsoe, Exe-Member, DAWN.

INDIGENOUS GO CART RACING COMPETITION

2017:

The indigenous Go Cart Racing competition was flagged off by Thejakielie Zuyie near NSF Martyrs' Park on 5th December 2017 in the presence of well-wishers and a host of spectators which culminated at Phoolbari near Ao Church, Kohima. The event was organized by Go Travels, Kohima as part of the ongoing Hornbill festival, 2017.

Medoyoto Kotso and Ngopisa Kotso from Kidima village clinched the Indigenous Go Cart Racing competition. The 2nd and 3rd positions were bagged by Kedo & Kelezo and Khriedi Mejura & Neilhouvoto Chuse respectively, all from Phesama village.

The event is being organized every year as part and parcel of the Hornbill festival in order to promote and propagate the indigenous games, said the organisers. Altogether, 40 teams from neighbouring villages vied for the competition. The 1st and 2nd position winners were awarded two cycles



Medoyoto Kotso & Ngopisa Kotso, champions of the Hornbill Indigenous Go Cart Racing, 2017 on 5th December, 2017 at Kohima.

each with gear and the 3rd position winner was awarded two cycles without gear. All the participating teams were awarded citations.

GLOCAL HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2017:

Film is one of the most important mediums through which a story can be told, said Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy, IAS. He was speaking at the launching of the Glocal Hornbill International Film Festival, 2017 at The Heritage, Kohima on 5th December 2017.

Temjen Toy congratulated the Department of Information and Public Relations and the Eastern Art Council for successfully organizing the programme despite fund constraints. Nagaland is in a nascent stage where film making is concerned, but so many of the film makers from the State have received awards which speak volume of our potentials, he stated.

Director, IPR, Limawati Ao delivering the welcome address, said Nagas may be lacking in many things but in talent we do not lack behind anyone else. If the chance be given, our people can do a lot he said, stating that the same is what the Department intends to take up.

In the programme chaired by Coordinator, Eastern Art Council, Ababe Ezung, Dr. Brian W. Bailey presented a brief

highlight of the films to be screened. The Glocal Hornbill International Film Festival was organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations in collaboration with Eastern Art Council as part of the Hornbill festival 2017.

The short films and documentaries screened on the first day of the film festival included The Snack List, Chapman, The Kitchen, Story of a house, Election Day 2016, Rone and a documentary by DIPR titled 'A passage through time.' A short film, 'River Story' was also screened.

HORNBILL RIDERS' MEET 2017:

The sixth Hornbill Riders' Meet which was flagged off at Gaili, Peren reached NHV, Kisama on 5th December 2017 and a short programme was held at the WW II Museum premises. More than 300 Royal Enfield riders from all over the country took part in the meet.

Speaking at the programme as the Chief Guest, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Department, Keyirangdin Hegui appreciated the Nagaland Motorcycle Club for bringing the riders together from different parts of the country. He urged the participants to be brand Ambassadors of Nagaland Tourism and also the Hornbill festival.

The event was sponsored by Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland.



Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Keyirangdin Hegui addressing the Sixth Hornbill Riders' Meet at the WW II Museum Premises, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 5th December, 2017.

STILTS BAMBOO RACE 2017:

Various Naga tribes took part in the Stilts Bamboo Race on 5th December 2017 at NHV, Kisama wherein, Manloi Phom championed the race and took away a cash prize of Rs. 7, 000 while Kedesuyi Swuro Chakhesang and Shekivi Sumi bagged the 2nd and 3rd positions with a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000 respectively. The event was organized by Department of Youth Resources & Sports.



Stilts Bamboo Race held on 5th December 2017 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

1st HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL STRONGEST MAN & FITTEST MAN COMPETITION:

The first Hornbill International Strongest Man & Fittest Man competition was

held at NHV, Kisama on 5th December 2017. The event was sponsored by Tourism Department and presented by Zumu Gym, Kohima.

In a short address, the proprietor of Zumu Gym acknowledged the Tourism Department for the support and for making the event possible. He said that the event aims to promote fitness and also to provide a platform to showcase the potential, endurance, strength and talents of our Naga athletes. 'There are many fitness options to choose according to our own interest and lifestyle,' he said and further added that fitness is not about destination but a way of life.

Altogether 24 and 5 athletes participated in the strongest man and fittest man competition respectively. In the strongest man category, Tsuknungkun Jamir and Vizobielle Punyu bagged the 1st and 2nd positions respectively. In the fittest man category, Vizobielle Punyu emerged as the winner, 2nd position was bagged by Kutho Neikha and Hepuni Kajukho emerged as Mr. Hornbill 2017.

1st PINEAPPLE EATING CONTEST:

The first ever pineapple eating competition was held on 6th December 2017 at NHV, Kisama. The event was organized by Department of Horticulture in collaboration with XL Management



Winners of the 1st Hornbill International Strongest & Fittest Man competition at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 5th December, 2017.



Winner of the Hornbill Pineapple Eating Competition, Ashish receiving certificate of citation from Secretary, Horticulture, Alan Gonmei, IAS and Director, Horticulture, Dr. Elithung Lotha on 6th December, 2017 at Kisama.

walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- and the second prize was bagged by the Ao tribe who walked away with a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-

NAGA KING CHILLI EATING COMPETITION 2017:

The Naga King Chilli Eating competition was held at NHV, Kisama, organized by the Department of Horticulture and XL Event Management Division with the support of Oking Hospital and Research Clinic.

Prem Zakia from Kohima won the first place by eating six king chillies whereas Akhou tetseo and Nusole bagged the second and third position respectively. The winners were given Rs. 30,000/-, Rs.20,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- respectively. In the tourist category, Prashant Pandey from Gujarat won the first place by eating four king chillies and pocketed a sum of Rs. 20,000/-

CHORAL & FOLK MUSIC COMPETITION 2017:

All India Radio Kohima (AIR) organized Choral & Folk music competition at NHV, Kisama on 8th December 2017. Nagaland Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar IAS graced the programme as the Chief guest.

Chief Secretary in his short address said that people of Nagaland have natural flair and talents for music. He also said that ever since the advent of Christianity in the 19th century and with the advancement of education and as communication with the outside world improved, the people of Nagaland were exposed to western music.

In the folk music competition, Yachumaro Cultural Group bagged the first prize followed by Chang Student's Union Kohima and Angphang Union Kohima who bagged the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. In

and supported by Department of Tourism.

The pineapple eating competition was held inclusively for the domestic and international tourists with a view to promote the Naga pineapple outside the State. Naga pineapple which is among the juiciest in the world is grown in abundance around two belts of the State, Medziphema and Changtongya. They are very sweet and contain very little or no fiber.

Ashish from Delhi emerged as the winner of the competition and the participants were all presented with a certificate of citation by Secretary, Horticulture, Alan Gonmei, IAS.

TUG OF WAR COMPETITION 2017:

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports organized Tug of War at NHV, Kisama on 7th December 2017.

Tug of war is organized as per tradition and the major indigenous games of tribal Nagas in the olden times where two or more teams participate against each other in a test of strength, endurance and co-ordination of the participants. The indigenous game of wild rope measure around 10-15 metres long.

14 tribes participated including eight members from each tribe where the Chakhesang tribe won the first position and

the Choral (Dialect category), 1st prize was bagged by Euphony Choir and NCRC Choir and Hallelujah Choir bagged the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. In the Choral (English) category, 1st prize was won by NCRC Choir, 2nd place and 3rd place by Euphony Choir and the Transfix Group respectively.

The winners in folk category received cash prizes of Rs 50,000, 30,000 and 20,000 respectively and in the choral category, the winners received cash prize Rs 30,000, 20,000 and 10,000 respectively. The winner of choral competition will be participating in the North East Choral Music competition in Guwahati in 2018. The judges were D. Sekhose, Ameü Usou Zao, Zanthunglo and Jonas Yanthan. Altogether 11 singing groups participated in the choral and folk music competition.

TRADITIONAL SHOT PUT COMPETITION 2017:

Traditional Shot Put competition organized by Department of Youth Resources & Sports and supported by Department of Tourism was held at NHV, Kisama on 9th December 2017. 16 participants representing each recognized tribe in the State competed in the event.

Dziesekholie representing the Angami tribe emerged the winner of the competition while, Sholem representing the Konyak tribe and Ramlu representing the Zeliang tribe bagged the second and third prizes respectively. The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7,000, Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000. All participants were also given consolation

prizes. Additional Director, Youth Resources & Sports gave away the prizes.

HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL ROCK CONTEST 2017:

Avora Records from Aizawl, Mizoram was declared winner of Hornbill International Rock Contest 2017, ahead of The Prophets, also from Aizawl and Perfect Stick Figure Illustrations from Gangtok, who were placed 1st and 2nd runners up respectively.

The grand finale saw the top nine bands out of the total 22 bands performing to a packed capacity crowd at the Agri Expo Site at 4th Mile, Dimapur. The winning band Avora Records, walked away with a cash prize of ₹ 10 lakh, while The Prophets and Perfect Stick Figure Illustrations pocketed cash prizes of ₹ 5 lakh and ₹ 3.5 lakh respectively. The three winners won sound gear gift hampers from Artist Aloud.

Prizes for the individual categories carried a cash reward of ₹ 25,000 sponsored by Hero MotoCorp in addition to music gears from Marshall Amplifications. The winners in the individual categories are: Best Vocalist - Ronnie, The Prophets (Aizawl), Best Guitarist - Ruata Renthlei, Avora Records (Aizawl), Best Bassist - Gordon, The Prophets (Aizawl), Best



Avora Records from Aizawl after winning the Hornbill International Rock Contest 2017 at Agri Expo Site, 4th Mile, Dimapur.

Drummer- John Raj Swami, Highway 69 (Ranchi). Yellow Beacon won the best band in the local category and pocketed a cash prize of ₹ 1 lakh sponsored by Case Construction.

The panel of judges for the competition were Artist Aloud, Hungama Media Pvt. Ltd. Vice President, Soumini Sridhara Paul, India Creed front man, Uday Benegal and guitarist of Tetseo Sisters, Rattle & Hum band and Gear Men Dudes, Mhaseve Tetseo.

VIPs FROM DIFFERENT STATES VISITS THE HORNBILL FESTIVAL:

Governor of Odisha, Dr. S. C. Jamir graced the Hornbill festival cultural extravaganza as the Chief Guest on 2nd December 2017. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Jamir said that Hornbill Festival is the right platform to showcase our ethnicity to tourists coming from other states and different parts of the world. He also said that Nagas have been endowed with unique talents and Hornbill Festival is the common place where everyone get gets an opportunity to exhibit their talents.

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and Arunachal Chief Minister, Pema Khandu graced the cultural extravaganza as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively on 5th December 2017.

Chief Minister of Manipur, Biren Singh said that there was so much that connects the two states of Manipur and Nagaland and its people based on their shared history and close cultural affinities. He further said that the two states must build the foundation upon which the people and institutions of the two states can collaborate and cooperate with a strong sense of common purpose adding that shared prosperity and collective gains can result only from shared vision and collective action. Biren also suggested for a joint promotion of the two biggest state festivals of the two states- the "Manipur Sangai festival" and the "Nagaland Hornbill Festival" so as to

make an attempt to evolve a concrete collaborative mechanism, he added.

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu encouraged the young generation to preserve their cultural identity. He also said that Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh have many things in common in terms of tribal diversity, language diversity and also political diversity.

Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh described the Hornbill festival as 'enchanting' and assured that the Central Government is committed towards fulfilling the aspirations of the Naga people, addressing the Cultural Extravaganza on the 8th day of the Hornbill festival. Nagaland with its rich natural resources and talented people, has limitless possibilities, he added. He also said that enduring peace can help realize the immense potential for economic gains, jobs and prosperity.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brigadier Dr. B. D. Mishra was the Chief Guest during the cultural extravaganza on 9th December 2017. Brigadier Dr. Mishra urged the soldiers stationed in the State to contribute their best, and do everything for the people of the State. He also invited students from Nagaland to come and enjoy the varied and quality educational facilities at institutions in Arunachal Pradesh.

