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Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio with British High Commissioner to India, H. E. Linda Cameron and other dignitaries at the Chief Minister's official residence on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Ambassador of Peru to India, Javier Manuel Paulinich Velarde and other dignitaries at the announcement of Peru as a partner country for the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Hornbill Festival at New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



*British Deputy High Commissioner, Dr. Andrew Fleming and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with his colleagues and other dignitaries at the Remembrance Day programme held at Kohima War Cemetery, Kohima on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*





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# OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

## HOME DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

Home Department in a press release, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, has informed that the State Government of Nagaland has communicated its comments on the Draft Memorandum of Settlement-III for the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory/Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The letter was forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Letter No. CON-1/G/1/2011(Vol-I) dated Kohima, the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

It added that the point-wise comments that have been communicated on the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory/Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority comprising the districts of Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak and Shamator in Eastern Nagaland were approved by the State Cabinet in its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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## DoSE NOTIFIES ON AADHAAR AS MANDATORY FOR AVAILING GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

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The Directorate of School Education has, in a notification, informed all school authorities, both government and private, that Aadhaar has become mandatory for availing government schemes such as stipends, scholarships, APAAR ID, Student PEN in UDISE+, etc.

In view of the above, it is important that school authorities identify school children without Aadhaar cards and prioritize their enrollment to avoid any disruption in the benefits provided by these government schemes. Ensuring that all children have an Aadhaar card will facilitate the seamless implementation of these schemes and help students access the necessary financial aid and resources for their education.

It should be noted that the UIDAI, Government of India has authorized the Department of School Education to conduct Aadhaar enrollment of school children at the block level, making the facility easily accessible to the community. Most of the Educational Block Research Centres (EBRCs) in the State are equipped with Aadhaar enrollment kits for the convenience of school children.

Furthermore, schools are advised to utilize the facilities at EBRCs and organize enrollment camps within school premises to support the Aadhaar registration process. This proactive approach will ensure that all eligible students are covered and provide convenience to parents and guardians in completing the registration process.



## STATE-LEVEL PARLIAMENTARY QUIZ COMPETITION HELD AT KOHIMA

The State Level Quiz competition was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at ATI Imagine Hall, Kohima with Home Commissioner & Chief Electoral Officer, Vyasan R, IAS as the special guest.

Speaking at the programme, Vyasan R said the Parliamentary Quiz is important for students because it helps to understand the parliamentary procedure and the role of parliament in society. He

encouraged the students to explore more on the parliamentary working procedure to equip and gain better understanding on how parliament functions. It can help students develop their leadership skills and learn to respect others' views and understand the importance of following rules, he added.

The 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by Phek, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions by Peren, Dimapur and Tseminyu respectively.

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## NAGALAND GOVERNOR HAILS MUTHUKAD'S MISSION AS ESSENCE OF INDIAN SPIRIT

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Inclusive India, Magic Show for Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities was held at Bishop Abraham Memorial Hall Peace Centre, Chumoukedima on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

Speaking at the programme, Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan extended his gratitude to the Different Art Centre, Kerala along with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for pioneering this transformative campaign - one that echoes the profound importance of an inclusive society.

The Governor further said that this campaign of the Different Art Centre Kerala, under the inspiring leadership of Gopinath Muthukad, an extraordinary magician and visionary, powerfully communicates the essence of social inclusion through the mesmerizing language of magic and that for some years now, he has brilliantly harnessed



*Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan, Commissioner for PwDs, Diethono Nakhro and others during the Inclusive India, Magic Show for Social Inclusion of PwDs held at Chumoukedima, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.*

this art to weave narratives of national integration, communal harmony, and peace. The Governor urged to forge ahead to create a society filled with compassion and our future guided by inclusivity. He expressed hope that this magical journey inspires us to ignite the spirit of unity and commitment in our hearts, as we endeavour to build an inclusive India for all its citizens.

During the programme, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro gave a word of encouragement, welcome address by Dr. Fr. C. P. Anto,

Principal, NEISSR and introduction to Inclusive India was given by Gopinath Muthukad.

## 16<sup>th</sup> FINANCE COMMISSION VISITS NAGALAND

The four-member team of the Sixteenth Finance Commission comprising of Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Chairman, Ajay Narayan Jha, Member, Annie George Mathew, Member and Dr. Manoj Panda, Member arrived in Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. On arrival, the team was received by Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton and other officials at Dimapur Airport.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Sixteenth Finance Commission held a press conference at Hotel Vivor in Kohima. During the press briefing, Chairman, Dr. Panagariya provided an overview of the discussions held with Nagaland's officials, including Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, and other Cabinet Members. The meetings covered Nagaland's unique needs and expectations from the Finance Commission, with Chief

Secretary, Nagaland highlighting the State's developmental progress.

Dr. Panagariya remarked that a significant part of the meeting involved a presentation by the Additional Chief Secretary, detailing Nagaland's economic and financial landscape and what the State seeks from the Commission. He added that the Finance Commission is responsible for advising on the vertical devolution of resources, which defines the division of the divisible pool between the centre and states, as well as the horizontal devolution, determining how states' shares are distributed between states based on criteria such as per capita income, population, forest area among others. In addition, the Commission also makes recommendations on the grants to be given to local bodies



*The Sixteenth Finance Commission, led by Chairman, Dr. Arvind Panagariya, briefing the media personnel at Hotel Vivor in Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

which come from the Consolidated Fund of India and it also make recommendations on disaster reliefs grants.

One of Nagaland's main demands concerns the inclusion of cesses and surcharges in the divisible pool, which currently deprives the states of such funds. The Nagaland Government also requested an increase in the weightage given to states' forest cover in the horizontal distribution, proposing a 15% share for this factor, given the State's significant forested areas in proportion to its total land area.

Also, Nagaland urged the Commission to incorporate a 'Disability Index,' recognizing

the challenges of the State's hilly terrain, which increases costs of economic activities.

The Chairman added that the State also requested the consideration of Capital Deficit Grants to support capital projects that had previously been funded by the now-dissolved Planning Commission, as well as project-specific grants for infrastructure development, including airports, foothill roads, hydroelectric projects and others.

The Sixteenth Finance Commission also held meetings with Urban Local Bodies, Rural Local Bodies, political parties and also representatives of Trade, Industries & Commerce, DIPR.

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## STSE 2024 RESULTS DECLARED

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The results for the State Talent Search Examination (STSE) 2024, focusing on promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, were announced at a dedicated programme held at Mount Tabor Retreat Centre, Kohima on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The programme was organised by PARAKH NCERT, New Delhi in collaboration with NBSE.

Prof. G.T. Thong, who attended the event as the special guest, highlighted the significance of the STSE as an integral part of NBSE's jubilee celebrations. 'The STSE is perhaps the most significant programme to promote STEM education in Nagaland,' he said, underlining the Board's commitment to fostering scientific and technical education among students. Encouraging the students, Prof. Thong explained that STEM education is a dynamic approach that engages students through passion and discovery, enabling them to face challenges and develop solutions. Prof. Thong emphasized that a

strong foundation in STEM will support students in pursuing higher education and careers in these fields.

Result of the STSE 2024 are - Kohima district bagged first position comprising of Mezbur Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Mt. Hermon Higher Secondary School, Kohima. Mon district bagged second position comprising St. Mary High School, Mon, Christ King High School, Mon, Eklavya Model School Tizit and St. John Higher Secondary School Mon, while Mokokchung district bagged the third position comprising Eden Academy Mokokchung, Town Higher Secondary School Mokokchung and Queen Mary Higher Secondary School Mokokchung.

Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, Shalini S. Sharma delivered a short speech while Joint Secretary, NBSE, Ekyimo Shitiri presented a brief concept note about STEM.

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## **T. R. ZELIANG ADDRESSES STATE LEVEL CONSULTATIVE MEETING NEC VISION PLAN 2047**

The State Level Consultative meeting NEC Vision Plan-2047 was held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang mentioned that the core objective of Vision 2047 is to achieve socio-economic growth, better infrastructure and connectivity, cultural preservation, sustainable development, and empowerment. It is a vision for progress that respects the past, embraces the present, and looks forward to a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

Speaking on the Sustainable Economic Growth, Zeliang said Nagaland's economy has traditionally relied on agriculture, and modernizing this sector holds tremendous potential for the state. Strategic actions, such as promoting diverse crop cultivation, expanding irrigation and water management systems, establishing cold storage facilities and investing in capacity building for farmers and agricultural enterprise can help the State significantly, he added. He also mentioned that the Infrastructure & Connectivity in the State are gradually improving; it continues to be a challenge to have better connectivity with sustainable roads. With the increasing demand in the e-commerce services, the State aims to penetrate the logistics sector by integrating with other mode of transport thus creating seamless connections between rural areas and urban centers. However, one key factor which requires the assistance and intervention of NEC is the development of warehouse and cold storage in bus depots and terminal, he added.

Emphasizing on Promotion of Art, Culture and Tourism, T. R. Zeliang said that adequate support system such as seminars,

workshops and capacity building initiatives and investment in establishing state-of-the-art cultural and exhibition spaces across the State will help boost in promotion and hosting art and cultural activities to reach a far larger audience. He said tourism remains one of the most potential sectors in the State for income generation and self-sustainability, with beautiful landscapes and available natural heritage sites, the potential for tourism growth in the State is abound.

On Industrial Growth, T. R. Zeliang said there is a huge potential for agro-based industrial growth in the State. The Agri-Horti Sector holds tremendous potential for development of various food processing industries. In this regard, establishment of minor and major food processing units in the State will accelerate growth of the producers and augment the income of the farmers. Due to absence of food processing units, the growers and farmers of perishable food items are discouraged to a great extent, as such, NEC may take special attention in this area.

On Health and Education sector, Zeliang said that key areas requiring immediate attention include the establishment of PSA Oxygen Plants with booster/compressor units, strengthening of blood banks and blood component separation services. Further, establishment of Green Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities and the introduction of efficient biomedical waste management systems will contribute to a more sustainable healthcare infrastructure. In the education sector, there is a lack of essential infrastructure, including academic buildings, hostels, laboratories, and libraries, which are critical for the effective functioning



of Higher Educational institutions. The absence of adequate facilities for incubation centres and sports amenities further limits opportunities for skill development and entrepreneurship.

Highlighting concern for timely sanction and release of funds at the right season,

Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang urged the NEC representatives for release of funds for Agri-Allied sector and Infrastructure, and appealed to them to convey the message to the concerned Ministries which may be reflected in the draft Vision Document 2047.

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## NATIONAL MSME CLUSTER OUTREACH PROGRAMME HELD IN DIMAPUR

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A National Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Cluster Outreach Programme took place at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Dimapur on 9th November 2024 to promote MSME development and financial support in Nagaland. Organized by the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) Nagaland, the event brought together key banking sector representatives and local MSME leaders to discuss financial resources and loan requirements for MSMEs.

Chairing the programme, SLBC Coordinator H. Lalhimpua initiated discussions with banking officials and Dimapur cluster representatives. Dhruba Charan Pal, General Manager, Network Work-II of SBI Guwahati, Bhanu Prakash Verma, General Manager and Regional In-charge of SIDBI Guwahati and Surabhi Bhattacharyya, Deputy General Manager, SBI Jorhat, offered insights on accessing MSME financial services. Aolemba Longkumer, Chairman of the Wooden Furniture Cluster in Dimapur shared specific challenges and needs within Dimapur's furniture sector, such as access to advanced machinery and improved marketing resources.

Banking representatives also outlined essential criteria for MSMEs to qualify for bank loans, emphasizing the importance

of 1) A Good CIBIL Score: Banks evaluate the creditworthiness of MSMEs based on their CIBIL score, which reflects their financial discipline and repayment history, 2) Organized Financial Documentation: MSMEs must maintain a balance sheet, updated financial records, and other documents to verify their financial health, 3) Transaction Through Bank Accounts: Ensuring that all business transactions are routed through a bank account is critical for establishing a transparent financial history, 4) Adequate Collateral and Business Plan: Presenting viable business plans and collateral, if required, strengthens loan applications.

The session covered 12 government initiatives supporting MSMEs including access to credit, market expansion, technology upgrades, and ease of doing business. The PM Vishwakarma scheme, targeting artisans and craftspeople was highlighted for integrating traditional skills into national and international markets. Dimapur's MSME cluster with 90 active members, identified improved technology and equipments as crucial for connecting with larger industries and increasing competitiveness.

Following the Dimapur outreach programme, the Dimapur Cluster members

and Representatives from SBI bank joined the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman at the Peenya Cluster in Bengaluru, Karnataka virtually. Sitharaman virtually inaugurated six new Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) branches, five Nari Shakti Branches of Union Bank of India, and a new Learning Centre for Canara Bank. Sitharaman addressed MSME representatives nationwide, emphasizing the Government's ongoing commitment to expanding MSME opportunities.

Sushri Sobha Karandlaje, Minister of State for MSME, Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State for Finance and Jitan Ram Manjhi, Minister of MSME addressed the gathering, emphasizing the Government's dedication to strengthening MSMEs nationwide.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Peenya Industries Association, and sanction letters were distributed to SIDBI borrowers from newly inaugurated branches across Karnataka during the event.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVED IN KOHIMA

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Remembrance Day Programme was held at Kohima War Cemetery on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 which was attended by the British Deputy High Commissioner, Dr. Andrew Fleming.

In his special address, Dr. Andrew Fleming acknowledged the Chief Minister of Nagaland and the State Government for hosting 'Remembrance Day' since the battle of Kohima. He stated that the Commonwealth War Graves Association assisted by the Nagaland State does a remarkable job in the maintenance of the War Cemetery, the resting place of so many heroes. He mentioned that it is perhaps the cause of its remoteness to Europe that the battle of Kohima is often referred as 'The Forgotten Battle.' Speaking on the Battle of Kohima, Fleming stated that the bravery of the British and Indian forces and few allies from Australia and Canada still plays a critical part in our history. 'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it and, we dare not, to forget,' he added.

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio called to the attention of the words inscribed on the Kohima Epitaph: "When you go home,

tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today," stating that these words serve as a lasting reminder of the sacrifices made, urging us to carry forward the torch of remembrance and respect for those who served. Rio expressed his utmost appreciation to Dr. Andrew Fleming, for being the initiative behind the Remembrance Day programme and for taking all necessary steps to ensure a successful partnership with the British High Commission and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, in the observance of this global event in Kohima.

The Kohima War Cemetery is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, it is the resting place of 1,420 Allied soldiers, and also the place where 917 Hindu and Sikh soldiers were cremated according to their faith. Amidst the serene hills of Kohima, we are reminded not only of the precious lives lost but also of the spirit of resilience that this place embodies. Rio also mentioned that war has taught us the value of peace, unity and oneness. The Naga people have converted the experience of violence into a message for global peace.