GOVERNOR GRACES HORNBILL FESTIVAL CULMINATION PROGRAMME:

Speaking at the culmination programme of the Hornbill Festival, the Chief Guest, Governor, P. B. Acharya thanked the Chief Minister, his Cabinet colleagues, particularly C. Apok Jamir, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism and Eshak Konyak, Parliamentary Secretary for Art & Culture and their officers and staff for the successful conduct of Hornbill festival which has become an international event now. He also congratulated Information & Public

Relations Department for giving wide publicity of all events. He said this year's Hornbill festival was attended by a galaxy of high dignitaries including the first citizen of our country, President Ram Nath Kovind who inaugurated the festival on 1st December 2017.

Acharya stated that as per reports, the number of tourists has increased manifold from previous years which is a positive sign, thereby, Nagaland has gained a notable position in the world tourism map. Nagaland has the potential to become the most populous eco-tourism spot in the North East. We must take this advantageous position to address our unemployment problem. Tourism can be one of the biggest revenue earning departments, he stated.

Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, Apok Jamir in his speech expressed hope that the 10-day celebration of the Hornbill festival has given the opportunity to the tourists to peep into the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the 16 Naga tribes. He appreciated the younger generation for taking the responsibilities in the celebration.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang said the festival has gained popularity despite the remoteness and lack of proper infrastructure. This has been possible due to our collective efforts, he said, expressing his gratitude to the people for the efforts put in and making the festival a grand success. With regard to the much debated issue of reducing the Hornbill festival to seven days, he said after seeing the response of the people, the tourists and the success of the festival, he prefers the festival to continue for 10 days. The State Government shall take a call on the issue in due course of time, he added.

The bonfire was lit by the Chief Guest, Chief Host, Host, Miss Nagaland 2017 and Runners up, Miss Nagaland 2017, which was followed by a Unity Dance.

IPR, TOURISM and IT & C DEPARTMENTS FELICITATED

The Departments of Information & Public Relations, Tourism and Information Technology & Communication were felicitated by Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. on 2nd December 2017 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama for digitization of Hornbill festival 2017.

Business Manager, Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. Kohima, Nagaland, Moatemsu Imkong in his short speech said that the Government of Nagaland along with Reliance Jio has taken the Hornbill festival towards a digital platform. He stated that the Departments of IPR, Tourism and IT & C has set up a communication channel on mobile app "Jio chat" in the name of 'Nagaland Hornbill Festival.' He said that people from across the globe can get access to live streaming, video clips and photographs of major events at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 'Jio chat' and congratulated the three departments for working tirelessly towards achieving the purpose.

Director, IPR, Limawati Ao, Director, Tourism, K. Sekhose and Additional Director & HOD, IT & C, Tongtiliba Longkumer received the certificates of appreciation on behalf of the respective departments.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA INAUGURATES ENVIRONMENTAL NAGA VILLAGE

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Environmental Naga Village at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 1st December 2017. The theme village which was visualized by the Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya is located inside Raj Bhavan at the lawns of the Naga Bhavan.

The Governor said that the park carries a message to preserve nature and the ecosystem and also to show love and care to birds and animals. The Governor hoped that the environmental park will carry the message of conservation to visitors, especially students who visit the Raj Bhavan.



President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurating the Environmental Naga Village, an initiative of the Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 1st December, 2017.

BADP CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME CULMINATES AT DIMAPUR

The valedictory function of BADP Capacity Building programme-cum-distribution of machines/tools to the successful trainees was held at NTTC, New Industrial Estate, Dimapur, Nagaland with Advisor, DUDA and NEPED, S. Pangyu Phom as Chief Guest on 4th December 2017.

Addressing the function, the Chief Guest congratulated the trainees for their successful completion of training and urged them to uphold what they have learned from the training and tools provided, to utilise to earn their livelihood as well as for the welfare and upliftment of the whole society in their respective areas. While thanking the Government of India for giving importance to the underdeveloped areas, he urged the trainees to educate their area people to judiciously use the funds allotted to them.

During the programme, Project Officer (BADP), DUDA, Thepfuzakie Angami gave an overview of the activities of DUDA. He stated that there are 62 villagers comprising of 30 males for multi skills in welding with mostly job placement assured at NTTC and in collaboration with Craft Council, Nagaland,

three months vocational training on bamboo/woodcrafts and tailoring with 13 males and 19 females at M/S Pusa Crafts Centre, Jharnapani, Dimapur and M/S Savino Crafts and Researcher Development Centre, Kuda Village, Dimapur.

The programme was chaired by Secretary, DUDA, Senti Ao, IAS. Other highlights of the programme included special songs by trainees of NTTC and Savino Crafts

Centre, distribution of tools and machines to the trainees. Principal, NTTC, Er. Petehetuo Miasalhou also spoke during the function.

TRAINING-CUM-WORKSHOP HELD WITH POLITICAL PARTIES

Training-cum-Workshop organized by Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland with all the political parties was held on 4th December 2017 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kohima. The topic of the workshop included Party Accounts, Election Expenditure Monitoring, EVMs & VVPATs, RO Net & APPs, Web Casting, Model Code of Conduct, SVEEP, Malpractices & General Instruction on Conduct of Election.

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Ruokuovituo Khezhie briefed about the Election Expenditure Monitoring, AEO(MIS), Ketousie Khruomo presented a powerpoint presentation on accounts of Suvidhan & Samadhan, Web Casting while, Assistant CEO, Nagaland Awa Lorin shared on the Model Code of Conduct. AEO, Kohima and Toshimeren Aier spoke on the topic of EVM & VVPAT.

Deputy CEO, Nagaland, Vekho Vero spoke on the role and activities of SVEEP campaign and added that the political parties were informed that prior entry

passes shall be given to PwD voters, 80 years+ voters and pregnant women voters so that they do not wait in queue on the day of poll in the polling stations. Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his valedictory speech informed about the electoral offences and the activities in the conduct of free and fair election in Nagaland.

RBPS FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN

All languages are equal and our mother tongue is our identity, stated Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya, addressing the felicitation programme of the Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS) at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 4th December 2017.

India is a democratic country and unity in diversity is the peculiarity of the country, said the Governor, calling on the RBPS to be the bridge in linking the people of the country through national languages. He maintained that emotional and national integration should be the ultimate goal for the organization.

Congratulating all the toppers and students who cleared the exam, the Governor encouraged them to achieve greater heights and further extended his appreciation to the RBPS for holding the convocation programme for the first time in Nagaland.

Appreciating the works done by the RBPS in trying to uplift the national language, Principal Secretary to the Governor, Piyush Goyal, IAS acknowledged the keen interest taken by the Naga students in learning the National language. The programme was attended by members of the RBPS and students from various parts of the country.

UNIVERSITIES SHOULD REACH OUT WITH MORE SKILL BASED COURSES: GOVERNOR

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya stated that universities should not

only be the centre for academics but should also work for the development of the society as well. The Governor was addressing a meeting with Vice Chancellors of Gauhati University, Nagaland University and Principals of Colleges at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 6th December 2017 to discuss about the role of universities in reaching out to the people and introduction of skill based courses in all colleges.

Acharya stated that universities should reach out to the people and more skill based courses should be introduced according to the needs of the society. He suggested the universities to identify social activists, recognise them and confer them with Honoris Causa Degree for their contribution. The Governor also asked the 66 affiliated colleges to identify at least two entrepreneurs especially women for availing MUDRA Loan.

Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University, Dr. Mridul Hazarika informed the meeting that Gauhati University has taken initiatives particularly in social aspects of North East India. He said that universities play a key role in promoting national and emotional integration through students in participating and motivating the people at village level for Central & State Welfare Projects.

Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Prof. Pardeshi Lal informed that with the introduction of SWAYAM and SWAYAMPRAKSHA programmes, learners can choose more skill based courses. The VC explained that SWAYAM PRAKSHA is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture, etc.

DGP, NAGALAND INITIATES SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR CITIZEN CENTRIC POLICING

Underlining the importance of Information Technology systems in the field of communication, Director General of Police, Nagaland has initiated a social media platform to digitally connect with the public. Through this medium, the general public, civil society organizations, government servants, police officials or any stakeholder of the society can directly forward/share/input grievances, suggestions or any other information to improve policing or even report instances where police intervention is required.

To serve this purpose, a separate cell is being envisaged at the Police Headquarter, Kohima which would initially remain functional from 08 am- 06 pm on all working days. Depending on the response of the public and the quantity of messages / information, the same would be made functional 24x7.

This social media cell would primarily work with three tools: Through Whatsapp at phone number 8258829982, through Facebook - DGP Nagaland (D <space> G <space> P<space>Nagaland) and through Twitter - @DGP Nagaland (DGP<underscore> Nagaland)

The concept of having this platform of connection is to give a proactive and dynamic platform of responding to the concerns of the public. Further, it is felt that digital means of communication has the advantage of transparency and accountability besides speed which would also augment the essence of e-governance that the government has been actively promoting.

One can forward their complaints, grievances and suggestions under any of the following heads – (i) Election offences: Proxy voting, vote buying, booth capture (ii) Anti-social activities impacting law and order: Extortion, demands, arms related issues, human trafficking, drug trafficking or any

other form of organized crime (iii) Public peace and tranquility: Unlawful assembly and rioting, social disharmony (Inter-tribal, inter-village, inter-community), bandhs and protests, matters where police intervention may be required (iv) Economic offences: Syndicate system, fake currency, chitfund cases, MCM schemes, cyber offences or frauds, recruitment related scams etc (v) General offences: Offences against human body, property offences (vi) Miscellaneous: Contempt of lawful authority, offences affecting public health and safety.

Knowing that there are many people in Nagaland with genuine concern to improve the society at large and that their voice must be heard and acted upon, the Nagaland Police has appealed to the public to actively express themselves for Nagaland Police to serve the people better. Identity of the informant will be protected as required/requested and due recognition will be given as per propriety.

MARINA KIHO CROWNED MISS NAGALAND 2017

Marina Kiho from Dimapur district was crowned Miss Nagaland 2017 at a grand ceremony held at Regional Centre of Excellence for Music and Performing Arts (RCEMPA), Jotsoma on 8th December 2017. Ruopfüzhano Whiso from Kohima district and Pewe-ü Tunyi from Phek district were adjudged the first and second runners up respectively. Parliamentary Secretary, Tourism, C. Apok Jamir graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The chief judge for the event was Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and former President, BASN, Kevi Nagi. The other judges were Regional Manager of Avon New York, Deepshikha Borah, Miss Dimapur 1997, Esther Jamir, Head Trainer, BBLUNT, Manhoi Kim and OSD, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei.

Miss Nagaland 2017 was awarded a



Miss Nagaland 2017, Marina Kiso flanked by first runners up, Ruopfuzhano Whiso (left) and second runners up, Pewe-ü Tunyi (right).

cash prize of Rs. 1.5 lakh sponsored by BBLUNT, Rs. 10,000 sponsored by Chief Election Office, Nagaland and gift hampers. The first and second runners up walked away with cash prizes of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 50,000 respectively along with gift hampers. The event was organised by Beauty and Aesthetic Society of Nagaland (BASN) and sponsored by LIC, BBLUNT, Avon and Department of Tourism, Nagaland.

SKILL TRAINING FOR NAGALAND BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN DIMAPUR

A three-day soft skill training for Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers, organized by Nagaland Building & Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board, Department of Labour in collaboration with Career Bridge Human Capital Solution, Gurgaon started on 11th December 2017 at Government Higher Secondary School, Nagarjan, Dimapur

Project Officer, Labour Department, T. Chuba Yanger addressing the inaugural programme said that the soft skill training for the construction workers, which was a long

felt need, was made into a reality with the initiative and support of Parliamentary Secretary, Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dr. Neiphrezo Kreditsu. Highlighting the importance of soft skills for any job, the Project Officer said that employability of an individual is not only dependent on solid technical knowledge and skills, but soft skills like

communications, teamwork and leadership skills among the workers are equally important as it enhances productivity and successful construction works.