We observe the memories of the battle to spread the message of peace and love

Later in the programme, a vintage car rally was flagged off by Dr. Andrew Fleming and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rioin

the presence of his colleagues, Ministers, Advisors and MLAs and other officers from the Central and State Government and Armed Forces, Ex-servicemen and former Army Veterans.

## WRITE SHOP ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NE STATES HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of NIRDPR-NERC off-campus Write Shop on Development Strategy for the North Eastern states its priority areas, concern and the way forward was held at State Institute of Rural Development, Kohima with representative from 15 departments on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Assistant Professor, NIRDPR-NERC, Dr. M. K Shrivastava while briefing on the course on development strategy, said despite north eastern states being endowed with natural resources and a vibrant cultural identity, the Northeast struggles with issues like weak infrastructure, limited access to markets, and social inequalities and recent conflicts like Manipur. He asserted that sustainability development is important for development because it can help to reduce poverty, improve resource efficiency, and

make communities more resilient. In order to uplift the economy, focused efforts are required to be made taking into account both strength and weakness to develop a sustainable development strategy that will enable the State to utilize its rich natural resources and other resources in a sustainable way.

Dr. M. K Shrivastava added that the prime objectives of the write shop is to formulate a calibrated strategy for the development of the state with focus on rural areas which will help in identifying the competitive advantages sectors and products determining the gaps, setting priorities paving the way for an action plans assessing risky factors and bringing together different institution to initiatives to enhance rural connectivity for raising the standard of the



Director, NIRDPR-NERC, Dr. R. Murugesan with officials of SIRD and participants during the NIRDPR-NERC off-campus write shop held at SIRD, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

people.

Director, NIRDPR-NERC, Dr. R. Murugesan in his inaugural address, said that the write shop is to cover the boarder

indices of development core sectors of the rural economy, connectivity, infrastructure and services, health and nutrition, skills development and employment, rural industries, banking and tourism sector.

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL CIVIL SERVICES CONFERENCE HELD AT KOHIMA



*Civil service officers from across the north eastern states gathered for the AIF Executive Meeting at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, Kohima, on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

The North East Regional Conference, organized by the All India Federation of State Civil Administrative Service Associations, was inaugurated on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Regional Centre of Excellence for Music & Performing Arts (RCEMPA) in Jotsoma, Kohima. Hosted by the Nagaland Civil Service Association (NCSA), the event brought together civil service officers from across the northeastern states, marking a significant milestone in regional collaboration and shared governance.

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio delivered a keynote address, emphasizing the importance of unity among northeastern states and recognizing the crucial role of civil servants in addressing the unique challenges faced by the region. He praised the resilience and dedication of the officers.

Rio emphasized the distinct identity and governance structures of Nagaland, highlighting its rich cultural heritage with 17 recognized tribes and numerous sub-tribes. He pointed out that the Inner Line Permit system, established by the British in 1873, and Article 371(A) of the Indian Constitution continue to protect the State's customs, including land ownership and resource rights, which are central to Nagaland's identity. Rio also highlighted Nagaland's unique governance model, which operates

under a Village Council system exempt from the Panchayati Raj Act.

Addressing a pressing concern, the Chief Minister pointed to the shortage of IAS officers in the State and advocated for expanding opportunities for state civil service officers to join the IAS. Rio also expressed hope that the conference would provide a valuable platform for addressing the region's common issues, from administrative bottlenecks to socio-economic challenges.

Chairperson of the event, Sharon Longchari highlighted the importance of civil services in bridging the gap between government and people across the country. 'This conference provides us an invaluable opportunity to discuss, share challenges, gain insights from each other, and strengthen collaboration across our states and the



country,' she stated.

S. Tainiu, President of the NCSA expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, including the Chief Minister, for their support. She emphasized the importance of unity among civil services in the northeast and thanked the delegates from other northeastern states for their presence. She described the All India Federation of State Civil Service Associations as a cornerstone for collaboration and support among civil servants across the country.

Shanavas C, IAS, Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, shared his experience working in the State, commending the commitment of the Nagaland Civil Service (NCS) officers who often serve in remote areas for decades. Reflecting on the contributions of NCS officers, he remarked, 'As Sardar Patel said, bureaucracy is the steel frame of India, and NCS officers have been instrumental in upholding this frame despite unique

challenges."

Gaurav Bajad, President of the All India Federation highlighted the challenges faced by civil servants in today's rapidly changing world. 'Our civil servants are the backbone of the states, tasked with bridging the gap between government and the people while addressing complex issues like climate change, economic inequality, and technological disruption,' he said. Bajad reiterated the Federation's commitment to supporting civil servants by fostering unity, promoting professional development, and safeguarding their interests.

With distinguished guests, including Ministers, senior civil servants, and representatives from northeastern states like Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, and Arunachal Pradesh, the event underscores a shared commitment to fostering regional solidarity and improving governance across the northeastern states.

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## HEADHUNTERS TRIUMPHS AT THE 8<sup>th</sup> CAPTAIN N. KENGURUSE MVC MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Captain N. Kenguruse MVC Memorial Football Tournament concluded with a thrilling final match at the Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Headhunters emerged as champions, securing the winner's prize of ₹3 lakhs, while Mez & Co. finished as runners-up, taking home ₹1.5 lakhs.

Imkong L. Imchen, Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Government of Nagaland delivering the closing address as the chief guest, emphasized that Capt. Kenguruse's legacy serves as a powerful inspiration, reminding everyone of the values

of selfless service, sacrifice, and integrity. He encouraged the young players to carry these ideals beyond the football field, fostering leadership and sportsmanship in their lives. Imchen praised the Indian Army and Assam Rifles for their commitment to promoting sports and engaging with Nagaland's youth, acknowledging the tournament as a platform for young athletes to showcase their talent and dedication.

Encouraging the young players to continue striving for excellence in all pursuits, Imchen urged them to embrace the values of resilience, teamwork, and leadership. The Advisor highlighted the importance of

community development, environmental conservation, and nation-building, calling on the youth to play active roles in these areas.

In addition to the main awards, several players received individual honors. The tournament's Golden Boot went

to Kurisanyü, the Best Defender award was claimed by Thejangulie Zatsu, Best Goalkeeper was awarded to Pzierengulie, and Hemping L was recognized as the Best Player of the tournament.

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## DR. SHURHOZELIE GRACES NAGALAND LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2024

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The Nagaland Literature Festival 2024 organized by Writers Collective Kohima was observed at Capital Cultural Hall Complex Kohima under the theme 'Amplifying Our Indigenous Voices.'

President of Ura Academy & Former Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Shurhozelie Liezietsu who was the special guest, said that education has reached our people very late which was through the first American Baptist Missionary, Rev. Clark in 1872 and the first formal School founded by his lady wife, Mary Mead Clark in 1878, spread education in the Naga inhabited areas but the journey of our people in attaining education was very slow due to various reasons.

Dr. Shurhozelie also shared past instances where our people faced serious challenges and disadvantages in the field of literature by highlighting that during the Japanese invasion in World War-II, Kohima being reduced to ashes had completely destroyed the little literature confined to mission centres and again during the Indo-Naga War in the fifties, the few literatures that people possessed once again being destroyed. He pointed out that however, slow the spread of education might be, whatever disadvantages we might have faced in the past, the progress made by the younger Naga generation is really laudable, as they made rapid stride in learning to catch up with the

modern world.

Emphasizing on the theme 'Amplifying our indigenous voices,' Dr. Shurhozelie encouraged all to amplify our voices through writing of books on prose, poems, narratives, epic, dramatic, etc. He added that Naga writing and literature are at a very crucial and exciting juncture as we are in the process of learning to reclaim our narrative and finding out authentic voices.

SDO (C), Kohima, Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao who spoke on 'The Indigenous Women's Voice: A Perspective' highlighted about the Naga women sharing the same rights as men and enjoy better position than that of other societies and communities, with no distinction between men and women in our Naga society. She highlighted about Naga female performance and achievement in academics, career and in different sectors socially and economically and also having female representative to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly and ULBs.

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## NBSE ORGANIZES A SEMINAR AND INTERACTION PROGRAMME

Aiming to encourage Science Education and promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education in the State, the NBSE organized a seminar and interaction programme on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Holy Cross Higher

Secondary School, Dimapur. The participants were the Class XI Science students studying science in Higher Secondary Schools under Dimapur district.

Prof. Shalabh, Department of Statistics and Dean of Academic Affairs, IIT Kanpur, as the resource person, urged the students to develop the spirit of inquiry, experimentation and to know one's abilities and capabilities. Today's world cannot progress without scientific knowledge and temperament, he added. In both the sessions, the students interacted very actively with a variety of

questions on various areas/topics.

In the first session, around 611 students from 7 (seven) schools participated and in the afternoon, 351 students from 6 (six) schools joined the seminar. Through his talks, the resource person focused on empowering the young minds to share their future. He dwelled on the importance of STEM Education in today's fast paced world of challenges. He also spoke on the role of IIT's across the country in developing scientific temper amongst the students.

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## NAGALAND POLICE SPORTS MEET HELD AT CHUMUKEDIMA

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The XL Nagaland Police Duty-cum-Sports Meet 2024 was kicked off on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Chumukedima Police Complex. The ceremony began with the assembly of participating teams, followed by the arrival of a special guest Governor, La Ganesan. The program continued with a rendition of the national anthem, which stirred a sense of patriotism and unity among the attendees.

Governor, Nagaland, La Ganesan praised the officers for their commitment to excellence in both their professional responsibilities and athletic pursuits. He said that the event is seen as an opportunity to highlight values crucial to law enforcement, including integrity, teamwork, and resilience. He also said the Nagaland Police Meet not only tests physical abilities but also aims to strengthen camaraderie, unity, and shared the joy of police personnel beyond the daily demands of duty.

The Governor also paid a tribute to the families and loved ones of the police

personnel, whose support was vital to the officers' strength and dedication. The sacrifices made by families were recognized as the foundation of a strong and humane police force and said the event is expected to foster lasting bonds among police units, creating memories and experiences that transcend the competitive arena.

Rupin Sharma (IPS), DGP, Nagaland in his address, commended the athletes for their dedication and encouraged them to bring the same energy and spirit to their duties. 'Our profession demands that we be at our best, physically and mentally every day. This event is an opportunity for us to recharge, connect, and continue building a force that the people of Nagaland can rely on,' he added.

The highlight of the event was the grand march-past by the participating teams, showcasing discipline and coordination. At noon, introductory remarks were delivered by the organizing secretary, setting the tone for the event.

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## NAGALAND RECEIVES SEVENFOLD INCREASE IN FUNDING UNDER MODI'S GOVERNMENT

Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Joytiraditya M. Scindia said that in the last ten years of Modi's Government, Nagaland has received seven times increase in funding from the Centre, and has received close to 37,000 crore rupees.

The Union Minister said this after a review meeting on MDoNER developmental projects of the State, with Chief Minister of Nagaland, Niephiu Rio at Nouna Resort in Chumoukedima on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024. In terms of grant-in-aid from the Centre, he said in the last ten years of Narendra Modi's tenure as Prime Minister, Nagaland has received 64,768 crore rupees, which is double the amount prior to the earlier ten years.

Scindia said Nagaland has a very rich cultural heritage and history, economic growth state and is completely in line with the Prime Minister's vision that in the coming years, "Northeast must be the growth engine of the Indian economy." Stating that Nagaland is strategically placed

as an entry point and a vista for the rest of SouthEast Asia, the State has tremendous possibilities within the neighborhood from an international perspective. Nagaland has done tremendously well on the economic front, growing at close to about 8.5 % to 9% and the gross state domestic GDP is also at about 48,000 crore rupees, he added.

Underlining the role of DoNER as partner in the development of the eight North Eastern states including Nagaland, the Union Minister said the review meeting discussed a wide array and range of topics including handicrafts and handlooms, silk, agriculture, palm oil, tourism infrastructure and internet connectivity.

In his address, Nagaland Chief Minister Niephiu Rio, said the meeting held an extensive discussion and exchanged ideas and suggestions on how to collaborate for the development of the Northeast as an integral part of a developed India. The Chief Minister welcomed the decision to establish a new high-level task force focusing on sports and tourism.

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## IEC CAMPAIGN ON DHARTI AaBA JANJATIYA GRAM UTKARSH ABHIYAN LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

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### KOHIMA:

IEC Campaign on Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Phesama Village Council Hall under Jakhama Block, Kohima district. The campaign aimed to create awareness and provide essential government services to the eligible citizens of the village. Key services offered during the programme include Aadhaar registration, Ayushman Bharat/Chief Minister's Health

Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). Along with these, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were also distributed free of cost to facilitate better understanding of these welfare schemes.

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### KIPHIRE:

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the District Administration of Kiphire launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan



(DA-JGUA) in dedicated IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) Campaign. This significant campaign commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the revered tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda and aims to elevate the socio-economic conditions of the tribal villages in the region. The event took place at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kiphire, with MLA & Advisor for Home Guards & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimkhiung inaugurating the campaign.

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA - JGUA) was also launched in Pungro Sub-Division and Seyochung Sub-Division on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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#### TSEMINYU:

Tseminyu district launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) campaign at DC's Office Tseminyu on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The sensitization programme was attended by the District Administration, officials from the line departments, Town Councillors and Village Council Members, Tseminyu. Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Rohit Singh (IAS) highlighted the activities of the campaign and the empowerment and relevance of the programme. The special Saturation Camp for Aadhaar, PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat) and health camp were held at DC's Office, wherein 24 persons were screened in health camp, 17 persons availed the Aadhaar facility, and 12 persons availed the Ayushman/CMHIS Card.

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#### LONGLENG:

The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) was launched in Longleng district on 15<sup>th</sup> November

2024, alongside similar activities across the district. The official launch at the EAC's Office in Sakshi was led by MLA, A. Pongshi Phom. The campaign was launched at the DC's Office, ADC's office in Tamlu, Yachem EAC circle and Yongyah EAC Circle. The event saw the participation of key officials including the Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Superintendent of Police, Longleng and representatives from CSOs and the participating 20 (twenty) selected villages. This initiative aims to foster sustainable development and upliftment of rural tribal communities across the region.

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#### MOKOKCHUNG:

The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) was initiated at the ADC's Office complex in Mangkolemba on 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. The launch of the campaign was overseen by Hotolu Sema, the SDO (C) alongside officials from various departments, Town Councillors, Dobashis, GBs, and representatives from different organizations. Nagaland has been chosen as one of the 30 states and Union Territories to carry out this initiative, benefiting 608 villages within the State.



*Government officials, Village Council Members from Khensa, Ungma and Mokokchung villages during the launching programme of DA-JGUA at DC's Office, Mokokchung on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

**NIULAND:**

The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan(DA-JGUA) scheme was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 across 4 (four) villages namely Hakhizhe, Hovishe, Hovukhu and Kuhoxu under Niuland district. The event witnessed mass participation of various Departments and public across the district. During the programme, success stories of various schemes such as PM KISAN, Ayushman Bharat and NSRLM were shared by beneficiaries encouraging the public to enroll and reap the benefits of the schemes provided by the Government.

**PHEK:**

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan(DA-JGUA) programme was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The officers from concerned line departments, including Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Industries & Commerce, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, and Education Departments delivered PowerPoint presentations on their current developmental activities of flagship schemes under Phek district.



ADC, Phek, Ruopfukuotuo Noudi with officials during the DA-JGUA campaign held at DC's Office, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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**ALL INDIA COOPERATIVE WEEK CELEBRATED**

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**KIPHIRE:**

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer graced the 71<sup>st</sup> All India Cooperative Week celebration 2024, under the Theme 'Role of Cooperative in Building Viksit Bharat,' at R.M. Seili Complex, Kiphire, as guest of honour on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

In his speech, the DC urged the 427 registered Societies and non-registered Societies under Kiphire to produce Raja Mirchi, Chilli, Potatoes, Pumpkin Powder,

Milletts, Ginger, Local products like Handicrafts etc. and urged them to work unitedly, help one another, succeed together, help and grow together.

All Heads of Agri & Allied Departments attended the programme.

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**MOKOKCHUNG:**

The Assistant Registrar of Cooperative societies, Mokokchung celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup> All India Co-operative Week under the theme "The Role of Co-operatives in building



DC, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji with government officials, private society members and beneficiaries during the celebration of 71<sup>st</sup> Co-operative Week at Mokokchung on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Viksit Bharat,' held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Sangtemla Ward, Mokokchung on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji, who graced the programme as the guest of honour, urged beneficiaries to utilize digital tools, emphasized equal rights in cooperative registration, and lauded the growth of local cooperatives. He encouraged start-ups to begin small but aim for long term success.

Short speeches were delivered by Supongchiten, Chairman, Adianu Agri. and Allied Cooperative Ltd. Longsa village and Poji, DDM NABARD, Mokokchung. DC, Mokokchung gave away hardware components to Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) beneficiaries.

#### WOKHA:

The 71<sup>st</sup> All India Co-operative Week celebration was observed on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Wokha with DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar (IAS) as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the DC urged the cooperative society members to take a

leading role by focusing their activities on the betterment and economic transformation of our society, and appealed to them to avail various schemes and projects of the government for the benefit of the society. He also urged them to cope with the slowly growing economic transformation that has been taking place in our State and implement their activities successfully.

During the programme, the DC handed over computer hardware sets and inverters to 15 selected Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) beneficiaries.

#### PHEK:

The 71<sup>st</sup> All India Cooperative Week was celebrated at SIRD Hall, Phek on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 under the theme, "Role of Cooperatives in Building Viksit Bharat," with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam as special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the DC spoke about the responsible role of the concerned Cooperative Societies, and encouraged the members of Cooperative Societies to maintain strong connections and unity among its members for further development

through various activities. The DC also spoke on the importance of time management in the process of organising and planning for various activities to increase efficiency and productivity.

As part of strengthening the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), the DC also handed over computer sets to Sixteen (16) selected cooperative societies during the programme. Chakhesang Women Welfare, MPCS Ltd. Pfutsero, Nezelu Nyekha shared about success story of Cooperative Society at the programme.

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#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

The Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Zunheboto observed the 71<sup>st</sup> All India Cooperative Week Celebration 2024

with the theme 'Role of Cooperatives in Building Viksit Bharat' on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at VDB Hall, Zunheboto with Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali (IAS) as guest of honour.

While delivering the keynote address, ARCS, Zunheboto, Kenilo Khing highlighted the aims and objectives of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) and deliberated on enhancement of efficiency of PACS, Computerization, and later, gave away computer hardwares to 22 PACS during the celebration.

The programme was attended by Agri & Allied departments, NSt.CB, and representatives from various PACS Cooperative Societies.

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### **NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATED AT DIMAPUR**

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National Press Day was celebrated at DBDIL Hall, Don Bosco School, Dimapur on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The event was organised by the Dimapur Press Club, and highlighted the evolving role of the media in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and its relevance in modern society.

K. Temjen Jamir, Editor of Tir Yimyim described November 16 as the "Independent Day" for the press, and mentioned the role of Press Council of India especially in the area of press freedom and journalist integrity. Jamir also mentioned about the changing nature

of the press especially in the atmosphere of rapid technological advancement, and said misinformation and fake news is a great challenge to the press fraternity. He encouraged the members present to work diligently.

While delivering a short speech, Dr. Akum Longchari, Editor and Publisher, Morung Express raised the concern of the gap between fake news and feelings that is moving further apart, and urged the members present to be cautious, honesty and to maintain integrity.

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### **NBSE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

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Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) celebrated its Golden Jubilee (1974-2024) with a grand celebratory programme on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima with Chairman, Assam

State School Education Board, R.C. Jain IAS (Retd.) as the guest of honour and Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome as the special guest.

Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome in his address



said that the NBSE has been a visionary in its approach towards education and that many successful individuals owe their success to the robust system of education implemented by the NBSE. He expressed his contentment over how the NBSE is moving progressively and systematically dealing with all the new educational policies and programmes, and rapidly adapting to the needs of the students in the modern world. He emphasized on the need to introduce more vocational subjects to the curriculum and highlighted the efforts that are being made to ensure that the educational system adheres to the need of making students employable.

R.C. Jain IAS (Retd.) speaking at the golden jubilee celebration programme, said that the event is a celebration of a journey of dedication, growth and unwavering commitment to excellence in education. He said that the milestone is not just a measure of time but rather a testament to the countless lives touched, dreams nurtured and future saved through the power of knowledge and learning. He further stressed that the NBSE has been guided by a vision to create an inclusive and creative environment, one that encourages intellectual curiosity, fosters moral values and builds character. He said that the jubilee is an occasion to honour the educators of both past and present, who have

been the heart and soul of the board and also the students who are the future of the society. He urged the board to take inspiration from the rich legacy of the past 50 years and renew its commitment to provide quality education.

Commissioner and Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Nagaland, Kevileno Angami in her exhortation speech, said that 50 years of shaping young minds and fostering growth is a testament of the dedication and commitment of the NBSE towards excellence. She said that the NBSE had been relentlessly and consistently serving the people ever since the enactment of the NBSE Act in 1973 and that the pioneers who laid the foundation and ensured the NBSE's continued success should all be honoured. She urged the NBSE to let every challenge be an opportunity to learn and grow, and to be resilient and to keep striving for excellence.

Assistant Professor and Controller of Examinations, Kohima Science College, Jotsoma and HSLC topper 1999, Teisovi Gerad Meyase, Joint Secretary, Council of Boards of School Education in India, M.K. Arora. Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome released the Jubilee Souvenir and Memento in the presence of the guest of honour, Chairperson of NBSE and other officials and guests of the programme.

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## STATE LEVEL DEBATE COMPETITION ON 'NLTP ACT 1989' HELD

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On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebration & IEC campaign for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, the ICFAI University organised the state level debate competition on the topic 'NLTP Act 1989' on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at ICFAI University campus, Chumoukedima.

Addressing the gathering, Joint

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Hito Sema highlighted the aims and objectives of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebration and IEC Campaign.

The winner of the debate, Pekivi K Kiho of Patkai Christian College spoke against the motion, acknowledging the intention of the NLTP Act 1989 as noble, but stated the

society that we are living today is not the one where we can say the act has fulfilled its purpose, therefore, we must confront the truth that the NLTP Act has not succeeded its

primary objective. NLTP Act has encouraged corruption, syndicate supplier, spurred liquor and consumption of adulterated alcohol have destroyed our people.

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## **WORKSHOP ON SECURITIES MARKET HELD AT DIPR**

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) conducted a workshop on security market and stocks market at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Resource person, Securities Market Trainer, SEBI, Chenio Lotha who shared on the Savings and Investment, urged the participants to ensure proper financial planning to achieve their goals. He said that investors need to identify the goals, assets, liabilities and also identify the likely earning and expenses so as to know on how much investors can plan and invest. He added that the stakeholders should plan for

emergencies, and has to be aware of inflation effects. He highlighted the risk and reward matrix and spoke on other major benefits schemes. He explained how people invest in mutual fund as lumpsum investment and the systematic investment plan.

He stressed the role of securities and participations in securities markets, important intermediaries in markets, investment in primary market, price discovery of shares in a public offering, process to participate in a primary market and investment in the secondary market, modes of placing order for trading.

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## **MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME AFFAIRS HOLDS MEETING WITH CSS IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS**

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Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, Bandi Sanjay Kumar convened a review meeting with the line departments of the centrally sponsored schemes in Nagaland which was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland Dr. J Alam, IAS while delivering his welcome address, said that the review meeting with the senior officials was convened to get an overview of the various schemes and programmes being implemented by the State Government with assistance from the Government of India. Alam also said the meeting also reviewed all the flagship programmes and overseeing

the progress being made in the exploration schemes and aspirational blocks. Alam also gave a brief overview of the State and highlighted some major ongoing projects in the State like four lane, national highways, railway projects connecting the state and many other iconic projects with central assistance.

Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, after thorough deliberations with the CSS implementation departments and other centrally sponsored schemes, assured that all the suggestions and challenges faced by the State were duly noted and it will be put forth for further necessary action to the Central Ministry.

Representatives from Kiphire, Zunheboto and Noklak highlighted the progress and challenges faced by the Aspirational Districts/Blocks in Nagaland through PowerPoint presentations. PowerPoint presentations on the status of implementation of National Oil Palm Mission, recently launched by M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare was delivered

by the Agriculture Department, and status of the centrally sponsored schemes for the year 2024-25 Government of Nagaland was presented by the Planning & Transformation Department.

Various CSS implementing departments and aspirational districts also shared their challenges faced during the implementation of the schemes during the meeting.

## UNION MINISTER OF STATE (HOME AFFAIRS) VISITS MOKOKCHUNG

District Machinery and Local Communities of Mokokchung district had an interactive session with the Union Minister for Home Affairs, Government of India, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Ao Senden President, in his welcome note, apprised the Minister about the Border issues with Assam and requested him to intervene so as to settle this issue amicably once and for all. The President also put forward regarding the people's desire to live without fear by citing that Mokokchung is

a peaceful place and cannot be classified as 'disturbed areas,' therefore the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act must be totally abolished from Mokokchung district. Representatives from the Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC) apprised the Minister about the importance and need for setting up a Music Academy in the district, and also the need of an electric crematorium in the town. President, Watsu Mungdang highlighted the poor condition of circular roads in and around Mokokchung town and those in the rural areas

The Union Minister while taking note of



*Union Minister for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar addressing the interactive session with District Machinery and Local Communities during his visit to Mokokchung on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

the issues being put forward by the District Machinery and Local Communities, assured that he would try his best to help and convey the same to the concerned ministry and make

sure that the issues are looked into.

After the meeting, the Minister paid a visit to Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> ALL INDIAN POLICE BAND COMPETITION HELD

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*Lieutenant General, Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM, Director General, Assam Rifles giving away the trophy to the overall champions at the closing ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> All Indian Police Band competition held at Drill Ground, ARTC&S, Shokhuvi, Dimapur on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.*

The 25<sup>th</sup> All Indian Police Band Competition, organised by Assam Rifles Training Centre & School (ARTC&S) was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at Drill Ground, ARTC&S, Shokhuvi, Dimapur.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor La Ganesan stated that this gathering celebrates not only the musical prowess of our Police Bands but also the spirit of unity, discipline, and dedication that our armed Police Forces exhibit. Military and Police bands have been a cornerstone of military tradition for centuries, serving multiple roles that extend beyond music. They play a crucial part in military structure, communication, morale, and national identity. From ancient times to the modern era, military bands have evolved, adapting to the needs of the times while retaining its significance in military culture,

he added.

The Governor mentioned that the 25<sup>th</sup> All India Police Band Competition should not just be a showcase of musical talent; it should stand as a testament to the hard work and commitment of our Police personnel. This event is an opportunity to celebrate and to recognize the importance of music in enhancing the morale and spirit within our Police Forces, he said.

Highlights of the programme include march past by the participating teams, welcome address and presentation of memento to Governor, La Ganesan by Additional Director

General, Assam Rifles, followed by unfurling of All India Police Sports Control Board Flag, presentation by North East Centric.

The closing ceremony was graced by the chief guest, Lt. Gen. Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM, Director General, Assam Rifles along with other esteemed dignitaries like Rathod Vineet Kumar, IPS and representative of Chairman of All India Police Sports Control Board. The week-long celebration of musical excellence and unity among India's police band, featured 27 Police Bands from across the nation donning their uniform and displaying the colours of their states and territories. Assam Rifles was declared the overall winner in men's category, while Rajasthan Police was declared the overall winner in women's category.



## CHIEF SECRETARY LEADS MASS CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN KOHIMA

In an effort to prepare for the upcoming festive season, a mass social work initiative was organized across Kohima and other parts of Nagaland on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. The state-wide effort emphasized cleaning roads, drainage systems, government offices, and surrounding areas.

In Kohima, the cleanliness drive witnessed active participation from various sectors of society, led by Chief Secretary Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, Heads of Departments, government officers and staff who joined hands to ensure the success of the initiative. Dr. J Alam, IAS, actively participated in the mass social work joining the officers and staff of the Nagaland Civil

Secretariat, who were assigned the area from Sanuoru Bridge to Directorate of Information Technology & Communication. Earlier, Dr. Alam also inspected various locations across the State capital.

Organizations such as the All Nagaland Taxi Association Kohima and the Lhisemia Youth Organisation, alongside residents from different colonies, lent their support. Apart from public areas, office premises were beautified, shops and business establishment were whitewashed with a focus on maintaining cleanliness in common spaces, including toilets, parking lots, and pathways.

## 68<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES U-19 SEPAK TAKRAW HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of the 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games U-19 Sepak Takraw for girls was held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima with Advisor to Chief Minister & Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India and General Secretary of Nagaland Olympic Association, Abu Metha inaugurating the programme as special guest on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Abu Metha urged the players to always bear in their minds that everything is possible in this world if you walk the extra mile. He urged the players to respect the game, coaches and the people who make you play and called upon all the players to be the Ambassadors of Nagas to tell the world that Nagaland is a wonderful place and the smiles on the face of



Advisor to CM, Abu Metha with officials from YRS Department, participants and coaches during the inaugural programme of the 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games U-19 Sepak Takraw held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

the people are real because sports have the power to unite people across the world.