Director, Learning & Development Career Bridge Human Capital Solutions, Gurgaon, Vikas Rao who was one of the resource persons, gave an overview of the training programme.

Deputy Director, Employment and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiten Yaden who chaired the inaugural programme, also delivered the welcome address. Resource person for the training included Opangyanger and Bendangnungsang Longchar from Kohima.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES 1st NAGALAND OLYMPICS

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya declared the 1st Nagaland Olympics open in a glittering opening ceremony held at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 12th December 2017. The Chief Guest mentioned that it is a historic event and conveyed good wishes to all the participants stating that Nagaland is second

to none. He expressed gratitude to the organizers for giving him an opportunity to be part of the historic event. He also congratulated the Government of Nagaland and MP, Neiphiu Rio who is also the President of NOA, for the mega event which was organized so systematically.

The line up of the 11 district contingents of Nagaland in colourful jerseys added more colours to the opening ceremony. The district captains were administered oath by international wrestler, Keduoville Zumu.

Highlights of the programme included presentations from Lord of Rocks, Tetseo sisters, Epicon, Nagaland folkloric group, Ethnic future, Faith in action and many more. Guests of Honour on the occasion were Founding President, Nagaland OA and State Sports awardee, Er. Lanu Toy, Olympian and Arjuna Awardee, Chekrovolu Swuro and Ningdangnaro, granddaughter of Dr. T. Ao, the first Naga Olympian.

The programme was organized by Nagaland Olympics Association and sponsored by Government of Nagaland.

FIELD PUBLICITY ORGANISES AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CULTURAL SCHEMES

The Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagaland and Manipur Region, Kohima organized a special outreach programme on the flagship programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare at CSA Hall, Ahthibung, Peren on 12th December 2017 with SDO (C), Jalukie, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest emphasized on the need to create more awareness on all central government welfare schemes so that the real beneficiaries can reap its benefits.

The programme was chaired by Headmaster, GMS Ahthibung, Tonga

Hangsing. Joint Director, Agriculture, Letkholal Hangsing, Chief Plant Manager, LPS Bottling Plant Indian Oil, Dimapur, Lhungdim and Manager, NABARD, Evan T. Mungsang were the resource persons of the programme. Keynote address was delivered by Regional Director, DFP Mangjammang IIS while, invocation was proposed by Rev. Lanthom Gangte.

MEDIA WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING

Three-day media workshop on climate change reporting was conducted from 11th to 13th December at Hotel Japfu, Kohima. It was jointly organized by the Indian Himalayas Climate Adaptation Programme (IHCAP) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Department of science and Technology (DST), GOI in collaboration with Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoN, State Climate Change Cell, NASTEC and Centre for Media Studies (CMS). The programme was graced by the Secretary to the Government of Nagaland for Science & Technology, Dellirose M. Sakhrie IAS as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the workshop, the Chief Guest said that climate change projection for Nagaland indicates that between 2021 and 2050, it will experience an increase in annual average temperature between 1.6° C and 1.8° C. She said an intensive scientific study by India's North East Climate Change Adaptation Programme in 2012 confirmed that the region is suffering from the impact of climate change and its impact on people, fields and livestock is devastating and set to get worse. Due to its unique location and topography, the study found that the region has distinct precipitation and drainage patterns. She also said the Government of Nagaland has taken a very systematic and proactive approach towards the formulation of the state action plan to address climate change. Informing that the Nagaland State Climate Change was

established in April 2017 to specially undertake the project of establishing and strengthening the State Climate Change Cell of Nagaland with the objectives of the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem under NAPCC.

Communication Officer, IHCAP, Shimpy Khurana who gave the introduction and objective of IHCAP said that mountain ecosystem around the world are particularly vulnerable and affected by climate change. This critical situation is also affecting the Himalayas, which constitute a vital ecosystem for the Indian subcontinent, with a large population depending on them.

Chief Conservator of Forest, State Nodal Officer for Climate Change, Supongnukshi, IFS apprised on how climate has been changing in the State, which has affected the production of foodgrains. He encouraged the two important institutions- the Media and the Church to educate the people and impart awareness campaigns on how to make strategies.

Welcome address and introduction of the workshop was addressed by the Head Advocacy, Centre for Media Studies. The programme was followed by technical session presented by Managing Editor, India Science Wire on Media and Climate Change, 'Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture in Nagaland' by DEO, Longleng, Dr. Dipak Chetri, DPO, Land Resources, Nagaland and others resources persons shared on the importance of climate change.

COOPSOFT LAUNCHED AT KOHIMA

Secretary, Cooperation, Lithrongla G Chishi, IAS launched the much awaited CoopSoft, a cooperative information management application on 13th December 2017 in the Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Kohima, in the presence of the Cooperation department officials and staff.

The software application CoopSoft was developed by Teth Allied Services, Nagaland, to meet the MIS requirements of the department. The key features of the CoopSoft are holistic information of cooperative societies at a single click of button, updated information on loan, recovery & audit of cooperatives, automated information on outstanding loans, production details of the cooperative societies, integrated SMS



Secretary, Cooperation, Lithrongla G. Chishi IAS speaking at the launch of CoopSoft, at the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Kohima on 13th December 2017.

gateway, quick access to employee details, etc.

While lauding the department for the development of the software, the Chief Guest exhorted the department to continue the positive actions that the department has initiated during the last one year, especially on recovery of loans, cancellation of non-

working cooperative societies, development of genuine member cooperatives, etc. She also opined that the recently launched CoopSoft will propel the department in moving ahead at a faster rate, and that this kind of IT applications should also be replicated in other departments.

THE 19th SESSION OF THE TWELFTH NLA

The 19th Session (Winter Session) of the Twelfth Nagaland Legislative Assembly which began on 14th December, 2017 was declared adjourned sine-die by Speaker, NLA, Dr. Imtiwapang Aier on 15th December, 2017.

Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Dr. Imtiwapang Aier made obituary references in respect of the passing away of its former members, Lt. Kiyaneilie Peseyie, Lt. N. Yeangphong Konyak, Lt. Viyekha Rengma and Lt. Kiyelho Sema.

The Nagaland Health Rule (Amendment), 2017 which was laid by Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Imkong L. Imchen was passed on 15th December 2017. The Nagaland Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1978 (First Amendment) Bill, 2017 moved by Parliamentary Secretary for Transport & Civil Aviation, P. Paiwang Konyak was also introduced. There were debates on various topics such as the Nagaland Lokayukta Bill, 2015, Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001 etc.

The August House in its winter session, also resolved the following:

1. To urge the Government of India to take emergent and extraordinary steps to usher in an honorable and acceptable solution to the Naga political issue.
2. To urge the Election Commission of India not to announce the General Elections to the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly until the Government of India arrives at an honorable and acceptable solution to the Naga political issue in order to enable all Nagas to enjoy their due democratic and other rights and

function as a more empowered electorate during the elections that may be held after the solution.

3. To call on Civil Societies, Tribal Hohos, Church and other organizations concerned, to cooperate with the vision of the State Government in this regard.

4. To call on all political parties and Independent candidates to implement the demand for "solution before election" in the field, whenever necessary, so that utmost unity is displayed before the Government of India and the Election Commission of India.

NSBSG CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Governor of Nagaland & Chief Patron, Nagaland State Bharat Scouts and Guides (NSBSG), P. B. Acharya graced the inaugural programme of the NSBSG Golden Jubilee as the Chief Guest on 15th December 2017 at the State Training Centre, Nerhema.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, Governor Acharya called on the NSBSG to review the past work and mistakes. To the Scouts and Guides gathered, the Governor encouraged them to work for the welfare of the people. He also said that scouts & guides should be nodal agents to reach the various welfare programmes of the Central and State Government to the targeted groups so that they avail the benefits.

State Chief Commissioner, Atuo Mezbur in his welcome address gave a brief history of the Bharat Scouts & Guides movement and how it came into being in Nagaland.

The programme was chaired by Member, Organising Committee & Former State Chief Commissioner, Khyomo Lotha, Ex MP while, State Secretary, Chubanungla proposed the vote of thanks. The Jubilee theme song was presented by Thejashilie and Mhasivonui Linyu.

The Governor also took salute from the contingents of all 11 districts of Nagaland. He

► STATE ROUND UP ◀



CM, T.R. Zeliang speaking at the 19th session (winter session) of the Twelfth Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 15th December, 2017.



Glimpses of the sports events at the 1st Nagaland Olympics 2017 held at Dimapur.

► STATE ROUND UP ◀



Governor, P. B. Acharya and officials of NSBSG with Cubs & Bulbuls from Dimapur during the NSBSG Golden Jubilee programme on 15th December 2017 at the State Training Centre, Nerhema.



Director of IPR, Tourism and IT & C with Jio officials at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2017, where they were awarded for digitization of Hornbill Festival 2017.

► DISTRICTS ROUND UP ◀



Three day free IOL cataract surgery camp held at CHC, Medziphema from 5th to 7th December, 2017.



Mon district observed World AIDs Day at District Hospital, Mon under the theme 'Right to Health' on 1st December, 2017.

► DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ◀



Parliamentary Secretary, IPR and SIRD, Imtikumzuk at the inaugural of the augmentation of water supply by installation of solar powered water treatment at Ao Settsu village on 8th December, 2017.



Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Y. M. Yollow, Parliamentary Secretary, Land Resources and Excise, B. S. Nganlang and other officials at the inaugural of the SDAO office, Tamlu on 7th December, 2017.

also released the Golden Jubilee Souvenir. Governor Acharya also gave away awards and citations on various fields and achievements. The Best District was awarded to Phek. The NSBSG also acknowledged the First Adhoc Committee Members on the occasion of the NSBSG Golden Jubilee celebrations.

NATIONAL ELECTION QUIZ CONDUCTED ACROSS THE STATE

As directed by the Election Commission of India, the first ever National Election Quiz was conducted across the country and Nagaland also conducted the same during November and December 2017 in Intra-School level, District Round where winners of the Intra-School competitions participated and State Round, where winners of the District Rounds participated.

In the State Round conducted on 15th December, seven district teams participated where the team of Ministers' Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School was declared the winner.

At the end of the Quiz competition held

at Kohima, Abhijit Sinha IAS, Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland addressed the participants and teachers where he said that the primary objective of the Commission is to engage the young students in the age-group of 14 to 17 years- the future voters, in a self-learning exercise about the electoral process so as to build an informed electorate in near future. The Chief Electoral Officer expressed his positive impression to the participants and congratulated the winners namely, Merio N. Ngullie, Class-12, and Kekhriese Yhoshu, Class-11 of Ministers' Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School, Kohima who shall be representing the State in the semi final to be conducted in New Delhi.

The CEO also thanked all the other participants and asked them to work harder for similar competitions that would follow in the near future and appealed to all to disseminate the message on increasing qualitative participation in terms of 'Ethical and informed voting.'

GOVERNOR ADMINISTERS OATH TO SIX MINISTERS

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya administered the oath of office and secrecy to six Cabinet Ministers at a function held at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 16th December 2017.

The Ministers inducted were S. I. Jamir, P. Longon, Kuzholuzo Nienu, C. L. John, P. Paiwang Konyak and Y. Vikheho Swu.

Dr. LONGRINEKEN GRACES DIGI DHAN MELA

Digi Dhan Mela was held near Civil Secretariat from 12th to 18th December, 2017. Department of Information Technology & Communication organized the Mela with the theme "Go Cashless, Go Digital." Parliamentary Secretary for IT&C, Dr.



CEO, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS, DCEO, Vekho Vero with the winners of the State Level National Election Quiz competition at Kohima on 15th December 2017.

Longrineken graced the inaugural function as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Longrineken said the event was organized as part of the series of public awareness camps to promote and publicize various digital payment options in the country and the melas aim to spread awareness among customers and merchants on various digital payment methods. He appealed to all to be agile and innovative, "We must adapt an attitude and mindset that is receptive to ICT based administration and ICT based delivery of services."

The event is a part of Digital India, an initiative of the Government of India 'to go cashless and go digital.' Various services available are Mobile bill payments & recharge, Aadhaar correction, Pan Card services, Indian Passport services, Online GPF and Mobile- Aadhaar linking.

DIPR CELEBRATES ADVENT CHRISTMAS

The Department of Information & Public Relations celebrated its Pre-Christmas programme on 18th December 2017 at IPR Citadel, Kohima. Secretary, Information & Public Relations, Lithrongla G. Chishi graced the occasion while, Rev. Dr. Tseibu Rutsa delivered the Christmas message.

Director, IPR, Limawati Ao in his greetings highlighted the achievements of the Department and said that by God's grace, 2017 was an eventful year. He said that Christmas is a time to rejoice and share love with family and friends while also counting one's blessings.

Secretary, IPR, Lithrongla G. Chishi IAS in her exhortation said that Christmas is about giving, sharing, love and joy. She added that we should have a spirit of love not only during Christmas but throughout the year. She called upon the gathering to let Christ be born in their hearts everyday and let 2018 be a year to commit oneself as a Christian and be a channel of peace, love and help the needy. She also said that work is worship and as a

Christian, one should try to be better government employee.

Rev. Dr. Tseibu Rutsa while delivering the Christmas message said that Christmas is a reason/time to forgive one another and show one's care and love for our near and dear ones in Christ. He said the best gift to our parents during Christmas season is to accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior and live in His righteousness. He urged all the officers and staff to be sincere and dedicated in their official assignments and work with renewed vigour.

Registrar, IPR, Wati Atsongchanger called upon the gathering to commit oneself to God while celebrating Christmas. The programme was chaired by Atuzo Peseyie. Invocation and bible reading was delivered by Throngrong. Benediction was pronounced by Nouneseno Peseyie.

Other highlights of the programme included an inter-section choral competition, which was followed by entertainment session, karaoke session, bonfire and Christmas feast.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES AMETCHONG VILLAGE

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya inaugurated Ametchong village under Longleng district on 18th December 2017.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor called on the settlers of Ametchong to work hard and be self sufficient. Nagaland is bestowed with rich natural resources and talented manpower and has the potential to become a very rich state. He further encouraged the villagers to march toward development and new vision.

A brief report on Ametchong village was given by Adhoc Chairman, Ametchong Adhoc Village Council, B. Kengshing while, L. Shaupen Phom delivered the welcome address. Short speeches were also delivered by DC, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam, Ex Minister, B. Pongshak Phom and others. Ametchong Students' Union also presented a



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya and his lady wife, Kavita Acharya being felicitated during the inauguration of Ametchong village under Longleng district on 18th December, 2017.

special song on the occasion. The vote of thanks was proposed by Deputy Secretary, Government of Nagaland, B. Henok Buchem.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES SELUOPHE MODEL VILLAGE

Governor of Nagaland P. B. Acharya inaugurated Seluophe Model Village under Dimapur district on 18th December 2017. Seluophe village was adopted as Model Village by Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Neiphiu Rio under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) for implementing various developmental schemes of the Government. Seluophe is the second village adopted by Rio, the first one being Longwa village under Mon district which he adopted in 2016.

Addressing the inaugural function as the Chief Guest at the newly constructed amphitheatre of Selouphe village, P. B. Acharya quoted Prime Minister Modi's words who said, "India belongs to villages and unless villages are developed, India will not develop." With this vision, Modi launched SAGY in 2014, he added. The Governor observed that if the two MPs from Nagaland and elected MLAs adopts five villages in five years (one village in a year), Nagaland will develop at a fast pace. He further advised the villagers of Selouphe to live up to the expectation as a model village in order to move

forward.

On the occasion, Governor also handed the ambulance keys purchased from the MP Lok Sabha's fund to Zunheboto and Longleng districts. The Governor also released the report on Seluophe village during the inaugural programme.

MP, Lok Sabha, Neiphiu who was the Chief Host of the occasion, also reminded of Modi's vision of developing villages, where

Rural Development Department serves as the nodal department. He expressed gratitude to the Governor for launching the SAGY village where several projects including guest house, amphitheatre, playground, furniture unit, weaving unit, fishery ponds, rostrum, link and approach road within village, table saw mill unit etc. are completed from the MP's fund. He also thanked the villagers for their unity and leadership because of which it was possible to make Selouphe a model village.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS chaired the programme. Pastor, United Christian Church, Selouphe village, Vikesel Neikha invoked God's blessings while, Chairman, Selouphe village delivered the welcome note. Women Krotho Selouphe presented a special number while, Project Director, DRDA, Dimapur, Alemla Chishi proposed the vote of thanks.

PANKAJ KUMAR HOLDS STATE LEVEL MEETING ON GST

The Chief Secretary of Nagaland & Chairman of GST, Pankaj Kumar, IAS held a review meeting of the State level Monitoring Cell for implementation of GST and PIMS on 19th December 2017 at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Additional Commissioner of Taxes, Mhathung Murry who gave a powerpoint presentation in the meeting mentioned the migration status of GST as on December 17, 2017 where the total PIDs issued & PID activated till date are 5605 & 3940 respectively, whereas the total PID migrated is 3042. He said under the new registration within the same period, the migrated tax payers and new registration are 2992 & 3379 respectively. The total number of tax payers under CE & ST above 1.5 crores is 31 whereas below 1.5 crores is 350 and the total number of tax payers under VAT above 1.5 crores is 188 whereas below 1.5 crores is 2662 respectively. The division of tax payers between Centre and State above 1.5 crores is 110 & 109 and below 1.5 crores is 302 & 2710 respectively. He added that the department is one among the first five states to pilot the implementation of 'E-waybill.' He said refresher course on GST was held on 18th & 19th December, 2017. He also mentioned some of the future plans to augment revenue by way of educating all the stakeholders of the benefits of timely GST compliance besides intensified TDS registration drive.

As of now, only 23 departments have registered with GST, as such, he asked all the remaining departments to get registered at the earliest. During the meeting, different departments such as PHED, Forest, Health, Works & Housing, Agriculture and Police presented their respective PIMS reports.

FOREST DEPARTMENT APPEALS FOR PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland, , Satya Prakash Tripathi, IFS in an appeal letter stated that the survival of human beings and animals, both directly and indirectly, depends on forests, as their basic needs in the form of food, water, and shelter are met from forests. In addition to these tangible benefits, forests

play key role in carbon sequestration, amelioration of environment and climate change.

With passage of time and increasing population, biotic pressure on forests has significantly increased. In the State of Nagaland, lion's shares (88.3%) of forests are under the control of individuals and communities and remaining 11.7% of the forests are under the control of the Government. The Government has very limited regulatory role in management of private forests. Since time immemorial, administration and people of the State had/have played an important role in protection and maintenance of forests in the form of Community Conservation Areas. Communities had/have bigger role to play as compared to the Government for protection of forests and wildlife in the State.

The existence of wildlife is a good indicator of good forests and subsequently availability of timber, firewood, medicinal plants for human beings. The State of Nagaland has been traditionally a hunting state since time immemorial. Now, people are coming forward for protection of wildlife and they are rescuing wild animals and donating wild animals and birds which are kept in Nagaland Zoological Park, Rangapahar and Tragopan Breeding Centre, Kohima.

With the efforts of the administration, people and different agencies of the Government, NGOs etc, Amur Falcons (Migratory Birds) were well protected in the State during their migration in 2013 and onwards. This brought laurels, both nationally and internationally, to the State and the world community recognized Nagaland as the capital of falcons. With getting protection in the State, both the number of Amur falcons coming/migrating to/from Nagaland as well as the number of their roosting sites in the State has significantly increased in subsequent years.

On behalf of the Forest Department,

the Department has appealed to the public, Government officials, Village Councils, army and para military personnel, students, NGOs and other stakeholders for protection of wildlife. It also appealed Village Councils to make resolution for banning hunting of wild animals throughout years, instead of seasonal banning of hunting. Taking the importance of forests and wildlife in our life, the Government of Nagaland adapted the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

In case of observing any danger for human beings with the sighting of wild animals in human habitations, the Wildlife Warden, Dimapur can be contacted for tranquilizing the animal. In case of damage of crops/ killing of domestic animals by wild animals, the nearest forest/ administrative office may consulted. The Wildlife Wing, Nagaland Forest Department will try its best to make compensation against the damage on the recommendations of the assessment committee under the Chairmanship of the concerned Deputy Commissioner.

10 ADVISORS SWORN IN

Ten Advisors under the Ministry of T. R. Zeliang were sworn in on 19th December 2017 at State Banquet Hall, Kohima. The Advisors includes E. E. Pangteang, Chotisuh Sazo, Yitachu, N. Thongwang Konyak, N. Thomas Lotha, Er. Vikho-u Yhoshu, R. Tohanba, R. Torechu, Tovihoto Awomi and Jacob Zhimomi.

NAGALAND GOVERNMENT AND SBI SIGNS MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Nagaland and SBI LHO, Guwahati on 20th December 2017 for centralized integrated solutions at the

Conference Hall of the Finance Department, Civil Secretariat, Kohima. Principal Director, Treasuries & Accounts, Tiayanger and the Deputy General Manager, Transaction Banking Unit, SBI, Local Head office, Guwahati, Deshpande signed the agreement representing Nagaland State and SBI respectively in the presence of the Principal Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy IAS and other State government officials including the DGM Transaction Banking Unit, SBI Corporate office, Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, Temjen Toy said that he was encouraged to see officials from both the SBI of Guwahati and Mumbai as it showed importance of the project and looked forward to their continual support. He said that Nagas have to catch up with digitization for ease of service, good governance and for lessening the burden of the treasury work load and further called upon the Finance Department and the bank to give their best dedication and commitment towards the project.

Tiayanger said that the project is about cash management products and also said the e-payment and e-billing must be propagated in the State. The SBI officials from both Guwahati and Mumbai Corporate encouraged for digitization in the State. The meeting was chaired by Paogin Haokip, AGM, SBI, Regional Business Office, Dimapur.

REGIONAL REVIEW WORKSHOP ON FAMILY PLANNING HELD AT KOHIMA

A one day Regional Review Workshop on Family Planning (FP) for the North Eastern states was held on the 20th of December 2017 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima.



Dr. S.K. Sikdar, Deputy Commissioner (FP), MoHFW along with officials from the NE states of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram at the one day Regional Review Workshop on Family Planning for NE States at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 20th December 2017.

Welcoming the officials from the states of Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, Dr. Limaakum Jamir, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland called upon them to take full opportunity of the occasion and clarify all confusions, share problems and seek for solutions and directions from the GoI officials who were present at the workshop.

R. Ramakrishnan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare mentioned that health being everybody's concern, we should take all the angles into consideration while delivering the service to the people. He also stressed on the importance of roping in all stakeholders especially the churches and create awareness on the importance of family planning among the people through all possible platforms with ownership.

Dr. S. K. Sikdar, Deputy Director (FP), Ministry of Health & Family Planning, Government of India while addressing the officials present mentioned that the GoI is very concerned and have soft corner towards the North Eastern States, taking into account the constraints being faced from different corners. He also made a

presentation on where the states stands when it comes to FP program and where we need to improve on. He also highlighted on the new initiatives of Government of India under FP programme.

Dr. Sikdar was accompanied by Dr. Nidhi Bhatt, Dr. Upasna Naik and Dr. Shikha Bansal who are all SPOs under FP Division, MoH&FW, GoI. The team also took the time to brief on issues pertaining to the new initiatives of FP programme and FP progress, Quality aspect on FP, FP-Logistic Management Information System, Expanded Contraceptive Basket, FP opportunities in post-pregnancy and Monitoring & Data Reporting and HMIS: an approach to programme monitoring.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Bendangla, State Program Officer (SPO), RCH, Nagaland and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Thanghoi Lam, SPO, NHM.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF CIC AND SIC HELD

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya administered oath to the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner, Chandemo Lotha and State Information Commissioner, G. H. Ramlia at the office chamber of the Governor at Raj Bhavan,

Kohima on 21st December 2017.

NAGALAND POLICE CELEBRATES PRE-CHRISTMAS

Nagaland Police celebrated Pre-Christmas at PHQ Central Hall, Kohima on 21st December 2017. DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS delivered the Christmas greetings where he reminded the officers and staff to dedicate themselves in serving the society.