In his short speech, Advisor for Youth Resource & Sports, Keoshu Yimkhiung said that Sepak Takraw is not just a game, it is an art form, a sport that is beautifully combines grace with power, precision with strategy and individual skill with team work, and added that it requires not only physical agility but also immense mental strength and coordination. 'Today you have

the opportunity to showcase your talent on a national platform representing not just yourself but also your schools, families and your communities,' he added.

The event which brought together 17 teams from various states across the country to compete in the exciting sports of Sepak Takraw, was organised by the Department of Youth Resource & Sports in collaboration with the School of Games Federation of India (SGFI).

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### **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CELEBRATED**

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A state-level programme on observation of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the launching of 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence and Nayi Chetna 3.0 (Gender Campaign) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Town Council Hall, Chumoukedima. It was jointly organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalya, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission and District Administration, Chumoukedima and Dimapur under the theme 'United to end the violence against women.'

Secretary, Social Welfare, Martha R. Ritse, IAS speaking on the occasion, stated that marking the 25 years since the United Nations designated 25<sup>th</sup> November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the annual event launches the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, which ends on Human Rights Day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. All stakeholders including governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are invited to join together and organize activities designed to raise public awareness

on the issue, she said.

Ritse highlighted that the data from Women Helpline Nagaland and One Stop Centres have shown that, of all the violence related cases received over the past 3-4 years, the highest number has been that of domestic violence and the second highest number of cases has been that of cybercrime or cyber-violence against women, which is a new trend now with the increasing use of technology in our daily lives especially amongst the younger generations. She said these data are a very serious and sad reflection of our society. Significant progress has been made across the world including in India with the adoption of laws and policies to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls through prevention strategies and inter-sectorial services to survivors of violence. However, due to weak enforcement and discriminatory social norms, the efforts have been hampered, she added.

Ritse also highlighted the Sambal component under Mission Shakti as a platform for the safety and security of women, schemes such as the Women Helpline 181 and One Stop Centre cater to women who are

facing violence and are in distress.

Addressing on the topic 'Way forward to address gender-based violence,' Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang said that early definitions of Gender-based Violence (GBV) focus primarily on physical acts such as beating or battering but now it widely includes material deprivation, economic exploitation, emotional and sexual abuse including marital rape and even pornography. GBV is often used to represent any act or threat by men or male-dominated institutions that inflict physical, sexual or psychological harm on a woman or girl because of their gender or vice-versa. He urged all stakeholders to develop a long term plan of action that would address issues on equality for women.

Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, Polan John in his welcome address said that violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation and most pervasive, as long as it continues, we cannot

claim to be making real progress towards equality, development or peace, he added.

Additional Secretary, Social Welfare & Mission Director, Mission Shakti, Bodeno S. Colour briefed on the vision and objectives of Mission Shakti, Joint Secretary, Rural Development & Mission Director, NSRLM, Imtinenla highlighted the aims & objectives of the Nayi Chetan 3.0 (Gender Campaign) & Gender Resource Centre.

The Social Welfare team led by the Secretary also inspected the New SANKALP District Hub for Empowerment of women and the One Stop Centre Construction Site under Mission Shakti in Chumoukedima and Niuland. The team also visited various centres under Niuland district including CDPO's Office, DCPO's Office and Sakhi Niwas-Working Women Hostel.

The International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women was also celebrated in Kohima, Kiphire and Niuland.

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## NAGALAND CELEBRATES JANJATIYA GAURAV DIWAS 2024 WITH A SERIES OF EVENTS

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Under the directives of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, the Department of Tribal Affairs, Kohima initiated a series of activities across Nagaland to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2024, celebrating the contributions of tribal freedom fighters. The celebrations were held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The campaign was launched with a "Tribal Walkathon" on 15<sup>th</sup> November, flagged off by Dr. Kekhrie Yhome, Advisor for School Education and SCERT, at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Gate in Kohima. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Yhome highlighted the significance of the day, stating that it is a

moment of pride for the State to join the rest of the country in celebrating the invaluable contributions of tribal communities to India's freedom struggle.

In addition to the walkathon, an Exhibition of Tribal Artwork and Folktale Narration was held at the DUDA Conference Hall, Kohima, to showcase the rich cultural heritage and stories of valor from the tribal communities.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, observed annually on 15<sup>th</sup> November since the year 2021, commemorates the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a revered tribal leader and freedom fighter regarded as a deity by many

tribal communities across the country. The initiative seeks to educate younger generations about the legacy and sacrifices

of tribal leaders who fought for India's independence.

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## CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVED AT KOHIMA

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*Judge, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Partivjyoti Saikia speaking during a programme on Constitution Day organized by NSLSA at Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) organised a programme on Constitution Day at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

In his speech, Judge, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Partivjyoti Saikia said that every citizen should strive for excellence in one's own field as enshrined in the Constitution. Speaking to a section of leaders from different tribal associations in Kohima, he said although people are entitled several rights, dispensing fundamental duties

by every individual is also fundamentally paramount. The Judge said Article 51 (A), Sub-Clause J states that citizens should strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives and collective activities. The goal is to help the nation achieve higher levels of success and endeavor.

Saikia called the people to be aware of the fundamental duties and opined that awareness programmes should start at school level. As part of the Constitution Day programme, Saikia led the attendance in reading out the Preamble of the Constitution.

Delivering the keynote address, Member Secretary, NSLSA, Neiko Akami, NJS spoke about how legal services provide different kind of legal help to people who are especially vulnerable in the society. Akami noted adding that the legal services are equipped with Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers who are trained to assist people in need of legal aid which extends from a Magistrate Court, even up to appeal High Court or even to the extent of Supreme Court. In the form of drafting affidavits, submission of representation to competent authority, or discharging paperwork that only lawyers can undertake, the Member Secretary said Legal Authority extends its hand.

DIGP (CID), Police Headquarter, Nagaland, Dr. K.P.A Ilyas, IPS spoke on the NDPS Act vis-a-vis conviction rate and strategy to control drug menace in the context of Nagaland. The programme was attended by leaders of various tribal and civil society groups.



## STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON PROMOTING GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR NAGA TREE TOMATO AND SWEET CUCUMBER HELD

The Entrepreneurs' Association in collaboration with the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited organised a state-level workshop on Geographical Indications awareness for Naga Tree Tomato and Sweet Cucumber held at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Additional Director of Agriculture, Sanuzo Nienu mentioned that during his visit to different districts, he notice that plantation of tree tomato and sweet cucumber is usually planted for personal consumption and local market, and not for international market. He mentioned that registration of GI tag will not only help recognise the farmers' products in Nagaland market but also in the international market.

Director of Horticulture, Meyashashi said that GI is a geographical indication

given to a particular product, grown or produce in a particular state or village. He emphasised the two important significance of GI tagging, where GI tag certifies that a product is produced in a specific way in a particular location and popular in the area of production and based on that, GI tagging is given and GI tagging ensures that only the authorised registered users are allowed to use the product. He also mentioned that the Naga Sweet Cucumber and Naga Tree Tomato original documentation was done by Horticultural Department and the documents was submitted through the initiative of the NERAMAC. He mentioned that these GI products will open up a new opportunity for the farmers and young entrepreneurs who can develop the products and start marketing.

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## NAGALAND CM UNVEILS URA CABS, PIONEERING DIGITAL PIGGERY INSURANCE, AND GAME-CHANGING LOGISTICS INITIATIVE

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Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated a series of landmark initiatives at the IDAN, Capital Convention Centre, Kohima, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, positioning Nagaland at the forefront of innovation and economic development.

Describing the launch of Ura Cabs as a proud moment for Nagaland, Rio emphasized its role in bridging critical gaps in tourism and transportation. The platform offers tourists a seamless booking experience while providing local taxi owners with a stable and lucrative livelihood. Rio also mentioned that as part of the Nagaland Tourism Connect initiative, a new fleet of vehicles—comprising 20-seater Tata buses, Tata Wingers, Kia Carens, and

Toyota Innovas were also flagged off. These vehicles are specially branded to promote the state's identity and ensure a superior travel experience for visitors.

The Chief Minister also flagged off newly branded tourism vehicles under the Nagaland Tourism Connect Scheme, marking the culmination of extensive tourism training programmes ahead of the 25<sup>th</sup> Hornbill Festival. Additionally, the Nagaland Logistics Connect initiative was introduced to enhance the State's transportation and logistics infrastructure.

The Chief Minister further highlighted the Government's commitment to skilling local mechanics to handle advanced BS-6

vehicle technology ensuring modern infrastructure reaches even the remotest areas. Tourism stakeholders, including guides, homestay operators, taxi drivers, and tourism police, have also undergone comprehensive training to enhance visitor experiences during the Hornbill Festival and beyond.

The newly launched Nagaland Logistics Connect initiative aims to drive economic growth by offering exclusive discounts and subsidies on vehicles used for commercial purposes. Entrepreneurs can avail a 12% manufacturer discount on vehicle procurement and up to a 42% subsidy through the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI).

In a pioneering effort, Nagaland introduced Digital Piggery Insurance, developed in collaboration with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Tata AIG. This app-based system simplifies registration and claim processing for livestock farmers, addressing the challenges of remote connectivity and reducing costs.

Rio also announced the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme, designed to safeguard families from unforeseen tragedies, further underscoring the Government's commitment to social and

financial security.

These initiatives, Rio affirmed, reflect Nagaland's innovative spirit and commitment to economic progress, empowering local communities while elevating the State's profile on the national stage.

Minister, Tourism, Temjen Imna Along said he sees Nagaland at the forefront of the nation, and encouraged the people to continuously upgrade themselves to today's time and take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Government. He mentioned that IDAN is important for networking and pushing aspirations and encouraged the citizens to be messengers of upgraded Nagaland and to be equal stakeholders in it.

The event also marked the culmination of extensive capacity-building programmes for homestays, tour guides, tourist taxi drivers, and heritage interpreters. Financial assistance under the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme (CMLIS) was handed over to beneficiaries during the ceremony. The Chief Minister also launched a booklet on the tourism directory at the ceremony.

Advisor to the Chief Minister & Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha and Chief General Manager, SBI, Guwahati, S. Radhakrishnan, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS also spoke on the occasion.

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### **37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF IRCS NAGALAND STATE BRANCH HELD**

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The ceremonial function of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Nagaland State Branch 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Delivering his Presidential Address, the Governor said the annual gathering

is not merely a meeting but a celebration of the relentless efforts and dedication of our members, volunteers, and supporters who work tirelessly to make a difference in our communities. Despite the numerous challenges we faced, including natural calamities and conflicts, the Indian Red

Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch, has stood resilient, providing humanitarian aid and support where it was needed most, the Governor said. The Governor further said that social service transcends the notion of duty and enters the realm of giving - giving our time, our resources, and our compassion to uplift those in need. It is this spirit of giving that forms the very essence of the Red Cross and unites us in a common cause.

The Governor also acknowledged the remarkable leadership of General Secretary, Akhale V. Khamo, whose vision and dedication have been instrumental in advancing the mission. Her efforts in establishing new branches in Shamator, Niuland, and Chümoukedima, as well as sub-branches in Jalukie and Peren demonstrate her commitment to expanding our reach. Her leadership during the relief operations

in Manipur has set a high standard for us all. The Governor also commended the outstanding contributions of Helena Yephthomi, whose dedication continues to inspire and strengthen the fabric of this organization.

The Governor called upon the members, volunteers, and patrons to continue their noble work with renewed energy and a sense of purpose and build on our legacy of service and ensure that the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch, remains a beacon of hope for those in need.

During the programme, the Governor presented decoration to the Patrons and Vice Patrons and awards were also given to Voluntary Blood Donors Association, Helena Yephthomi and Peren district. Earlier, a Blood App was launched by the Governor, which was developed by Rishav Sethi.

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## LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL PROJECT EXPANDS ACROSS NAGALAND

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A meeting of the Kohima District Committee for Lighthouse Schools (DCLS), chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant IAS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the DPDB Conference Hall to review the progress of the World Bank-funded Lighthouse School Project under the NECTAR initiative.

The NECTAR team presented a detailed overview of the project, highlighting its goals to establish model residential schools in rural areas, prevent urban migration, and enhance educational standards. The presentation covered the hub-and-spoke school design, community involvement, school selection criteria, and adherence to environmental and social standards.

The project, launched in April 2021, initially covered 11 districts but has now

expanded to 16, with construction set to begin soon and completion expected by June 2026. Stakeholders were informed that the initiative prioritizes biodiversity conservation and the protection of indigenous heritage.

The meeting was attended by public leaders, district officials, and other key stakeholders, all of whom expressed their commitment to the success of this transformative educational initiatives.

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## ONE DAY SEMINAR ON WOMEN WORKING HELD AT KOHIMA

One day seminar on women working in unorganised sector in Nagaland organized by the Entrepreneur Associates was held at State Academy Hall, Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor

of Nagaland, La Ganesan said women play vital roles in the socio-economic development of our country but are usually the unsung heroines. He expressed his happiness for having such seminar to acknowledge the role of these women and also empower them. Women in the unorganized sector often work tirelessly behind the scenes. In Nagaland, they comprise a significant portion of this sector, making invaluable contributions that are both diverse and essential. According to the e-Shram portal report of 2021, approximately 8% of Nagaland's population is engaged in the informal sector, with women comprising more than half of this workforce. These remarkable women are not just contributors, but many are the primary breadwinners of their families.

The Governor further said that we are aware of the multitude of challenges facing workers in the informal sector. Irregular income, lack of adequate infrastructural support and limited access to financial services are some of the hurdles that need to be overcome. These challenges highlight the critical need for awareness and education about various governmental welfare schemes designed to support them.

The Governor urged everyone to continue supporting these efforts, ensuring that every woman, especially those in the unorganized sector, receives the opportunities and support they deserve, and work together to create a future where every woman's contribution is recognized, enabling our society to flourish.

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### FILMMAKERS FROM NAGALAND ATTENDS THE 55<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA

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*A 10-member team from the State participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> IFFI held at Panaji, Goa from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

IFFI is the only film festival in South Asia that is accredited by International Federation of Film Producers' Associations (FIAPF) of the 44<sup>th</sup> international festivals in the Competitive Feature Films Category. Since its inception in 1952, IFFI has been curating spectacular films from all over the world. Its goal is to provide a single platform for ambitious filmmakers, cineastes, and industry professionals to have access to excellent cinema from across the world. Since 2004, IFFI has moved to its permanent venue at Goa, where it is jointly organized each year by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Ministry of



Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), Government of Goa. The theme for this year's edition is 'Young Filmmakers - The Future is No.'

A 10-member team from the State, nominated by the Department of Information & Public Relations, Nagaland, namely Vilen Tase, Athe Rhi, Nungshitemjen Jamir, Vikepe Yhokha, Lonehol Kin, Ravinder Chetri, I Baso Chang, Arienba Jamir, Jepito H Zhimomi and Tiakumzuk Pongener participated in the nine-day film festival at Panaji in Goa from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

A special session with the Secretary of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju at the 55<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Kala Academy, Panjim, Goa. A total of 274 student delegates and young filmmakers attended the session.

The musical documentary, 'Headhunting to Beatboxing,' which explores the sonic heritage and cultural traditions of Nagaland directed by Rohit Gupta and produced by AR Rahman was one of the films featured at the IFFI 2024 Gala Premieres on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HILL-AGRO ECOSYSTEM HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

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ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Nagaland Centre and Indian Association of Hill Farming organised a national conference on 'Hill-Agro Ecosystem; Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals' at ICAR Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani, Medziphema on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan inaugurated the valedictory programme of the national conference as the chief guest.

The Governor also said how different sustainable cropping patterns and resource management practices have evolved in time and have been adopted within the diverse Hill Agro Ecosystem to meet the food and other livelihood requirements of the people in the region. He also mentioned the uniqueness of Indigenous crops and farming practises makes Nagaland a tremendous potential to develop market agriculture products to

benefit local communities and preserve the rich biodiversity.

The inauguration programme was marked by the inauguration of exhibition stalls. Award of IAHF was also conferred by the governor to the scientist, and also released souvenir and book of abstract.

Short speeches were delivered by Dr V. K. Mishra Director, ICAR NEH Umiam, Meghalaya, Dr. A. K. Tomar, Director ICAR-CSWRI, Avikanagar Rajasthan, Dr. R. N. Chatterjee, Director ICAR-DPR Hyderabad, Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, Former DDG Animal Science ICAR New Delhi, Dr. P. Das Former DDG ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Anupam Mishra, Vice Chancellor CAU Imphal, Dr. K. M. Bujarbaruah, Former DDG ICAR, New Delhi and former Vice-Chancellor AAU Jorhat.

The National Conference was attended by 250 scientists, researchers, educators, students and stakeholders.

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## **CAMPAIGN MEDAL UNVEILED AT DIRECTORATE OF ART & CULTURE, KOHIMA**

A programme for unveiling of the Campaign Medal was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Nagaland State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima, Nagaland.

Charles Chasie, a prominent author, independent researcher, documentary filmmaker and journalist, donated the Campaign Medal to the Nagaland State Museum which is now permanently displayed at the Nagaland State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture for public viewing. He briefed the gathering regarding

the significance of the campaign medal and also its journey, adding he was very keen for the 'NAGA 1879-80' Medal to be housed in the State Museum so that Nagas, especially the younger generation, can learn the history of their people and be proud of who they are.

The Artefact on display is the Campaign Medal, which was awarded for campaign activity during the Battle of Khonoma in 1879-80. Sepoy Lall Singh Raie of the 44<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Regiment, later on the 8<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles received this medal for his valiant actions at the Battle of Khonoma (1879-80).

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## **NAGALAND GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION SIGNS HISTORIC MoU FOR CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS**

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The Government of Nagaland and the British High Commission to India signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Chief Minister's official residence on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, to reserve five annual slots in the prestigious Chevening Scholarship programme exclusively for candidates from Nagaland. The MoU was signed by Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), and H. E. Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Kolkata.

The signing ceremony took place in the presence of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, and H.E. Linda Cameron, British High Commissioner to India. Copies of the MoU were formally exchanged between the two dignitaries. The initiative was conceived and facilitated by IDAN, underscoring its commitment to driving

investment in human capital and fostering international partnerships.

The Chevening Scholarship programme, a flagship initiative of the UK Government, is a globally recognized fellowship aimed at nurturing exceptional individuals with leadership potential. This collaboration will provide full funding for a one-year master's degree at any UK university, equipping scholars with advanced knowledge and skills in their chosen fields. Under the terms of the MoU, the Government of Nagaland will part-fund the reserved slots, enabling aspiring leaders from the state to join Chevening's global network of changemakers.

Applications will follow the standard Chevening process, with candidates evaluated by a panel of experts, including representatives from the Government of Nagaland. This partnership is a transformative step for Nagaland, which is poised for significant economic and social

growth. With the state requiring advanced human capital to drive its development, these scholarships will play a pivotal role in cultivating future leaders, fostering global academic engagement, and showcasing Nagaland's unique potential on the international stage.

The collaboration also reaffirms Nagaland's commitment to leveraging

education as a cornerstone of progress, aligning its growth with global standards, and creating opportunities for its youth to engage in cutting-edge intellectual and professional pursuits. Aspiring candidates are encouraged to contact the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland for guidance on the application process, which will commence in mid-2025.

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## ROUNDTABLE BETWEEN NAGALAND AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND WELSH GOVERNMENT: A PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL COLLABORATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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The Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the British High Commission and the Welsh Government, hosted a landmark roundtable discussion at Hotel Vivor on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 on the sidelines of the prestigious Hornbill Festival 2024. The event served as a platform to showcase Nagaland's growing opportunities and investment potential while fostering international partnerships in key sectors such as agritech, the creative economy, and entrepreneurship.

In his opening remarks, Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, emphasized the global significance of the Hornbill Festival as a venue for networking and collaboration. He highlighted Nagaland's transformation into a land of opportunities while retaining its rich identity as a land of festivals. Stressing the potential for agritech and the creative economy to drive economic growth, Metha underscored the importance of strategic collaborations with the United Kingdom and Wales to usher in a new era of sustainable development for the state.

Her Excellency Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, and Andrew

Gwatkin, Director of International Relations and Trade for the Welsh Government, applauded Nagaland's efforts to strengthen bilateral ties and foster international cooperation. They outlined potential areas of collaboration, including sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, skill development, and the creative industries, which hold immense promise for both regions. The roundtable concluded with a shared vision for fostering innovation, cultural exchange, and economic development through enduring partnerships.

Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor for Industries & Commerce echoed the call for innovation and entrepreneurship, stressing the need to nurture a robust startup ecosystem in Nagaland with the support of international partners. She highlighted the state's commitment to creating an enabling environment for businesses and entrepreneurs, particularly in sectors with high growth potential. Jakhalu emphasized the role of collaborative efforts in building a sustainable and inclusive economy for Nagaland's youth and emerging entrepreneurs.

Director of British Council India,

Alison Barrett, and British Deputy High Commissioner, Dr. Andrew Fleming also addressed the roundtable, emphasizing the importance of cultural and educational exchanges in fostering long-term partnerships. Both leaders reaffirmed the UK's dedication to working closely with Nagaland to create impactful programs that

benefit communities and enhance Nagaland's global visibility.

The session also provided an opportunity for stakeholders to present their perspectives on how international partnerships, like those with the UK and Wales, could support local industries, promote entrepreneurship, and drive sustainable development in Nagaland.





## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WOMEN CENTRIC SCHEMES UNDER MISSION SHAKTI AT 4<sup>TH</sup> NAP, THIZAMA

The District Administration in collaboration with the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Kohima and Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC), Kohima organized an awareness programme on Women Centric Schemes under Mission Shakti at 4<sup>th</sup> NAP, Thizama on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.

Vikeduozo Sorhie, Gender Specialist, DHEW, Kohima outlined the Sambal and Samarthya components under Mission Shakti. In regard to the Samarthya component which deals with the empowerment of women, he presented a brief overview of the workings, goals and activities of DHEW. He also explained at length the PMMVY

scheme and how women can get access to the scheme. He also gave a brief overview of Women Helpline 181 and the assistance it gives to women.

Counselor, One Stop Centre Kohima, Medochünuo Chielie gave a detailed account of Sakhi-One Stop Centre by focusing on Gender Based Violence (GBV). She explained in detail about how OSC caters to women in distress and also cited the various assistances given to women under the scheme like legal, medical and counseling assistance. She also stated the different types of violence faced by women and urged the womenfolk to come forward to seek help and not to be tied down by the social taboos.

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## NAGA COUNCIL DIMAPUR MARKS 75 YEARS OF UNITY

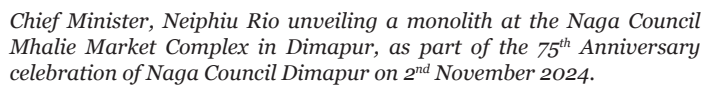
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The Naga Council Dimapur (NCD) commemorated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Dimapur District Sports Council Stadium (DDSCS), Dimapur on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. The celebration marked “75 Years of Naga Unity” and brought together prominent leaders, local representatives, and members of the Naga community.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio attended as the special guest and inaugurated the event. He commended NCD’s inclusive representation, noting the council’s motto, “All in One,” as a guiding principle that unites the Nagas. He touched on the region’s strategic importance as Nagaland’s commercial district, highlighting Dimapur as the gateway to the State with its only railway station, airport, and its location on the Trans-ASEAN Highway. Rio encouraged support for Dimapur’s development and

announced plans to construct a dedicated office for the NCD and a six-story building for the Naga Club. He concluded by urging civil society organizations to collaborate with the government in overcoming challenges and improving living conditions in Dimapur, envisioning a future built on unity, resilience, and cultural pride.

MLA & Advisor of Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer who was one of the guests of honour, highlighted the council’s legacy as a testament to the wisdom, leadership, and service of those who came before. The Naga Council has been instrumental in uniting diverse tribes and communities within the region, emphasizing that leadership is a shared responsibility that extends beyond those in office to every individual committed to the welfare of the community.



Etsungmomo Kikon, President of NCD highlighted the council's efforts toward

The NCD also honoured local organizations, such as the Ao Senso Telongjem

Former NCD President Savi Liegise shared a brief history of the council's inception and milestones, and a minute of silence was observed for the past leaders of NDC. A souvenir to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary was unveiled by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

The programme featured an epic tournament with a variety of sports activities, including tug of war, relay races, capture the flag, and futsal tournaments for both men and women so as to underscore the importance of civic responsibility and active participation in the democratic process.

To further support the event's goals, a voter registration booth was set up to allow students to easily register, update, or verify their voter details, highlighting the importance of each individual's role in strengthening democracy.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, celebrating participants dedication and sportsmanship and encouraging to continue the role of community involvement.

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## TOKHU EMONG-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL ORGANISED AT WOKHA

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The Tokhü Emong celebration was held at the Local Ground, Wokha with MLA and Chairman of DPDB Wokha, Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe gracing the inauguration of Tokhü Stalls 2024 as the special guest on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

During the inaugural event, Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe acknowledged the Lotha Hoho for honouring their heritage and celebrating Tokhü Emong and reminded attendees that the Lotha community has historically overcome numerous

challenges, with their ancestors pioneering in various fields, including social and political arenas. He highlighted that the Lotha community has been a forerunner among the Nagas, contributing significantly to the social and political formation and reformation of the Naga society.

The Tokhu Emong celebration concluded at the local ground in Wokha with S. Supongmeren Jamir, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Nagaland extending warm greetings to the Lotha community. He highlighted the unique significance of Tokhu Emong, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to honor the past. Jamir praised



*MLA, Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe addressing the opening programme of Tokhu Emong-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival held at Wokha on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

the visionary Lotha ancestors for establishing a festival dedicated to forgiveness and renewing relationships.

Earlier, Supongmeren Jamir also unveiled an ambulance for the Lotha Community, handing it over to the Lotha Hoho through the Local Area Development Fund of the Lok Sabha.

The programme was enthralled by cultural performances by groups from Assam and Manipur, Ao Union Wokha Town, demonstrations of Naga-style wrestling, and a final tug-of-war match with Midland Colony with emerging as the Tokhu Emong 2024 champion.

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## PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC & Vice-Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru.

The board held a brief review of the decision taken in the last meeting with regard to adoption of Peren Government College and Schools in the Sub-divisions. ADC Jalukie, TL Kiusumong Tikhir and ADC Peren, Japheth Woch highlighted the activities undertaken by the adoption. The

proposal for adoption of one village under each RD Block for streamlining functioning of VDB was also approved. However, the agenda on the proposal for the construction of the office building-cum-staff quarter/fencing wall/retaining wall and office gate of Registrar of Cooperative Society was deferred to be discussed in the next meeting.

Agriculture and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Departments gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation of their departmental activities/initiatives under Peren district in the meeting.

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## DC KIPHIRE LAUNCHES JAL UTSAV

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Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkume graced the launching of JAL UTSAV inaugural programme as a special guest at DPDB Hall, Kiphire on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

In his speech, Longkumer said that Jal Utsav is being implemented in 20 Aspirational District/Blocks in the states in partnership with National Jal Jeevan Mission, Development of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti to create awareness and sensitivity towards

water management, conservation and sustainability.

Department of Water Resources and Public Health Engineering Department featured their success work presentation in the programme. Executive Engineer, PHED, Er. Akokba Sair delivered the welcome address, while Tethuvo spoke on the success story of JJM.

Longdiba L.Sangtam, ADC (HQ) administered the oath taking pledge.

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## LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB, B. Bangtick Phom, at DPDB Hall, Longleng.

The following proposals were approved while reviewing the previous meeting minutes. Implementation of CHC criteria at PHC Tamlu, upgradation of Sub-centre Tangha to PHC, upgradation of EAC

Yongnyah to SDO(C) and creation of EAC post Namching Compound.

Agenda proposed for the construction of District DB's Court at Longleng and Tamlu were approved. Verification Committee for LADP 2024-2025 has been constituted and approved, and the constitution of Nangmah Valley Industrial Estate/Zone Committee Tamlu for wood based industries under Longleng Forest Division was also approved



and forwarded to the concerned department.

District Sport Officer (DSO) Longleng, also requested the board to provide resources to help the affiliated sports association in any

state level or district level competition, and to uplift the District Sports Council Longleng for promotion of sports and upgradation of sporting standards in the district.

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## PEREN DISTRICT 10<sup>th</sup> INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TOURNAMENT 2024 HELD

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The inaugural programme of Peren District 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-Departmental Tournament 2024 was held at Indoor Stadium, Jalukie on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The tournament was formally declared open by the Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru, who attended as the special guest in the presence of NZPO President, Zandi Domta and other officials.