The Christmas message was given by Rev. Manen, Pastor, Police Baptist Church, Chumukedima which was followed by light refreshment.

2018 NEC WALL AND DESK CALENDARS RELEASED

The 2018 NEC Wall and Desk Calendars were released during the Pre-Christmas celebration at NEC Auditorium on 21st December 2017 by C. K. Das, Member, NEC. The calendars feature exotic birds and animals of the North Eastern Region.

The new website of NEC was also inaugurated by Ram Muivah, IAS, Secretary, NEC. The new website on www.necouncil.gov.in has many distinct features and connectivity with websites of other ministries.

DISTRICTS ROUND UP

WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED

MON:

Mon district observed World AIDS Day at District Hospital, Mon under the theme 'Right to health' on 1st December 2017.

Speaking on the occasion as Special Guest, Thavaseelan K (IAS), Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, DAPCC, Mon said that Nagaland standing fourth rank in HIV/AIDS prevalence in India, it is everybody's responsibility to take care and help the HIV/AIDS patients in the State and the districts in particular. As of now, the only possible ways to check and control HIV/AIDS is awareness, prevention and enhancement of life for the patients and access whatever treatment is available to increase the life span of the patients, he added.

The programme was chaired by Ingaupeule, OST Counselor and Longyim Tsudir DPO, DAPCU delivered the keynote address. Neiko Kanou, District & Sessions Judge, Mon, Dr. Ngampa and Lemei K, Miss Mon 2016, the District Icon also delivered short speeches.

ZUNHEBOTO:

World AIDS Day was observed at SKK

Jubilee Hall, Zunheboto on 1st December 2017 organised by DACPU in collaboration with ZDLISA, NZP, 5th AR and other HIV & AIDS Facilities under the theme "My health, my right."

RMO, 5th Assam Rifles, Captain Dr. Abhishek Sharma, who was the guest speaker, spoke on the prevention, transmission and treatment of HIV/AIDS. He also exhorted the gathering on the need to take proactive role by creating awareness among its families, friends and neighbours about the deadly disease.

The programme was chaired by DIS, DACPU, Hokishe Chophy while, vote of thanks was proposed by Retainer Lawyer, Tovi Yephthomi. Short speeches were also delivered by District and Sessions Judge, Niechochiyi Suyie, DPO, DACPU, Atokali Assumi and Hutoi Chophy.

PHEK:

Phek District Headquarter observed World AIDS Day under the theme "My health, my right" on 1st December 2017 at Phek Town Council Hall with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Shanavas, IAS as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC



DC, Phek, Shanavas, IAS addressing the "World AIDS Day" programme at Phek Town Council Hall on 1st December, 2017.

asked the gathering to value good health and called upon the gathering to spread awareness on HIV/AIDS. He also thanked the organizers for the success of the programme and in making the people aware of the disease.

Welcome address was delivered by Akhrie, Project Director, Eurecaca Life Foundation, Phek and Positive Voice was given by Mese Letro, President, Network of Phek District People Living with HIV/AIDS. Significance of the day was highlighted by Hierliotho Kajiri, DIS, DAPCU. Vote of thanks was delivered by Nutalu H. Keyho, DSRC, Councilor DH, Phek.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK AT MON

Road safety awareness programme under the theme 'Time for action' was held on 2nd December 2017 at District Executive Hall, Mon.

Yanithung Ngullie, EAC, Mon, speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest called upon one and all to drive carefully without risking the lives of others. Most of the accidents occur because of not following proper traffic rules and also due to ignorance of traffic rules by the drivers, therefore, road safety awareness is very important for all the stakeholders, he added.

Er. Arenbo, Senior Motor Vehicle

Inspector, while delivering his keynote address mentioned that strict enforcement, good engineering, education and efficient care service are essential for road safety enhancement. Studies show that road accidents can be predicted and prevented if proper traffic rules are followed by the drivers and good maintenance of vehicles by the owners. Education and enforcement should not only be the responsibility of the Government alone but NGOs, civil societies, village councils and even the churches involvement is also necessary.

Posehu Kezo, Officer-in-charge, Police Station, Mon spoke on Road Safety Awareness & Traffic Rules. Yuhwang, Vice-President, Konyak Union and President, Drivers Union, Mon also delivered short speeches. Vote of thanks was delivered by Roben Mesen, District Transport Officer, Mon.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY OBSERVED IN MOKOKCHUNG

CURE Foundations and Care and Support Society in collaboration with Legal Services Authority Mokokchung, MDPAPWDs, BLDPOs organized a programme commemorating the International Day of Persons with Disability at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 3rd December 2017.

Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS said that it is important for everyone to introspect why International Day for the disabilities is celebrated every year throughout the world. He said these special people are second to none for they can prove



EAC, Mon, Yanithung Ngullie NCS speaking at the Road Safety Awareness programme on 2nd December 2017 at District Executive Hall, Mon.

to themselves and to others that they can do everything just in a different way. He mentioned this while appreciating the items being presented by the students of CURE foundation.

The Deputy Commissioner said at present, there are 165 persons with disabilities who are registered under Mokokchung district. However there are many persons especially in the villages who are not registered. Therefore, he asked those concerned societies and agencies to ensure that all are registered at the earliest.

Short speeches were delivered by President, Nagaland Parents Association for Disabled (NAPAD) and members from Legal Services Authority Mokokchung. Invocation was pronounced by Home Evangelist MTBA, Rev. Watitemjen, welcome address was delivered by Founder, CURE Foundation, Akangnungba, while, special prayer for PwDs was pronounced by Church and Mission Secretary, Rev. Dr. Nuklu.

NOKLAK SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting of Noklak was held on 5th December 2017 at KTC Hall, Noklak. The meeting was chaired by EAC, Noklak HQ, Nchumthung Ezung.

In the meeting, SDEO, Noklak highlighted on the need to extend rooms at Government High School, Thang village. The House approved the same and forwarded for necessary action to the concerned department.

Chairman, SDPDB and Parliamentary Secretary, L. Khumo submitted a proposal for creation of EAC HQ at Peshu village and upgradation of SDO (C) to ADC HQ at Thonoknyu. The House after

approval decided to forward the proposal to the higher authority for consideration.

NEW DC, DIMAPUR SEEKS COOPERATION FROM DPDB MEMBERS

The monthly Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 5th December 2017 in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur.

DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS who chaired the first DPDB meeting after assuming Office as DC, Dimapur welcomed all the Board members which was followed by self introduction by the members.

Sushil Kumar while reminding the members about the conduct of Assembly Elections, sought the contribution and help from all the members for conducting the elections peacefully in the district. Sushil also apprised the members to inform DC's office if they are going out of station and also asked the departments who have not submitted the list of employees to do the same at the earliest. In the meeting, Sushil Kumar also enquired from the Roads & Bridges department about the progress of construction of the two bridges at Dimapur.

In the meeting, the House decided to send the proposal for upgradation of Kuhuboto SDO (C) to ADC HQ to the Government for consideration. With regard to registration of societies, the House recommended the



DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS addressing the DPDB meeting at Dimapur on 5th December, 2017.

proposal of Sustainable Bio Village, Molvom village, Medziphema and decided to forward it to the Government for consideration.

As entrusted, Land Resources and Forest departments gave their departmental presentations.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD WITH NEW DC

The monthly meeting of Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held under the new Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairperson, Smita Sarangi, IAS at DPDB Conference Hall on 6th December 2017.

Smita, in her first address as Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the DPDB, welcomed all the DPDB members and urged for co-operation. She appealed to the members to play significant role and spread the message of clean election. Further, she said that election is to be taken seriously and once you are detailed, you are bound to carry out as per the provision of the ruler. She also requested the Heads of Offices to have firsthand information about VVPAT which was on display. AEO, Nathan Konyak explained about the VVPAT machine for clean election.

The Board recommended and forwarded to the concerned department for registration of Prism Club, Peren, Gorkha Union, Peren and Development Outreach Network, Jalukie town.

Representatives from the Zeliangrong Baudi (N) and Kuki Inpi (N) were also present during the VVPAT machine demonstration.

YINGLI COLLEGE OBSERVES SILVER JUBILEE

Yingli College, the brainchild of the Association of Phom Graduates and Officers (APGO) celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 6th December 2017 with S. Pangnyu Phom, Advisor DUDA & NEPED and B. S. Nganlang Phom, Parliamentary Secretary, Land Resources and Excise as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, Pangnyu congratulated and saluted the APGO for having the visions for the future generation of its people. Asserting that literacy rate of the State has increased over the years lacking quality education in the system, he appealed to the faculty members to make Yingli College a role model of imparting quality education to the students and to adopt job orientation course and skill development education to provide job opportunity to the students.

B. S. Nganlang in his speech said that human resource development is the key to all-round development of any society and called upon the faculty members to follow the legacy and traditions of the college. He said while celebrating such occasion, we must honour our pioneers and at the same time, look to the



S. Pangnyu Phom & Nganlang Phom along with officials at the Yingli College Silver Jubilee celebration at Longleng on 6th December, 2017.

future development of the college.

Recollecting the initial period of hardship and financial constraints for establishment of the college, Dr. L. Anjo Keikung, First General Secretary & Former President of APGO said that with few visionary leaders of the APGO supported by the various NGOs and civil societies of the Phom community and selfless contribution made by the individuals and from the VDB funds, the demand for higher educational institution under Longleng district gradually become a community concern. He informed that the college was taken over by the Government of Nagaland in the year 2006.

Greetings were proposed by Arup Borgohain, son of Late Professor K. Borgohain, founder Principal, Yingli College, P. Chingan, President, PPC, Y. Denngan Avennoho Phom, DC, Longleng, E. Ongha Phom, Chairman, Bhumnyu Village Council, Y. B. Angam, President, APGO & former CMC Chairman, Dr. Kongyan, former President, APGO & Secretary, College Organizing Committee. Also, exhortation was delivered by Mr. T. Imdong Phom, first President, APGO.

Earlier, the celebration began with the College Anthem Alma Mater. Invocation was pronounced by Y. Nuklu Phom, Executive Secretary, PBCA followed by welcome address by the Principal, Mr. K. Hokheto Sumi. Other highlights of the programme included Roll of Honour by Jubilee Choir, Alumni Melody by Yongkai, Lemphu, Imnatula & Henila, Acapella by Budenpangli & friends and jubilee feast. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the jubilee monolith. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. B. Henshet Phom, Vice Principal followed by benediction by Rev. H. Beau, Pastor, LTBC.

FORTNIGHT OBSERVATION ON ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN HELD AT PEREN

As part of the fortnight observation on 'Elimination of violence against women,' a

programme was held at Peren under the aegis of Zeliangrong Mipui Organization, sponsored by the Nagaland State Commission for Women on the 6th December 2017 at Peren Town Women Welfare Hall, Peren.

President, ZMO, Apeuna Iheilung who was the resource person dwelt on the topic 'Zero tolerance for gender based violence in education.' She emphasized that the law of the land protects every girl for availing equality of education; it is enshrined in the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), she added. Touching on domestic violence, Apeuna Iheilung ruled that ignorance has allowed gender discrimination to go on in our society. Women are protected under the provision of Protection of Women and Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Rules, 2006, where the aggrieved person can seek redressed, she further added.

The programme was chaired by Advisor, ZMO, Kiheiyile. Attendants also participated in group discussion and interaction.

MANOJ DIXIT OF INLM ON DRINKING WATER & SANITATION ARRIVES AT MOKOKCHUNG

A lone empanelled member of the Institutional National Level Monitor on drinking water and sanitation under the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India, Manoj Dixit arrived in Mokokchung on 2nd December 2017 to monitor the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes on drinking water and sanitation in respect of Mokokchung district.