Meru acknowledged the officers who initiated the tournament ten years ago and said it is a platform which brings together officials and staff from different departments,

irrespective of their designation, to interact informally and get to know each other better

The three-day long event featured competitions in the following sports disciplines: Badminton, Carrom, Table Tennis, Penalty, Chess and Arm Wrestling. The 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-Departmental Tournament of Peren district concluded at Indoor Stadium, Jalukie on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024, with Social Welfare Department as the overall champion. The closing function was graced by Principal, St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Fr. Dr. Francis Cheerangal as the guest of honour.



*Officials and the winning team of the 10<sup>th</sup> Peren Inter-Departmental Tournament 2024 which was held at Indoor Stadium, Jalukie from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

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## TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

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Tuensang District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly

meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall,

Tuensang under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman DPDB Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board discussed for collection of e-Waste from offices and wards and send it to the Collection Centre at Dimapur as proposed by Dr. Lanurenla, Principal of Sao Chang College Tuensang.

PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities was presented by Horticulture Department, with DHO, Tuensang, Tiakaba Longchar highlighting the shortage of transformer at High Tech Poly House at Chendang Village Farm, and the board recommended the matter for approval to the Power Department.

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### DISTRIBUTION CAMP, AIDS AND APPLIANCES FOR PwDS HELD AT MON

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Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak graced the distribution of Aids and Appliances for PwDs in Mon district on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Mon Town Council Hall.

The Advisor expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner and his team for the initiative in organising the programme in collaboration with ALIMCO of India. He said that through the distribution of aids and appliances, the quality of life of the beneficiaries would be improved.

Encouraging the beneficiaries, he said the State Government is taking care of inclusive development, where PwDs will not be left behind in anything, and added that lift and ramp in office buildings are available. He also spoke about the job reservation of 4% for the PwDs.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS said that the District Administration is committed to identify the beneficiaries and to provide aids and



Advisor, Wangpang Konyak with DC, Mon and officials from ALIMCO during the distribution of aids and appliances for PwDs held at Mon on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

appliances. He urged them to cooperate/support one another to provide a better lifestyle to the PwDs.

Kduplanki Bang (P&O) and Penica Nula (Anal Audiologist) represented the ALIMCO of India. Kduplanki Bang (P&O) presented

brief notes on ALIMCO. Short Speeches were delivered by Konyak Union President, Tingtok Konyak, M. Wanhshok Konyak, President Disability Association, Mon, Disability Specialist, Dr. Ngampa Sangme and DWO Mon, Atong Yanlem.

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## GHSS ABOI CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

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Advisor & Chairman DPDB, Mon, Manpon Konyak graced the Golden Jubilee celebration of Government Higher Secondary School, Aboi by unveiling the golden jubilee monolith. He felicitated the administrators of the school, teachers and students for achieving the milestone of 50 years.

ADC, Phulushe K Yephthomi in his short speech,said jubilee is not only the success of the past but the ways and methods to follow

in the days to come. He attributed this success to all the teachers, students, departments and well-wishers of the institution.

Inspector General of Police (Technical), Er. S. Changkei Konyak who graced the programme as special invitee, and an alumni of the institution, congratulated the teachers for their dedication and for bringing out good students with good moral values.

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## SHAMATOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES OUTREACH PROGRAMME

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Shamator District Administration, District Hub for Employment of Women, and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (DHEW-BBBP) Mission Shakti- SANKALP outreach programme event started on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at GMS Huker, Huker village with Athrong Yimkhiung, SDO (Civil), Chessore highlighting various components under Mission Shakti and Sakurenla AO, CHO of HWC Huker village HWC sensitising the young students on menstrual hygiene and early child marriage.

The second day of the programme witnessed Inter-School Olympiad-cum-

Gender Sensitization seminars. A PMMVY special drive programme was held at Chessore Village Council Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, where more than 300 students participated including faculties and staff. The event also organised some inter competitions under various women centric themes and drug abuse in the first session. Free sanitary pads and IEC materials were distributed to the students at the events. The event was attended by the civil societies, student leaders, teachers and faculties of all the schools under Chessore sub-division.

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## ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Zunheboto was conducted at the Deputy

Commissioner's Office Conference Hall in Zunheboto on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner

of Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS.

A significant decision was the approval for the change in nomenclature and the relocation of Aghunato School, aimed at improving educational infrastructure in the region.

Toili Awomi, Chairperson of the Amini Kimiji Kukugho, presented a proposal focused on the traditional “Mechla” garments and emphasized the need for proper registration of these garments to preserve their cultural significance. The Deputy Commissioner, acknowledging the importance of the proposal, directed that the matter and the board forwarded for further approval.

The meeting also featured a presentation

by the District Agriculture Officer, who outlined several schemes and initiatives aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity in the district. The presentation emphasized the availability of modern agricultural technologies to assist farmers and restore soil fertility, with a focus on reaching target beneficiaries.

During the discussion, the DC highlighted the vital role of agriculture in the local economy and stressed the importance of providing farmers with soil mapping data to help them make informed decisions about crop cultivation. The ADC echoed the same sentiment, emphasizing that farmers should be made aware of the soil types in their areas to determine the most suitable crops to plant.

## PEOPLE'S PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR GPDP 2025-2026 CONDUCTED

### ZUNHEBOTO:

An orientation and training programme on the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the year 2025-2026 was conducted at the DC's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

In his welcome address, the Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS emphasized the significance of the GPDP in strengthening rural governance and ensuring sustainable development at the grassroots level.

The training session featured two key resource persons: Niyalo Kath, Assistant Programme Coordinator (APC), and Alivi Achumi, District Database Manager (DBM). Niyalo Kath discussed the core objectives of the People's Plan Campaign, which focuses on decentralizing decision-making power to local communities. He urged that every village appoint a facilitator to manage and upload data, including photographs, onto the

official portal. He also outlined the essential elements of the GPDP process and stressed the importance of collecting and providing relevant data, as well as engaging in Gram Sabha discussions. Alivi Achumi elaborated on the process of preparing the GPDP and the role of Gram Panchayats in empowering rural communities. She emphasized the use of digital tools like the Panchayat Nirnay App, Meri Panchayat App, and the Gram Manchitra Portal.

### KOHIMA:

A one-day training session for Line Departments on the People's Plan Campaign (PPC) for the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2025-2026 was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the DPDB Hall, Kohima. The training saw the participation of 18 line departments focused on enhancing rural governance and promoting sustainable development at the grassroots level.

The session commenced with an inaugural address by Rhosietho Nguori, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, who emphasized the significance of the People's Plan Campaign in bolstering rural governance. He highlighted the campaign's role in fostering sustainable development that directly benefits communities at the grassroots.

The training included sessions led by two resource persons: Vilopi Angami, BDO Jakhama, who discussed the key objectives and focus of the GPDP, elaborating on the 29 subjects outlined in the Eleventh schedule. He addressed the roles and responsibilities

of various stakeholders in the People's Plan Campaign. Qheboka A. Sumi, SPC PPI-CBO Convergence Project NRO, Kudumbashree presented on the Village Prosperity Resilience Plan (VPRP). He provided insights on the importance of VPRP within the GPDP framework and reviewed achievements under the VPRP-GPDP for the period 2024–2025.

A one-day orientation programme was also conducted at Jakhama Sub-Division on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 on the People's Plan Campaign for the preparation of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the Financial Year 2025-26.

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### **BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING HELD**

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The Bhandari Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was convened at the summer house-cum-rest house, Bhandari on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman of SDPDB, Achumbemo Kikon.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board decided to purchase a land measuring 120/150 for construction of SDC (C) Office, Ralan through LADP funding. The board proposed to restore bank at Changpang and discussed for construction of Sub-division Office Complex in Bhandari.

SDEO, Bhandari highlighted and presented their activities and school enrollment data under Bhandari. Achumbemo Kikon reminded the members to rededicate themselves in their duties and urged the members to maintain regular attendance. He also informed all the Departments to submit proposal of respective offices and reminded all to utilize fund allotted to them for development and stated that he will mainly focus on education, road and health section.

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### **UDID OUTDOOR PUBLICITY, AWARENESS & ENROLLMENT DRIVE HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO**

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The Unique Disability ID (UDID) Publicity, Awareness & Enrollment Drive was successfully conducted for Zunheboto district on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness on UDID and facilitate the enrolment process for individuals with disabilities.

The programme saw informative initiatives, organised by DWO, which featured ENT Specialist, Hezukhu Memorial District Hospital, Dr. Josea Sema, providing valuable insights on the medical aspects and benefits of UDID and supplemented that it is significant to access welfare schemes and





*Officials and beneficiaries at the UDID Awareness & Enrolment Drive conducted in Zunheboto district on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

services meant for persons with disabilities.

Retainer Lawyer, Zunheboto District Legal Service Authority (ZDLSA) Esther Yephthomi spoke on various legal rights and protections available to individuals with disabilities under the UDID programme.

State Coordinator for UDID, Akihoto K highlighted on the objectives, benefits, and

enrollment process of the UDID scheme. He explained that UDID is a digital identification system introduced by the Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities, and aims to provide unique identity to every person with disabilities in the country, simplifying access to government provided schemes and services.

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## MON DPDB MEETING HELD

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The Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office conference hall under the chairmanship of MLA, C. Manpon Konyak.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the board discussed and decided to approve the applications for registration of the following societies - Fusion Foundation, Jahjon ward, Shahgoth Cultural Society Sheanghah Chingyu village and Visionary Foundation, New site. After a thorough discussion, the board decided to forward to the Government the petition of upgradation of SDO (Civil) Office to ADC's Office. The board also approved the relocation of GPS Shamnyu ward Mon town and also approved

for the recognition of two new villages - Totok Maohnyu under Mon Sadar and Longwa Lailo village under Phomching.

The board after a long deliberation, decided to nominate Council Chairman from Chi and Mon village in Town Council and DPDB. District Planning Officer, V. Aron Sema also presented the Constitution of LADP 2024-25 Verification Report.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts and Art & Culture, Konngam Konyak, Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak, Advisor, Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak, MLA Mankhao Konyak, MLA A. Nyamyie Konyak and MLA Neiba Konyak.

## CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Chumoukedima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Chumoukedima.

While reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, the board recommended Shiheli Old Age Home, Ganeshnagar Village for registration based on the report submitted by the District Welfare Office, Chumoukedima. While for registration of the Two-wheeler Taxi Association, the board deliberated at length and highlighted the necessity for the allocation of taxi permits specifically for Chumoukedima district.

Other proposed agenda discussed were society registration of Nagaland United Sports Club at Razaphe Basa, Chumoukedima, the board decided to recommend for registration to the Government, while registration of Yeknak Society at Thilixu Village, Chumoukedima was deferred to the next DPDB meeting.

Chairman, Chumoukedima Town Council highlighted the need for urgent action for preserving the Chathe river which is severely contaminated due to riverbed mining, excavation, waste dumping and road cutting. Deliberating on this matter, the DC mentioned that a consultative meeting will be held with concerned departments, CSOs and various stakeholders to work out modalities on how to tackle this issue.

The board deliberated the urgent need for speed regulation within Chumoukedima district and for installing speedcam along the highway to monitor speeding vehicle. Discussing on the agenda of the Project Director of DRDA, Chumoukedima, the Board decided to approach the higher authority for establishment of separate PD, DRDA for Chumoukedima district. Further, the board decided to nominate one representative from Chakhroma Public Organization as co-opted member of Chumoukedima DPDB.



*Advisor, Zhaleo Rio addressing the monthly DPDB meeting held at DC's Office, Chumoukedima on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

## **MINISTER, G. KAITO AYE GRACES PRE AHUNA-CUM-CULTURAL COMPETITION**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Pre Ahuna festival-cum-Cultural Competition, 2024, organised by Satakha Area Sports and Cultural Association (SASCA) was celebrated at Satakha town on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, graced by Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye as the chief guest.

Minister Kaito while delivering his greetings, lauded the organizers for valuing the identity of the unique past and history and fostering a vision for the future generations by feeding the younger generation with valuable insights about our tradition and culture by initiating such events. Further,

Aye encouraged the participating units by thanking the village chiefs for their sincerity in part taking in the celebration and appealed to the non-participating units to be more enthusiastic in such events. He asserted that it is our unique history and traditions that bind us together though being from different villages, areas, clans etc. and said one should never forget our roots.

Altogether, the gala witnessed 15 units from Satakha Area, vying in various traditional, cultural and indigenous activities and games.

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## **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SEMI-INTENSIVE MITHUN FARMING HELD AT NOKLAK**

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Awareness and training programme on Semi-intensive Mithun farming for improving production and productivity was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Village Council Hall, Noklak village.

Speaking on the occasion as special guest, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Arikumba stressed on potential of Mithun rearing and promoting sustainable rearing, adding that it is the vital component backbone of rural economy. The DC urged the villagers to optimize the use of resources and materials and adopt modern practices in Mithun farming.

Guest of honour, Major B. S. Chauhan, 14 Assam Rifles, Noklak said that Mithun rearing is not just a rearing handed down by the ancestral but a prominent tradition and culture of the people.

Girish Patil. S, Director of ICAR,

National Research Centre on Mithun stated that rearing of Mithun plays a crucial role in the livelihood of tribal farmers which is a year round source of income. While presenting on Mithun Husbandry practices under a Semi-intensive rearing system, he urged the Mithun rearers to have an accurate enumeration of Mithun in the district. He shared the scientific feeding of Mithun utilization in different sources of fodders, and branding of Mithun as organic certification and preservation sustainable practices, he added. He also mentioned on the promotion of value addition to meat, milk and leather.

Chairman, Mithun Farmers' Society Liang shared on the Mithun rearing scenario in Noklak village. The programme was organized by ICAR- National Research Centre on Mithun in collaboration with Hope Channel Dimapur, Nagaland.

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## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR ULBs IN DIMAPUR AND CHUMOUKEDIMA

A comprehensive orientation programme was conducted for councillors from Dimapur and Chumoukedima on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, covering a wider range of topics aimed at enhancing urban governance capabilities.

Organized by SMEC International Pt. Ltd. under the Project Design and Management Consultant (PDMC) framework, this training, supported by the Project Readiness Financing (PRF) facility, focused on key elements of municipal governance, policy frameworks, and the operational structure of urban utility services.

Leading the sessions was Rajib Das, PDMC Team Leader, who emphasized that the councillors serve as the crucial link between the people and the government. Bimal Tha, Institutional Expert, and Aman Roy, Project Manager, outlined the essential roles and structures for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in delivering effective civic services.

Some key components discussed during the orientation programme are as follows:

### 1. **Municipal workforce and operations:**

Councillors were introduced to various roles essential for urban management, including Junior Engineers (JE), Sanitary Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, and the waste collection and disposal teams, which include truck and cesspool drivers.

### 2. **Solid waste management and sanitation:**

The Urban Development Department (UDD) plays a central role in construction projects requested by public demand

and ULB representatives. These projects include roads, drainage systems, retaining walls, and public amenities such as toilets and wells. Civil maintenance is managed by UDD & MA, while ULBs oversee daily operations, occasionally with support from the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

### 3. **Disaster preparedness and infrastructure resilience:**

With certain urban areas in Nagaland such as Dimapur, being prone to landslides, the Department of Geology & Mining and the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) collaborate to monitor at-risk areas. They work with UDD & MA to implement protective infrastructure, supplementing landslip prevention and disaster readiness measures.

### 4. **Policy and support frameworks for urban services:**

The orientation detailed the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023 and related urban policies, giving councillors an understanding of the regulatory frameworks and roles mandated for municipal bodies. The councillors learned about policy planning, the need-based deployment of engineering and accounting staff, and periodic civil maintenance procedures supported by UDD & MA.

### 5. **Municipal Funds:**

Funds for ULBs come from various sources such as Tax Revenue: Advertisement, animal, vacant land, and vehicle taxes, Non-Tax Revenue: User charges, municipal fees, sales,

and leases, Other Receipts: Fees, fines, rent, and miscellaneous sales, Shared Revenue: Entertainment, stamp duty surcharge, profession, and vehicle taxes, Grants: Specific and non-specific project funding, Loans: Capital projects funded by financial institutions and bonds.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, under Nagaland Urban Infrastructure Development Project, the Department of Urban Development, Government of Nagaland also organised a one-day capacity building programme for the Wokha Town Councillors at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Wokha.

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### PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Phek was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at DPDB Hall, Phek under the chairmanship of Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA and Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman acknowledged his sincere gratitude to the Government of Nagaland, Legislators of Phek district led by Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, DPDB members and leaders of Chakhesang Public Organization (CPO) for supporting and successfully upgrading Meluri as a full-fledged district.

DC, Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam gave

instructions to all the heads of the district offices that all official matters, activities for Meluri district will continue to be taken care from the district offices at Phek Headquarter until establishment of all the required offices are set up in Meluri district accordingly.

The board also discussed and recommended the agenda for creation of District Child Protection Office, Establishment of Sakhi One Stop Centre and Establishment of Observation Home at the newly upgraded Meluri district.

The District Statistical Officer and Station Superintendent of Nagaland State Transport, Phek presented their departmental activities at the meeting.

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### KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

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The Kiphire District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence and Relief & Rehabilitation, Kiusumew Yimkhiung at DPDB Hall Kiphire on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The proposal for construction of footsteps at GMS Longya Ward Kiphire Town was recommended and forwarded to the concerned department for approval. The board also approved the constitution of the Officers' Club, Kiphire after it was tabled by

EE, PHED, Er. Akokba Sair.

EAC, Takatemjen Pongen spoke on the theme 'Invest to prevent violence against women and girl child.' District Child Protection Officer, N. S. Khaikho spoke on consultative meet with key stakeholders dealing with welfare care and protection of children. The Deputy Commissioner reminded the LRSO, Kiphire to survey the land site for Officers Colony, as many of the officials are staying in rented houses. He also reminded all the officers to be resented in their respective place of postings.



## DEPUTY CM, T. R. ZELIANG VISITS SHAMATOR

Deputy Chief Minister, in-charge of National Highways, T.R. Zeliang visited Shamator on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and had an interaction with tribal leaders, village council representatives and various NGO organizations at Cultural Hall, Shamator town.

Zeliang acknowledged the village

councils and leaders for their remarkable contribution towards the ongoing National Highway Project covering five districts of Nagaland. He appealed to the villagers not to obstruct the National Highway Road but to maintain peace and cooperation with the Government and also with the contractors till the completion of work.

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## ADB FUNDED PRF CONDUCTS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR KMC COUNCILLORS

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In an effort to enhance urban governance in Kohima, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Project Readiness Financing (PRF) facility, in collaboration with SMEC International Pvt. Ltd. as the Project Design and Management Consultant (PDMC), conducted a capacity-building programme for Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) councillors. The training was held at the KMC Building, Kohima on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The session provided the KMC councillors with an in-depth orientation on key elements of municipal governance, policy frameworks, and the operational structures essential for the city's continued urban growth. The focus was placed on enhancing project management skills, which are critical for ensuring sustainable urban development.

A significant aspect of the training was about case studies on successful urban

management from other regions, designed to inspire local officials to innovate and adapt proven strategies. The PDMC team emphasized the importance of learning from these examples while being adaptable to Kohima's specific needs.

The programme also highlighted the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment's provisions, which empower ULBs with a robust framework for self-governance. Key areas covered during the programme included Solid Waste Management and Sanitation, Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure Resilience, and Policy Frameworks for Urban Services.

Rajb Das, the PDMC team leader, and Bimal Jha, an institutional expert, served as resource persons for the sessions. The programme was held in eight priority towns across the State.

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## MEETING FOR SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL HELD

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In connection with the Special Summary Revision of the Photo Electoral Roll, with 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 as the qualifying date, a meeting was held with the Electoral Roll

Observer for Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Peren districts, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary for Law & Justice, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

on 13th November 2024 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur.

DC & DEO Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang emphasized Sema's extensive experience in election management across India, which would greatly benefit Dimapur's revision process.

In his address, Sema, highlighting India's status as the world's largest democracy, emphasized the significance of having an up-to-date and comprehensive voter list, especially in a district as diverse as Dimapur. He encouraged political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) who would assist Booth Level Officers (BLOs) by identifying and enrolling new voters who have reached the age of 18. Sema praised Dimapur's effective coordination, mentioning that no complaints had been received in the Public Grievances Cell, a sign of smooth operations. He reiterated the importance of the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) initiative, calling for a broad awareness campaign through social media, newspapers, churches, schools, and colleges to encourage citizens to register.

After the meeting, Sema conducted site visits to several polling stations in Dimapur, including Supply Colony W/Police, Supply Colony Lapaloma, Hall N/W, Industrial Village Razhuphe-IE/W, Industrial Village Razhuphe-II N/W, Purana Bazar (Riverside) S/W, and Padam Pukhuri-V.

A meeting of stakeholders regarding the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls was held in the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima.

Deputy Commissioner, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the meeting and called for active support from NGOs and political parties to address errors and ensure an accurate revision of the electoral rolls.

Electoral Roll Observer for Kohima district, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Chief Minister (Works & Housing, and Finance) urged political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and collaborate closely with PLOs. He highlighted the need for a clean electoral roll to facilitate peaceful and fair elections, emphasizing that despite special camps, the number of new enrollments remained low. Yhome encouraged NGOs and political parties to conduct internal meetings, sensitize their members, and work towards enrolling all eligible citizens.

The meeting was attended by various officials, including the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Election Officer, AEROs from Kohima district, and BLOs of polling stations in Kohima Town. Representatives from prominent organizations such as the Angami Public Organization (APO), Angami Women Organization (AWO), and Angami Youth Organization (AYO), along with presidents and representatives of recognized political parties under Kohima Division/Unit, also participated.

A brief review meeting with political parties in connection with Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Roll was also held in Shamator, Tuensang, Peren and Kiphire.

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### **MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD**

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Thsuvisie Phoji, IAS.

During the discussion hour, the board

decided to recommend and forwarded the recognition of Tsungur village under Ongpangkong, Mokokchung and Kangtsung Rongpang village under Tuli Sub-division, Mokokchung to the concerned authorities. The board also decided to recommend the registration of the Hills Tribe Foundation, Mokokchung.

Deliberating on the participation of Governmental establishments at Cherry Blossom Festival at Longkhum Village, the Deputy Commissioner urged all the Departments to come forward and participate in the festival to encourage the local tourism sector.

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## AHUNA FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT ZUNHEBOTO

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Across the vast Sumi inhabited areas, residing in the core of Nagaland and beyond, traditional festivals hold a special place in the hearts and lives of its people. These vibrant celebrations are more than just moments of joy and festivity; they are a profound expression of cultural heritage, deep-rooted traditions, and communal values.

The Pre-eminent Sumi Festival 'Ahuna 2024,' a post-harvest festival, organised by Sumi Hoho was celebrated with a spirit of oneness, exuberant exhibition of rich cultural heritage and fusion of modern entities, at DSCZ Ground, Zunheboto on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

Gracing the occasion as 'Ahuna Papu,' Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, K. Tokugha Sukhalu emphasized on the importance of valuing one's traditions, customs, and cultural practices handed down by the forefathers. He reminded that Zunheboto, located at the center of Nagaland, is one of the oldest districts in the state, blessed with a rich history that should be honored and maintained with respect and dignity by the present generation and carried on to the future generations as well.

On culmination, Advisor urged the Sumi community to reflect on the true meaning of the festivals, especially Ahuna and Tuluni,



*Advisor, K. Tokugha Sukhalu addressing the Ahuna Festival programme which was celebrated at Zunheboto on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*

which are celebrations of agricultural labour, reiterating that, these festivals were not just about the harvest, but about honoring the dignity of labour and coming together as a community to celebrate prosperity with unity.

Historical and Ritualistic significance of the Ahuna festival was earlier highlighted by Former President, Sumi Hoho, Dr. H.S. Rotokha. A series of enthralling performances including special presentations by students from Immanuel Higher Secondary School and Cornerstone Higher Secondary School, a Sumi war dance by Bloomfield Higher Secondary School, followed by a Tishole by students of Olympic Higher Secondary

School were the highlights of the day.

Later, the cultural festivities were complemented by a series of traditional

competitions, including spear kicking and rhythmic jumping, showcasing the physical prowess and agility of the participants.

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## GOVERNOR VISITS VARIOUS DISTRICTS

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### NOKLAK:

The Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan visited Noklak on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024, and addressed the gathering at the Tourist Lodge in Noklak.

During his speech, the Governor emphasized his commitment to interacting with the people across all districts of Nagaland. He expressed optimism about the district's progress and its potential to match with other districts in infrastructure and growth. He stressed on the importance of healthcare for the district's future, and encouraged the implementation of health schemes such as Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Bima Yojana, and the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme. He also highlighted the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, aiming for TB eradication by 2025, and urged awareness and action from the District Health Authority.

During the programme, Chief Medical Officer, Sub-Divisional Education Officer, Executive Engineer, PWD (R & B), Sub-Divisional Officer, (PHED) and District Agriculture Officer delivered speeches. Representatives from Khamniungan Tribal Council, Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam and Khamniungan Students' Union also spoke. The Governor also held a Security Coordination Meeting with the security personnel.

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### KIPHIRE:

Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan visited Kiphire and held a meeting with the

Heads of Departments and Civil Societies Organisations of Kiphire district at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall Kiphire on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

In his speech, the Governor, speaking on the road construction work in the district, said that the ongoing construction works under State PWD and NHIDCL are in progress and assured that it will be completed soon. He also spoke on problems of drugs abuse and urged the civil societies and the law enforcement agencies to eliminate the inflow of drugs in the district.

A memorandum was submitted to the Governor by the President of Akehta Sangtamlaru Thsingmujang (United Sangtam Women Organisation), appealing to the government for a Gynaecologist mat Kiphire District Hospital so as to avoid hardship faced by the women community.

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### TUENSANG:

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan made his official visit to Tuensang district on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and held a meeting with the Heads of the Offices and civil society organisations of Tuensang town at DC's Office Conference Hall, Tuensang.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor highlighted that despite agriculture being one of the predominant occupations of the State, it comprises mostly of subsistence farmers, thus the Agriand Allied Departments should ensure farmer-based schemes like PM Kisan Scheme, Soil Health Card Scheme and Kisan Credit card are made accessible to the

farmers.

The Governor urged the Public Health Engineering Department to ensure Jal Jeevan Mission scheme benefits every citizen in the district. He also added that banking is another basic service that cannot be ignored

and every eligible citizen should have a Jan Dhan account, especially women, to avail all the banking facilities.

During the programme, departmental activities was presented by PHED, DRDA, CMO and DAO

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### **TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD**

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Tseminyu was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office conference hall, Tseminyu with DC & Vice-chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Rohit Singh (IAS) as the chairman of the meeting.

While reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the DC informed the board that all follow-up actions related to the agenda had been completed. Later during the agenda discussion, the board recommended society

registration of City Refuge Children Home, and recognition of Tsongin village was forwarded to the concerned department for approval after a brief deliberation and based on the verification reports issued by the authority.

The Fisheries & Aquatic Resources department gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of various activities and achievements of the department under Tseminyu district.

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### **CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON CHILD PROTECTION UNDER MISSION VATSALYA HELD IN NOKLAK**

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The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Noklak, organized a consultative meeting with key stakeholders on child protection under the Mission Vatsalya initiative of the Department of Social Welfare. The meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office conference hall on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The programme aimed to facilitate dialogue among stakeholders, review existing child protection mechanisms, and develop collaborative strategies to address

challenges in safeguarding children's rights within the district. Kito Ayemi, DCPO, Noklak, delivered a presentation on Mission Vatsalya's programmes and services.

The discussion hour was participated by stakeholders from the Police Department/ SJPU, Medical Department, Education Department, Labour Department, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), and Child Care Institution (CCI).

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### **CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS HELD AT DIMAPUR**

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A consultative meeting of all stakeholders under Dimapur district was

held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur on 19<sup>th</sup> November



2024, focusing on the theme “Protecting the Rights of the Children.” The event organized by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Dimapur, brought together the stakeholders to discuss and strategize efforts aiming to safeguard children’s rights in the district.

Stakeholders presented their perspectives on fostering dialogue and collaboration adding two pivotal PowerPoint presentations highlighting the ongoing child-focused initiatives. Maojungla, LCPO, DCPU Dimapur presenting on Mission Vatsalya highlighted on the implementation of child welfare and protection through

various agencies, including the District Child Protection Units (DCPU) as part of efforts to safeguard children in difficult circumstances. Alomi Sumi, Coordinator of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) spoke on Child Helpline Services in Dimapur wherein, he highlighted the critical role of child helpline services in addressing issues affecting vulnerable children. She emphasized the importance of community awareness to strengthen the effectiveness of the helpline. She encouraged community members, schools, and other stakeholders to utilize the Childline Helpline 1098.