During his stay in Mokokchung, Manoj Dixit visited a number of villages to see whether the programmes of the Ministry are being implemented in accordance with the guidelines prescribed, to ascertain whether the selection of beneficiaries are transparent, unbiased and fair and to know, if any, causes for non-implementation of the programme. Also, a public hearing on implementation of



A programme on 'Elimination of Violence against Women' held on the 6th of December, 2017 at Peren Town Women Welfare Hall, Peren.

the programme was held at Commissioner Rest House, Mokochung on 7th December, 2017.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting of Pughoboto was held at ADC's office on 7th December 2017.

ADC, Avelu Ruho reviewed the last meeting minutes. Dwelling on the importance of SDPDH, she urged the members to be regular in attending board meetings and coordinate so as to serve the people. The house welcomed new members, SDEO, Pughoboto, Hatkholing Hangsing and Branch Manager, NRB, Kekhriezo. EAC, Ghathashi

Nuhuta demonstrated the Voters Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and EVM.

FREE IOL CATARACT SURGERY CAMP AT CHC, MEDZIPHEMA

A free IOL Cataract Surgery Camp under National Programme for the Control of Blindness was held at CHC, Medziphema from 5th to 7th December 2017. It was co-sponsored by Chakhroma Public Organisation, CHC, Medziphema with medical team led by Dr. Asongla, Senior Specialist, Imkongtongdang, Ophthalmic Assistant, Kipito Swu, Ophthalmic Assistant, Onensangla, NS, Zukheli, SN, Zulukala, ANM and Orenbeni, M/A, District Hospital, Dimapur.

Earlier, Dr. Asongla, Senior Specialist,



VVPAT and EVM demonstration at the Pughoboto SDPDB meeting held on 7th December, 2017.

Dr. Asongla, Senior Specialist, in her introductory speech, said that National Program for Control of Blindness was started since 1970s and many people benefited through the programme. She urged the patients to take care of themselves after the Cataract Surgery as per the medical prescription for quick healing and

healthy eye.

Around 79 people with different eye problems visited the camp, out of which 31 cataract cases were successfully operated besides giving free IOL and medicines.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner on 7th December 2017 at the DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

Proposing the welcome address, the Deputy Commissioner, Y. Denngan Avennoho Phom lauded the DPDB members for extending their cooperation and support to the district administration during his tenure as DC Longleng. He asserted that despite many shortcomings like transportation and communication problems in the district, the Government officers are active and performing their duties diligently for the welfare of the people. He also urged upon the officers to continue their efforts for the upliftment of the district.

The new Superintendent of Police, N. C. Jamir apprised the members to work collectively for the people of the district. He pointed out that every department has equal responsibilities for progress of the district and to maintain peaceful law and order in the

district. With the consolidated efforts of all the departments involved, we shall bear both achievement and failure together, added the new SP.

The Board recommended the establishment of Public Health Centre at Yachem EAC HQ.

KVK, TUENSANG CELEBRATES WORLD SOIL DAY

Krishi Vigyan Kendra celebrated World Soil Day under the theme "Healthy soil for healthy life" at CKS Hall, Tuensang. Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha graced the programme as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by officials from Agri & Allied sector and farmers of the district.

Speaking at the programme, the Chief Guest, L. Jamithung Lotha highlighted the importance of soil and its benefits for the farmers. Comparing soil health with that of human health, he encouraged the farmers to take proper counselling from experts to understand the nature of soil for proper cultivation and more harvest. Soil health cards were also distributed to the villagers.

JSCO, Beso Chang presenting the remark of the programme, apprised of the problems of soil erosion and its remedies. He reminded the gathering of the importance of soil health cards and emphasized the



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importance of the natural way of cultivation by means of organic matters.

SMS, Horticulture, Dr. Shisarenla Aier who chaired the programme, also delivered the welcome address. Principal, Sao Chang College, Chubasangla also delivered a short speech.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7th December 2017 at the ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS who also welcomed the new members of the DPDB.

In connection with the earlier notification to all the departments in the district for submission of Personnel & Vehicle list for the upcoming election, the DC apprised those departments who have not yet submitted the list to do the same at the earliest. He also asked all concerned to take confirmation from the Election Branch in case of any confusion. The DC shared about the streamlining procedure regarding the ROs, AROs and Sector Magistrates during the upcoming Assembly Election. He also shared and gave a brief explanation on the functioning of VVPAT machine.

Sachin Jaiswal while requesting all the Heads of Offices to work as a team for the smooth conduct during the upcoming election maintained that all seriousness from all Heads of Offices is expected. All members were further asked to brief their respective staff regarding election duties. He warned of

actions against any official not complying with the rules of election and the related matters.

REVIEW CAMP FOR PwDs HELD AT PHEK

A Review Camp for the Disabled (PwDs) was held at Phek on 7th December 2017 at 22nd Battalion, Assam Rifles camp. Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Shanavas, IAS graced the camp as the Chief Guest.

This is a historic day for everyone, Shanavas said, calling on the Persons with Disabilities to avail the opportunity. Maintaining that good health should be given priority, he encouraged everyone to take care of their health. He also thanked the 22nd Assam Rifles for making all the arrangements and extending their help.

Medical Officer, 22nd Assam Rifles, Dr. Balmuri Avanish, Senior Specialist



DC, Phek, Shanavas, IAS interacting with the disabled persons during the Review Camp for the Disabled (PwDs) at Phek on 7th December, 2017.

(Orthopaedics), Dr. K. Kuotsu, Junior Specialist (General Surgery), Shevosa Vese and Junior Specialist (Psychiatry), Dr. Senilu Magh assisted the patients at the camp. About 100 patients were given treatment.

SOFT SKILL & CAREER COUNSELING TRAINING AT MOKOKCHUNG

Soft Skill & Career Counseling training, organized by Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare,

Department of Labour in collaboration with Career Bridge Human Capital Solution, Gurgaon was held from 6th to 8th December, 2017 at MTBA Conference Hall, Mokokchung.

During the inaugural programme, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS, while delivering a short speech, encouraged the students from Jubilee Memorial School and others who attended the programme to take the opportunity in identifying one's talent and deciding what step should be taken as a profession in life. He also said that a person should identify his instinct and channelize his position in a positive way and should not cover one's dream in life.

The programme was chaired by Deputy Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden and Pastor, MTBA, Rev. Ponon Longchar pronounced the invocation. Overview of the training was shared by Director, Career Bridge Human Capital Solution, Gurgaon, Vikas Rao.

FINAL WARRIOR FIGHT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT MON

The Final Warrior Fight League Championship organized by International Muaythai Alliance Federation Inc-Mon (IMAFI-M) under the theme 'Persistent with tender heart,' was held on 8th December 2017 at Indoor Stadium, Mon town.

PM Nokpai Konyak, President, Konyak Village Council Chairman Association (KVCCA) sponsored cash prizes for the gold medalists. Chinglang, SDO, Housing, C. L.

John, MLA, Nyemnyei, SIS (DEO), Chingkai, LRSO, Honang, GS, Konyak Union sponsored cash prizes for the silver medalists.

CHANGTONGYA TOWN GETS NEW BRANCH OFFICE AND ATM BOOTH

New office building of the NStCB Ltd. Changtongya Branch and ATM booth was inaugurated on 8th December 2017 with Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Society, Mokokchung, Alangla Tonger as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest appealed for cooperation from the public with the bank officials. Shifting of the new branch office and opening of the booth would benefit the public of the area, she said, encouraging the people to avail the facilities that are being provided by the bank.

Managing Director, NStCB Ltd. Imtilemba Longkumer who chaired the programme, also delivered the welcome address. GM (P&D), NStCB Ltd,



New office building of the NStCB Ltd. Changtongya Branch and ATM booth inaugurated on the 8th of December, 2017.

Ningsangwaba delivered the keynote address. Branch Manager, NStCB Ltd. Changtongya, Lanuniken pronounced the vote of thanks while, Associate Pastor, CTBA, T. Aliba Imchen pronounced the invocation prayer. SHG, Changtongya village presented a special song. Short speeches were also delivered by Board of Director, Mokokchung, Bendangkokba

Longkumer and Chairman, GBs Union, Changtongya Town, I. Sowa Jamir.

FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD AT VISWEMA

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya and the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the Folk Music Festival at St. Joseph School ground, Viswema on 9th December 2017 organized by the Pavo Students Union.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor stated that one should not forget their language, roots and traditions as they are our identity and represent who we are. He appreciated the youth for taking keen interest in preserving folk music and other traditional practices. He encouraged the youth to popularize the rich cultural heritage and to also teach the younger generation so that the traditions and customs are not lost.

Governor Acharya also called on the students to start taking skill based courses for all round development and also to be employed. Stating that a stagnation point has been reached in the government job sector, he encouraged the students to take up job oriented courses and to be examples for others.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) in his speech said such colourful attires, songs and dances should be preserved and promoted. He congratulated the Pavo Students for organizing such an event.

In her welcome address, President, Pavo Students Union, Vizovonu Janet Chaya said that the main objective for organizing the music fest is to preserve and popularize the diverse music forms of Viswema, to promote the rich cultural heritage and to promote tourism. Various forms of folk music, dance and practices were showcased at the festival.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Wokha District Planning

& Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11th December 2017 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman & DC, Wokha, Manazir Jeelani Samoon (IAS) who chaired the meeting, welcomed and extended Christmas greetings to all the members, followed by self-introduction.

The Board reviewed the previous month's meeting minutes and approved LADP 2017-18 Implementation Committee Members for four Assembly Constituencies and Common Pool. Following are the members according to constituency wise – (i) 37th Tiya A/C: Convener-SDO (C) HQ, Members-BDO, Chukitong and AE (CAWD), Wokha (ii) 38th Wokha A/C & Common Pool Schemes: Convener-ADC HQ, Members-DHO (Horticulture) and EE, PWD (R&B) (iii) 39th Sanis A/C: Convener-SDO (C), Sanis, Members-DPO (LRD) and SDO PWD (R&B), Sanis and (iv) 40th A/C Bhandari: Convener-ADC Bhandari, Members-SDO (C) Ralan and SDO PWD (R&B) Baghty.

SPECIAL NEONATAL CARE UNIT INAUGURATED AT IMDH

Special Neonatal Care Unit (SNCU) equipped with basic facilities to provide proper treatment and care to new born babies was inaugurated at Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Mokokchung on 11th December 2017. The much needed SNCU at IMDH, Mokokchung was formally inaugurated by Dr. Limaakum Jamir, Mission Director, National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). IMDH is the third district hospital in the State to be equipped with SNCU under the NUHM programme.

Dr. Limaakum Jamir in his inaugural speech said the Centre is making all efforts to provide the basic facilities to arrest high mortality rate of new born babies in the country and Nagaland will also have the facilities covering all the districts. He said that with the installation of SNCU in the

district hospital, the need to go outside for treatment of new born baby is not required anymore.

Dr. Bendangla, State Programme Officer in her speech said that special trainings were imparted to a Medical Officer and five nurses to man the newly established SNCU at IMDH and hoped that it would help to garner confidence of the people.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Dr. Akaba, Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung while, vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Medem, Medical Superintendent, IMDH.

PHEK DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held at DPDB Conference Hall, Phek on 12th December 2017. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Shanavas C. IAS chaired the meeting.

After review of the previous meeting minutes, the Board discussed and approved the development of Phek district website for which the departments were requested to give write ups of their departmental activities and submit it for inclusion in the website.

Departmental activities presentation was given by JNV, Zuketsa and ITI, Phek. The DC informed the Head of Offices to remain in their stations and work for the benefit of the public. He also sought co-operation for the forthcoming election. The function of EVM machine was also demonstrated to the House by ADC, Phek, K. Mhathung Tsanglao.

MEDIA WORKSHOP UNDERTAKES FIELD VISITS TO THIZAMA & L-KHEL

On the second day of the Media Workshop on Climate Change Reporting, a group of reporters from different departments, journalists and Government of

India officials undertook field visits in and around Kohima on 12th December 2017.

During the field visits to Thizama and L-Khel plantation areas, District Project Officer, Kohima Dr. Menesetuo Tseikha explained about the Spring Shed Development Project initiated by Department of Land Resources Nagaland, in convergence with People Science Institute, Dehradun and PMKSY-WDC, focusing on regenerating springs, streams and underground flows. He also highlighted on Coffee Plantation developed through watershed programme, managed by the rural community and supported by the State Government. He pointed out that approximately 16 lakh and 80 thousand coffee plants were planted in Kohima district alone.

Participants also interacted on its benefit to farmers and inter-relation to climate change conservation.

MOTORABLE ROAD CONTRUCTED THROUGH PUBLIC SUPPORT AT LONGLA VILLAGE

A newly constructed motorable road was inaugurated at Longla village, B Khel colony on 12th December 2017. It was constructed through cash, materials and labour contributed by both the residents and non-residents of the colony.

Opening the approximately 300 m road as the Chief Guest, C. Thungbemo Kikon, the Village Chairman observed that, given the nature of the village which was built by the forefathers on layers and plates of rocks, constructing the road by erecting a retaining wall of about 6 feet and filling and leveling it up with boulders proved to be a hard work but their determination resulted into a commendable success. He also said that constructing the road out of self-resources is a noble action, an eye opener and a challenge which merits emulation by others to help ourselves for development and progress in the society.

K. Janbemo Kikon, who initiated and coordinated with Tsatheo Kikon for the self help project, stated that it was a long felt need of the colony to have a motorable road which can reach the neighbourhood and it finally came into existence through public cooperation as everyone was willing to donate part of their residential land besides other required factors. Wobemo Kikon, Pastor, Longla who pronounced the dedicatory prayer, congratulated the colony people for gifting themselves with the new road during the Christmas season.

FIRST LEVEL CHECKING OF EVMs

First Level Checking of EVMs was conducted on 13th December 2017 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. The checking was conducted under the strict supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon (IAS).

Security passes were issued only to authorized personnels to enter the venue for the checking. Altogether 290 EVMs were checked where four were found defective and in need of replacement.

Representatives and party officials from three political parties, namely BJP, NPF and INC were present during the first level checking of EVMs.

SOCIAL AUDIT FOR PEREN DISTRICT UNDER MGNREGA

The Social Audit public hearing under MGNREGA for Peren district was held on 14th December 2017 at Baudi Hall, Jalukie.

During the programme chaired by PD & DPC, DRDA, Peren, Imtinenla, DRPs/VRPs read out the village wise findings of the social audit. The programme was attended by the State Resource Person, District Administration, District Council Union, District VDB Union and the public from all the eight audited villages. The audited villages comprised of Jalukielo, New Peren, Gaili, Mbaupungwa, Tenning, Lilen, Saijang, Vongkithem.

CVO, MOKOKCHUNG ORGANIZES ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR FARMERS

A farm orientation programme was held at the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Mokokchung on 14th December 2017. 15 progressive farmers attended the day long training programme.

Delivering the key note address, DVO, Dr. Salang thanked the Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB), the State implementation agency, Government of India. Resource person, Farm Manager Piggery, Dr. Toshiwati and VAS, Dr. Wapangsashi focused on farm management and disease control in their address.



Resource persons along with progressive farmers during the Farmer Orientation programme held at CVO Office, Mokokchung on 14th December, 2017.

Deputy CVO, Dr. B. M. Sunep chaired the programme and District Livestock Development Officer (DLDO), Dr. Imlimenla Imchen proposed the vote of thanks.

RIO BATS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

Inaugurating the new Village Ground at Meriema near Kohima on December 14, 2017 as the Chief Guest, Rio called upon the youth to be physically active during the prime stage of life. Advising the gathering to shed the orthodox view of achieving success only through government jobs, Rio elucidated that sports is a level arena where only merit and prowess prevails and that excellence in sports can lift one up to fame and glory, besides making one wealthy overnight. He was hopeful that the new ground would be utilised by the youths particularly for sporting activities.

Acknowledging the natural potential and inborn talents of Naga youth, the MP rued that this potential is not being developed to the fullest thereby making the State to lag behind other sister states of the region and the rest of the country. Expressing hope that Nagas will make great strides in sports, the Chief Guest said that under an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the society, many changes for the betterment of the youth in particular can take place.

KOHIMA DPDB DAY OUT HELD AT DZULEKE

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its Day Out-cum-Pre Christmas celebration on 15th December 2017 at Dzuleke.

Assistant Commissioner, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, who was also present in the meet, was introduced to the Board members.

ADC, Planning and Member Secretary, DPDB Kohima, Ketoho Luho on the occasion stated that the main intention of organizing the Day Out in some other places was to have interaction among the members and to get to know one another better as a family to work hand in hand. He also expressed his gratitude to the Parliamentary Secretary who is also the Chairman, DPDB, Dr. Nephriezo Kreditsu and Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS for their assistance and guidance extended to the DPDB.

The programme was chaired by SDO (C), Sechü Zubza, Mhomo Tungoe while, invocation prayer was pronounced by DAO, Vizonyü Liezie.

MON DPDB APPROVES VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

The monthly Mon District Planning &



Kohima DPDB Day Out-cum-Pre Christmas celebration 2017 at Dzuleke on 15th December 2017.

Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15th December 2017 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon. The meeting was chaired by the newly posted Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. He welcomed all the members of DPDB Mon and the meeting later approved the verification Committee for LADP 2017- 2018.

DC, WOKHA HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS held a consultative meeting with the Sector Magistrates under Wokha district, in regard to the upcoming general election on 16th December 2017 at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha.

In the meeting, he spoke on the roles and functions entrusted upon the Sector Magistrates in the exercise of election and advised them to carry them out with diligence. Speaking on the importance of coordination among the different units or machinery, he encouraged them to coordinate with their ROs and AROs in order to carry out their assigned duties effectively.

Expertise demonstration on handling and functioning of EVMs was carried out as part of preparation for the election. Samples in paper format for identification of duty areas were also given to help them have a firsthand knowledge of their assigned jurisdictions.

STREET PLAY ON ETHICAL & INFORMED VOTING AT MON

Mon District Disabled People's Forum organized a street play on 'Ethical and informed voting' under the leadership of C. Chemkha and Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The play highlighted the issue of how inadvertently "differently-abled" people are excluded from exercising their "first right" in a democracy i.e. the Right to Vote. What is alarming is that this exclusion is brought upon them due to the general apathy and non recognition of the needs of the differently abled people while we design and build our social structures, the buildings and the social spaces,

which not only makes them feel unwelcomed but also point out that their abilities are not on par with "normal" people.

The percentage of differently abled people in our country is seven percent which, politically speaking, makes for a sizeable portion & thus recognising them also makes political sense apart from human and moral dimensions. Thavaseelan K, IAS, DC, Mon who was the Chief Guest fervently asserted that it is time that the practice of calling them disabled is abandoned and thoroughly discouraged. Instead, the word 'differently abled' is to be used. He added that the day we transform our social infrastructure, social spaces and our thoughts, we will witness their true abilities and it would put to shame many of those who are in a habit of using the word.

Dr. Laltanlien Khobung, Programme Manager, World Vision, Wangshok Konyak, President, Mon District Handicapped Society and M. Nangpa delivered short speeches.

KMC CELEBRATES CLEANLINESS AWARDS CEREMONY-CUM-PRE- CHRISTMAS

Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) celebrated the annual Inter-ward Cleanliness Competition Award ceremony under the theme "Cleanliness is next to godliness," with Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS as the Chief Guest on 16th December 2017 at KMC office.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest stated that cleanliness is a way of life and it is the responsibility of every citizen to keep their surroundings clean. He added that KMC is not the sole in-charge of cleanliness but that every individual should have a concept of cleanliness and put in to practice on a daily basis. He also congratulated the winners and Ward Chairman and KCC for giving their tireless efforts in keeping the city clean and also for successfully making Kisama, a Plastic Free Zone.

In the Inter-ward Cleanliness competition, the first position was bagged by D Block (Ward no-6) and the second and third



DC, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS along with the winner of the 7th Annual Inter-ward Cleanliness competition 2017, D Block Colony, Ward No. 6 on 16th December, 2017 at Kohima.

placed were bagged by Naga Bazaar (Ward no-4) and New Minister's Hill/Lerie colony/Lerie Chazou/NST/Diary Farm and New Police Reserve (Ward no-16) respectively. In the Cleanest Shop Award category, the first position was awarded to M/s Northern Sports, NH-2 (Ward no-2), the second and third positions were bagged by Regal Hotel, Main town (Ward no-9) and National News Centre (Ward no-6) respectively.

The programme was chaired by KMC Administrator, Kethosituo Sekhose, invocation prayer and Christmas greetings were delivered by Dr. Rev. Vevo Phesao, President, Kohima Town Pastors Fellowship and vote of thanks was delivered by Zakiehotuo Kiso, Office Secretary, KMC.

INTRA VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT UNGMA CONCLUDES

The closing ceremony of the 41st Intra Village Volleyball Tournament at Ungma village was held at Soyim Aonglenden on 16th December 2017 with SDO (Civil), Mokokchung, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS as the Guest of Honour.

Delivering his speech, Chaitanya thanked the organizers (Evergreen Club,

Ungma) for taking the center stage in promoting sports from the grass root level. He mentioned that taking this small step, one should have the determination to take sports to the next level. The SDO (C) encouraged the organizers as well as the participants to keep the youth active through such activities saying that games and sports not only keep us physically fit but it also contributes in

building a better environment in the society. Taking the opportunity, the SDO (C) also appealed to the village council and the youth of the village to come together and co-operate with the district authority during the forthcoming Assembly Election for conducting a free and fair election.

Exhortation was delivered by Village Council Chairman, Ungma, Alemtushi Imsong and a special song was presented by Mapuzenla Longkumer. Invocation was pronounced by Tajungkoba, Deacon, UBC while, vote of thanks was proposed by Moatemsu.

CHANGE MINDSET TO MAKE ECONOMY OUR STRENGTH: T. R. ZELIANG

We must change our mindset to make economy our strength, stated Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang, speaking as the Chief Guest during the Golden Jubilee celebration of the establishment of New Jalukie village, Peren. He stated that, if our economy improves, our lifestyle will change too. Change of mindset for economic development comes from within, he added. Zeliang was of the view that the villagers should set a specific target to enhance its economy with the help of the Government

funded projects such as NERLP, World Bank etc. He called for retrospection of the past 50 years and take corrective measures to build a future for them, based on strong economy.

Earlier, Minister for Highways, G. Kaito Aye in his speech congratulated the villagers for the fruitful 50 years and wished the villagers the very best for many more years to come, in all fronts of development.

SDO (C) AHTHIBUNG UPGRADED

The upgraded SDO (C) HQ, Ahthibung was inaugurated by the Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang on 19th December 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, Zeliang said that it is a red letter day for the people of Ahthibung. He stated that Ahthibung area has tourism potentials to move forward and for this, unity and cooperation is needed.

Minister, Imkong L. Imchen in his short speech, congratulated the people of Ahthibung and urged the public to cooperate with the administration and avail all facilities provided by the Government.

Earlier, the Chief Minister also unveiled the monolith of SDO (C) HQ. The function was attended by a host of ministers, officers and the general public.

WVPAT DEMONSTRATION DRIVE IN DIMAPUR

In view to educate the voters for the upcoming Assembly Election 2018, DC & DEO Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS and his team of officials started VVPAT demonstration drive in Dimapur district. The demonstration drive started in November 2017 and shall continue till the completion of the upcoming Assembly Election 2018.

The administrative officers & Sector Officers of Dimapur have been instructed to inform the people about time, date & venue of the VVPAT demonstration well in advance for larger participation. The officials shall also clarify the doubts of the voters, if any. The VVPAT Demonstration calendar for Dimapur district is made and shall be communicated to the people by their respective administrative officers.

MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELECTION OFFICERS HELD AT KOHIMA

India International Institute of Democracy & Election Management Team Motivation, an experimental learning residential training for election officers for the State of Nagaland was held from 18th to 20th December 2017 at ATI, Kohima with CEO, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha IAS as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Abhijit Sinha stressed on the importance of training because we learn and refresh our learning and added that election comes and goes but each one has a role and responsibility to play for the forthcoming election. He mentioned that dealing with different types of people would be different but every officer should be prepared to face those challenges. CEO also stated that through the improvement in technology, one is able to multitask so everyone should perform with holistic view.

The team was led by Dr. M. Parivallal, Angels J. K, D. D. Mohanty, Bharvik Goswami, Mupur Purohit Sumitra Gautam. Altogether 262 trainees from all over the district attended the training.

The India International Institute of Democracy and Election is based in Bangalore and has been working all over the country on election management, team leadership and motivation. Various trainees spoke about the achievement and positive impact and benefit through this training.

GREATER TASK AHEAD OF US, TO TRANSFORM IT TO REALITY: CM

Greater task and challenges lie ahead of us to transform the future of the upgraded township, stated Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang in his formal address to the gathering after the inauguration of Jalukie ADC HQ on 21st December 2017. He said that the people should jointly co-operate with the Government on all fronts to see

the reality. It is always the collective efforts that yield good dividends. He further said that willingness to create congenial atmosphere for development should be our mindset and we should not abhor negativity when it comes to development of infrastructures for the people. Landowners should allow development to take place in their respective lands, without any hindrances, and that, particular infrastructure will definitely bring economic activity and development in the near future.

Zeliang impressed the gathering to utilize the rich and fertile soil of Jalukie and preserve its reputed name as the heart of the 'Rice Bowl of Nagaland.'

Others who spoke during the programme included Home Minister, Kuzholuzo Nienu, Minister for Geology & Mining and Border Affairs, P. Longon, Minister for Horticulture, DB & GB, Kejong Chang and DC, Peren, Smita Sarangi, IAS.

Earlier, the CM also called upon the gathering to remember the Zeliang legendary leaders like Lt. Namgangheing, Lt. Kebau, Lt. Ikiesing, Lt. Kensam etc. for their visionary leadership to establish township as Jalukie in the

present location, which has close proximity with commercial hub of Dimapur and State capital Kohima. He also contended that up-gradation of SDO (C) to that of ADC HQ is due to the rapid increasing population which needs to be tackled in different fronts.

FIRST LEVEL CHECKING OF EVMS AND VVPAT CONDUCTED AT MON

Mon district administration under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and supervised by ADC, P. Mono and Assistant Commissioner, Abhinav Shivam, IAS, Mon, conducted a three day long first level checking of EVMs and VVPAT at Mon. The exercise was attended by representatives of BJP, INC and NPF on 21st December 2017.

Mock poll was conducted where representatives of political parties were invited to mock vote to test the machines that were certified FLC- Ok and updated with ETs application as directed by ECI. They also checked the result of mock polls which were found to be totally accurate.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

CHICKS REARING FARM INAUGURATED AT ZUNHEBOTO

Chicks Rearing Farm was inaugurated at Old DVO office, South Point (W), Zunheboto on 30th November 2017 by Dr. I. P. Khala, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest in his speech said that the focus and objectives should be on the chicks rearing farming and not on the building; many of the projects in Nagaland fail because the focus is on the buildings, forgetting the main purpose. He lauded the idea of starting chicks rearing at DVO, Zunheboto, stating that the rearing farming will be started with 500 chicks, the capacity of the farm is around 2000 chicks and that it will be given to the farmers of Zunheboto district.

Earlier, the Chief Guest unveiled the monolith. The programme was chaired by Dr. Meyatoshi Aier, CVO, Zunheboto and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Shiphatu Thupitor, VAS (outpost) & I/C Chicks Rearing Farm, Zunheboto. Short speeches were also delivered by Khuvishe Zhimo, GB, South Point (W), Zunheboto and Hekishe Kiho, President, VFPA, Zunheboto.

IMTIKUMZUK INAUGURATES AUGMENTATION OF WATER TO AO SETTSU VILLAGE

Parliamentary Secretary, IPR and SIRD, Imtikumzuk inaugurated augmentation of water supply to Ao Settsu village, about 10 km from Mokokchung on 8th December 2017.

Imtikumzuk said that the entire village will now have sufficient drinking water with the installation of automatic solar powered water treatment and he thanked the

PHED, Mokokchung Division for selecting Ao Settsu village, which had suffered a lot due to scarcity of drinking water. He appealed to the villagers, particularly the Village Council members to maintain the project properly. The existing gravity water supply from neighboring Longkhum village was not sufficient for the entire Ao Settsu village. With the installation of solar powered water treatment, the villagers will now receive 30 to 40 lpcd.

Executive Engineer, N. Yanger Pongen said that solar powered water treatment can pump upto 15 thousand litres per day as per availability of water at source and it is eco-friendly. He also said it is high operating life with low maintenance, operating cost and this advance technology can remove impurities like bacteria and suspended organic matters upto 99.99 percent.

Earlier, the Parliamentary Secretary inaugurated Arkong Ward Community Hall which was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 27 lakhs. During the inaugural function, Arkong Ward Chairman, R. Ayim Longkumer expressed deep gratitude to the Parliamentary Secretary for extending financial assistance under LADP and also thanked the people of Arkong Ward and well-wishers for their support and assistance towards construction of the community hall.

SDAO OFFICES INAUGURATED

TAMLU:

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) office, Tamlu was formally inaugurated on 7th December 2017 by Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Y. M. Yollow in the presence of Parliamentary Secretary, Land Resources and Excise, B. S. Nganlang, administrative officers,

government officials and civil societies of the district.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest, Y. M. Yollow called on the public to pursue agriculture with dedication, by availing high yielding and quality seedling and other facilities provided by the Government. He called for a free and fair election to end corruption in the State.

Parliamentary Secretary, Land Resource and Excise, B. S. Nganlang in his speech, sought the cooperation of the people in the developmental plans of the Government for effective execution of government schemes and projects. Stressing on the potentiality of the area to develop into an agriculture belt, he urged the department to promote crops based on agro-climatic suitability and profitability. On the same note, he also encouraged the stakeholders to avail the services of the department, and to promote cash crops.

Earlier, the Chief Guest unveiled the plaque while, TTBC, Rev. N. Mongmei Phom pronounced the invocation prayer. ADC, Tamlu, Renabemo Odyuo, who chaired the programme, also delivered the welcome address and DAO, Longleng, D. K. Chetri proposed the vote of thanks. Director, Agriculture, Helei Rüpreo and Chairman, Tamlu Village Council also delivered short speeches.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) office, Chiephobozou, Kohima was inaugurated by Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Y. M. Yollow as the Chief Guest on 8th December 2017. Parliamentary Secretary for Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dr. Neiphrezo Kreditsu was the Guest of Honour.

Calling the occasion joyous for the people of Chiephobozou, Y. M. Yollow Konyak apprised that there are 26 SDAO offices across the State playing an important role in agri sector. The 7686 farmers among the 28 villages

under Chiephobozou are the department's personnel, he said, calling all concerned individuals to work whole heartedly in the agri sector. He urged the gathering to preserve the work culture for the future generation.

Dr. Neiphrezo Kreditsu in his speech mentioned that our products are organic and healthy, calling on the village leaders, GBs and concerned individuals to extend cooperation to the department in implementing the programmes in order to uplift our people in the sector. Inauguration of the office would improve livelihood, economy of the people in the area and create job opportunities, he added.

Director, Agriculture, Helie Rüpreo presenting a brief report of the department, congratulated the DAO and staff and the people of Chiephobozou for the achievement. Kohima district would now have three Agriculture Divisions including DAO office at Kohima Sadar, Tseminyu and Chiephobozou with this inauguration, he stated. He apprised that the department has 11 DAOs, 26 SDAOs, State Agriculture Research Centre at Mokokchung, Principal ITC at Medziphema, State Seed Farm at Merapani, Central Store at Dimapur, Agri Expo at Dimapur, 7 farms and 2 Sub-Research Stations. Altogether there are 1981 departmental staffs including KVK, ADMA and casual employees, he added.

ADC, Chiephobozou, Sangmai C. Imlong who chaired the programme, also delivered the welcome address. Pastor, Chiephobozou Baptist Church, Dziesetuolie Chadi pronounced the invocation prayer while, DAO, Vizonyu Liezie pronounced the vote of thanks. Town Council Youth of Chiephobozou and womenfolk presented special songs.

MEDZIPHEMA:

Parliamentary Secretary, Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.) on 12th December 2017 inaugurated and unfurled the plaque of the new Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) office at Medziphema.

The Chief Guest in his speech said that it is a red letter day for Medziphema Sub-Division as the long felt need is being fulfilled. The inaugural of SDAO office is a fruit of development and a good sign of the Government's performance. Medziphema is one of the oldest administrative headquarters solely dependent on agro-based crops with great potential and which is also centrally located, he added. He encouraged the public as well as officials to improve organic and improved seed methods for income generation and surplus production.

The programme was chaired by ADC, Medziphema, Vikweno Chale, NCS, vote of thanks was delivered by Atoi Sema, DAO, Dimapur and a brief report about the establishment was given by Director, Agriculture, Helie Rupreo. A short speech was also delivered by Akhoto Kuotsu, President, Mechü Krotho.

NAGINIMORA:

Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Y. M. Yollow Konyak as Chief Guest inaugurated the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) office at Naginimora, Mon.

Director, Agriculture, Helie Rupreo in

his speech requested the public to cooperate with the Agriculture Department and also to take interest and utilize agriculture in a good way; to take agriculture as a business for the betterment and development of the people in the area.

Invocation prayer was pronounced by Winsha K, Pastor, Baptist Church, Naginimora followed by welcome address from Hampong K. Ex-Ranger. Short speeches were delivered by Helie Rupreo, Director of Agriculture, Chairman, Kongan Village Council, Head G.B. Naginimora. Yongang and friends presented a special number. Vote of thanks was delivered by Nyenghong Phom, DAO, Mon.

NEW PWD OFFICE COMPLEX INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR

Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, Er. Levi Rengma inaugurated the new PWD office complex at Dimapur on 12th December 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Levi Rengma said that the concept of the new office building is to accommodate all the PWD offices under one roof to provide smooth functioning and for better services to the public. He urged everyone to work harder and to put double the efforts to deliver good services to the people.



Parliamentary Secretary, Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.) & officials during the inaugural of the new SDAO office at Medziphema on 12th December, 2017.



2x75 Kw Noirol Stage- II Mhp under the Department of New & Renewable Energy was formally commissioned by the Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang on 21st December, 2017.

Earlier, the programme was chaired by Commissioner & Secretary (Works & Housing), Bendangkokba, IAS, vote of thanks was delivered by Additional Chief Engineer, PWD (Housing), Er. H. Kahuto sumi and the programme was invoked by Executive Secretary, UBCANEI, Rev. L. Hevoto Awomi. Technical report was given by Chief Engineer, PWD (Housing), Er. J. Talimeren Aier and a short speech was delivered by Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads & Bridges), Er. Krosu Rhetsuo.

CM INAUGURATES HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT AT PUNGLWA

2x75 Kw Noirol Stage-II Mhp under the Department of New & Renewable Energy was formally commissioned by Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang on 21st December 2017.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the Chief Minister said that with the commissioning of the project, there will be improvement in power in the area. He

encouraged the villagers to cooperate and use it for the welfare of the society and he also expressed his gratitude to Punglwa village for donating their lands for developmental works.

The project was executed by Genmachines Pvt. Ltd. in a span of two years at a total cost of Rs. 287.25 lakhs. The success of the project is through coordinated efforts of the officers and staff of the department and through immense support from the Punglwa Village Council. The project is funded by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the North East Council (NEC). The energy generated from the project will be supplied to Punglwa and surrounding villages. Excess energy generated during monsoon season will be injected into the grid as the system is designed for grid interactive.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Home Minister, Azo Nienu, Horticulture Minister, Kejong Chang, Cooperation Minister, Imtilemba and Geology & Mining Minister, P. Longon.



Parliamentary Secretary, Housing, Er. Levi Rengma inaugurating the new PWD Office Complex, Dimapur on 12th December 2017.



Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy, IAS addressing the launching of the Glocal Hornbill International Film Festival, 2017 at The Heritage, Kohima on 5th December, 2017.



Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh with the Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya, Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang and MP, Lok Sabha, Neiphiu Rio during the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 8th December 2017.

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