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## TOILET DAY OBSERVED AT DIMAPUR

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### DIMAPUR:

World Toilet Day 2024 was observed at Dimapur with a programme held at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference Hall, Dimapur under the theme “Toilet: A Place for Peace.” The event was organized by PHED, Dimapur Urban & Rural Divisions to raise awareness about the significance of sanitation aimed to emphasize the role of toilets in ensuring health, dignity, and harmony in society. The World Toilet Day Campaign 2024 commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> November and will culminate on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The programme was graced by the presence of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Zakabo Rotokha who encouraged the department to conduct the campaign successfully.

### TUENSANG:

District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Tuensang meeting-cum-observation of World Toilet Day 2024 under the theme “My Toilet; My Pride” was held at Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference

Hall, Tuensang on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, under the chairmanship of Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

E.E. PHED Tuensang, Er. Kedolhuto Punyu said that the objective of Jal Jevan Mission (JJM) is to connect safe drinking water tap to every rural household by March 2025, and also to provide water tap in all the schools, Anganwadi Centers and Health Centers. He also highlighted on the progress of JJM in the district. He also shared the difficulties and challenges faced during the implementation of the programme.

The DC and Chairman of DWSM, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa urged all the concerned departments to co-ordinate, co-operate and work together for the successful implementation of JJM and SBM (G) in the district to achieve 100% target within the time period.

On the occasion of World Toilet Day, Rutsa appealed to the concerned departments to build more community toilets, which will be accessible for People with Disabilities and also to make it convenient for the elderly people.

## 6<sup>th</sup> DIMAPUR DISTRICT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEET HELD

The 6<sup>th</sup> Dimapur District Inter-Departmental Sports meet commenced at Multi-Disciplinary State Stadium, ADC Court, Dimapur on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The opening ceremony featured Col. Ullas Badoni, Commandant of the 43 Assam Rifles as the guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, Col. Ullas Badoni praised the participants' enthusiasm and the vibrant environment created by the various departmental teams. He acknowledged the dedication shown by the employees and commended the organizers for promoting a healthy balance between work and recreation. Col. Badoni highlighted that sports play a crucial role in fostering team spirit and mental well-being. He stressed that such events provide not only physical benefits but also an opportunity to

relieve stress and enhance productivity.

Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang emphasized the importance of bringing employees together to build stronger bonds across departments.

The sports meet included various games like table tennis, football penalty shootouts, tug of war, badminton for both men and women, fostering friendly competition and teamwork.

The closing ceremony was graced by Kevithuto Sophie, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur. The 6<sup>th</sup> Dimapur District Inter-Departmental Sports Meet 2024 Championship was bagged by the Medical Department, while the second and third places were secured by Power and Geological & Mining Departments respectively.

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## MINISTER PAIWANG KONYAK VISITS VARIOUS DISTRICTS

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Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak visited the IMDH Mokochung on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

During his visit, he inspected the local pharmacies to ensure that qualified pharmacists operated them and that only legal drugs were being sold. He also checked fish vendors to verify compliance with food safety standards, ensuring that formalin-free fishes are supplied. The Minister further visited the Ayush Hospital at Sabangya and encouraged to keep up the good facilities provided.

While interacting with the crowd gathered, representatives of Ao Senden expressed concerns about the quality of the materials being used for the construction of the new IMDH building. Konyak assured that all such matters would be thoroughly

addressed. While inspecting the ongoing building, he assured that the construction would be completed at the earliest and announced a funding allocation of ₹ 3 crores for the hospital's completion, along with an additional ₹2 crores for the establishment of a Critical Care Unit.

Minister Paiwang Konyak also visited District Hospital, Tuensang on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, and informed the gathering that there are shortages of Medical Doctors in the State, and the Government is doing their best to fill up the gap. Paiwang also informed that his visit was to oversee the Food Safety and Drugs Control in the district. The Minister was accompanied by the Commissioner & Secretary, Additional Director, Principal Director and Senior Doctors from the Department of Health

and Family Welfare. Dr. Imlitemsu Ozukum CMO Tuensang gave a brief power point presentation of the department's activities in the district.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024, Minister Paiwang Konyak visited the District Hospital Mon and acknowledged the presence of the civil societies, district administration led by ADC. He informed that his visit is not just a normal official tour but comes with a purpose to assess the shortcomings of the department

on the issue of infrastructure, development work in the hospital. The Minister also released the Quarterly Access, Issue-1, July 2024 to September 2024, of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Mon, Nagaland.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Nagaland, Paiwang Konyak also visited Longleng district on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and inspected the ongoing construction site of the new district Hospital and interacted with the officials and construction workers.

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### DCPU CONDUCTS ACTIVITIES AT ZUNHEBOTO

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In a concerted effort to commemorate Child Rights Week, the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of Zunheboto, under the banner of Mission Vatsalya and the Department of Social Welfare, organized an extensive series of events from 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Zunheboto district.

The initiative, aimed at raising awareness on child rights, involved a variety of activities focusing on child legislations, the Child Helpline 1098, and various child protection mechanisms operational within the district.

Awareness Campaigns/Poster Campaigns were conducted where educational posters were distributed focusing on critical issues like Child Marriage, Legal

Adoption, Child Labour, and Good Touch and Bad Touch. These campaigns were specifically targeted at Anganwadi workers, Goan Buras, Village councils, Church leaders, Teachers and Women's organizations.

The awareness drive extended across several blocks including Ghathashi, Tokiye, and Suruhuto, ensuring a wide reach within Zunheboto district. School Awareness Programmes were held at Shovishe Memorial High School, GMS North Point and Highland School, Satakha.

A one-day consultative meeting was also held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, bringing together all stakeholders to discuss strategies and responsibilities in child protection.

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### NVBDCP MEETING AT PHEK, ZUNHEBOTO AND MOKOKCHUNG

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The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) conducted meetings with district teams from Phek, Zunheboto, and Mokokchung at their respective district headquarters from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The agenda of the meetings was to review the performance of ground-level workers and identify areas for

improvement.

Speaking at the meetings, Dr. Neisakho Kere, Joint Director and State Programme Officer, NVBDCP, emphasized the importance of malaria elimination in Nagaland. He noted that the NCVBDC has directed all states to eliminate malaria by 2027, as part of India's goal to achieve

nationwide elimination by 2030. Dr. Kere shared that in 2009, Nagaland reported 8,984 positive malaria cases with 35 fatalities. However, due to sustained efforts, the number of cases has drastically reduced every year, with only four positive cases reported last year. He mentioned that seven districts have reported no malaria cases this year, but cases have been detected in Phek, Mokochung, Peren, and Zunheboto.

Deputy Director, NVBDCP, Dr. Tinurenla Anichari also encouraged district

staff to intensify efforts, particularly during the transmission season. She advised motivating Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and ensuring effective coordination during house-to-house fever screenings.

The meeting was attended by District Vector Borne Disease Officers (DVBOs), District Vector Borne Disease Consultants (DVBCs), Surveillance Workers (SW), Malaria Technical Supervisors (MTS), Statistical Investigators (SI) and Malaria Inspectors (MI).

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### NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Niuland was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Niuland under the chairmanship of DC & Vice chairman of DPDB, Sara S Jamir.

The members present deliberated on various agenda and approved the following proposals - Construction of Land Resources Office and registration of Light in the 10/40

Window Society and Nagaland Baptist College Society.

Officials from the Department of Industries & Commerce gave a PowerPoint presentation on various central sponsored schemes such as PMEGP, PM-Vishwakarma (PMV), Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialisation schemes (UNNATI) 2024 and UDYAM Registration.

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### PHEK DISTRICT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TOURNAMENT HELD

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Deputy Commissioner, Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam inaugurated the two-day Inter-Departmental Tournament of Phek at Badminton Indoor Stadium, Phek on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Addressing the gathering, the DC spoke about the importance of Inter-Departmental Tournament and acknowledged his appreciation towards Officers Club and

Evening Smashers, Phek for organizing the tournament. He also encouraged the staff of various departments to continue to maintain their enthusiasm and participation in sports even in the days to come.

Oath taking ceremony was administered by Additional SP, Phek, Bendangtemjen Jamir and Member, Core Committee IDT.

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### SECOND PHASE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD IN THONOKNYU

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The inaugural session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the training programme under the theme 'Access to Skill Development for Youths

of Aspirational Blocks in Nagaland' was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Town Hall, Thonoknyu, Noklak. The training was

organized by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Kohima, in partnership with the Zynorique Initiative Society (ZIS). The programme trained 30 youths from the Thonoknyu Aspirational Block.

Principal, ITI Tuensang, Er. Netenba Ajem while delivering his keynote address, acknowledged the collaborative efforts of the Department and the Noklak District Administration in successfully implementing the programme. He emphasized the significance of the initiative in addressing

the skill gap, particularly in rural areas and empowering the youth with the necessary skills to excel in the modern world.

The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the training programme was launched on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Khongsa Aspirational Block under Kiphire district, which successfully culminated on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with TA, REB Kiphire, Sanen giving away certificates and toolkits to the 30 youths who were successfully trained in electrical, masonry works and related construction sector skills.

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### WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Wokha was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Wokha, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB, Y.M. Humtsoe. Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan also attended the meeting.

DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar requested all the departments having government-acquired land to apply for Land Patta. Supplementing on this matter, Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan urged all Heads of Offices in the district to make a proper survey and estimate those land which has not been compensated for further necessary action and onward submission to higher authority. The Advisor also appealed to all line departments to come up with comprehensive plans and reports regarding

implementation of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan, as this is an important tool for the development at the grassroots level.

The following agenda were discussed and approved for recommendation to government for consideration - setting up of three (3) Health Units (Sub-Centres) at Saron, Airfield and Suren colony under Wokha town.

Department of Veterinary and Industries presented about various schemes and projects implemented and undertaken by their respective departments in the district.

Commenting on the importance of attendance during the DPDB meeting, the DC said the DPDB being the highest decision-making body in the district, all officers should take this meeting seriously and attend regularly.

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### STATE-LEVEL TOUR PAKHWADA CAMPAIGN ON PMS VANIDHI SCHEME LAUNCHED IN ATOIZU TOWN

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A significant initiative under the PMSVANidhi Scheme titled 'SVANidhi BHI, SWABHIMAN BHI' was launched on

27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at DB's Hall, Atoizu. The program was organized by the State Urban Development Agency in collaboration



with the Atoizu Town Council and lending institutions.

Delivering the inaugural speech, Nukutulu S Venuh (NCS), ADC Atoizu emphasized the government's commitment to empowering street vendors through financial assistance and skill development. She highlighted how the PMSVANidhi Scheme not only fosters self-reliance but also upholds the dignity of vendors in society.

Representative from lending institutions, Rajeev, Officer, Central Bank of India, Zunheboto also addressed the gathering, providing insights into the financial support available under the scheme and encouraging eligible street vendors to

take advantage of this opportunity.

The programme's resource person, Abau Suokhrie, State Mission Manager for the DAY-NULM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission) conducted a comprehensive session on the scheme's benefits, application processes, and the steps involved in accessing loans and subsidies.

The PMSVANidhi scheme, introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, aims to provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors to help them resume and expand their businesses post-pandemic.

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## KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Kohima was held at the DPDB Hall, chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, under the leadership of Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, MLA and Chairman DPDB Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The meeting began with a review of the previous meeting minutes, followed by the Board's approval of various proposals. Important decisions included forwarding the registration proposals for Carl Roger's Institute of Mental Health Research Centre, Chiechama Students' Union, and Naga Distributors' Union Kohima to higher authorities. The proposal to rename St. Francis Xavier School Peducha to Don Bosco School Peducha was also accepted and forwarded.

The Board agreed to include the sarpanchs of Kidima, Nerhema, Kohima villages, and Chunlikha in the District Water

and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Committee on a rotational basis for one year.

BDO, Chiephobozou, Seyiekhrielie Rio presented a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Rural Development Department. His presentation covered the structure and schemes under the department, including the implementation of MGNREGA, Aadhaar-based payment systems, and Direct Benefit Transfers. Rio also detailed development works in Chiechama, Nerhe Model Village, and other areas, as well as the efforts of Self-Help Groups under the NSRLM and Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme.

Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso proposed initiatives for cleaner taxis with driver details displayed prominently behind the seat, in light of the festive season. The DC reminded officers about setting up Internal Complaints Committees in line with the SHe-Box portal requirements.

**NGADA FESTIVAL-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT TSEMINYU**

Rengma Ngada festival-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at RSA ground, Tseminyu with MLA & DPDB chairman, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb as special guest.

During the celebration, Seb said that Ngada is celebrated by the Rengma tribe towards the end of November, and is an eight-day festival of thanksgiving, merry-making and cultural unity. The festival is observed after the year-long hard work in the fields and the harvest crops are gathered from fields to granaries, where the community get together in gratitude for the harvest and remembrance of departed souls, marking

the conclusion of the agricultural year. The festival is officially announced by the village priest and thereafter preparation begins for the festivities, he said.

The programme was chaired by Vice President, Rengma Hoho, Hanenmo Semy, and the keynote address was proposed by President, Rengma Hoho, Er. Tesinlo Semy, followed by Ngada greetings by President, Tenyimi Union Nagaland.

Day one of the programme was graced by Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Rohit Singh IAS as special guest and Chairman, NIDC, Kvulo Lorin as guest of honour.



MLA, Jwenga Seb along with other officials and cultural troupe during the Ngada-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival celebrated at Tseminyu on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



## RIO LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR PM-USHA AND INAUGURATES VARIOUS FACILITIES AT DGC

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio laid the foundation stone for Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) projects and inaugurated various facilities at Dimapur Government College (DGC), which includes Academic Building, Incubation Centre, Skill Hub, Girls' Hostel, Commerce Block and Rest Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

Addressing the gathering at the college auditorium, Rio said women are not only progressing well in academic fields but also in political arena, and cited the example of the recently concluded ULB elections where women won eight more seats in general category than the allotted 33% quota. Focusing on the importance of education, Rio said knowledge without character is very dangerous and urged the teachers to educate students with moral foundation and make them responsible citizens.

The CM also acknowledged that every year, more students are seeking to get admission in DGC which is a testament of commitment and hard work of the principal and teaching staff of the DGC.

Guest of honour, Temjen Imna Along, Minister of Higher Education and Tourism in his short speech, applauded the DGC, its principal and teaching staff, and asserted that



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking during the laying of foundation stone programme for PM-USHA Projects and inauguration of various facilities at Dimapur Government College on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.*

the college is not only one of the best colleges in the State but one of the best colleges in the region. He encouraged the students to train well to become responsible citizens of the State.

Short speeches were delivered by Ex-Officio Director, Higher Education, V. Lovitoly Sema and State Project Director for PM- USHA, Higher Education, M. Kire. Prof. Sanjay Sharma, Principal, DGC delivered the welcome address while Kezhaleu Hesso, Vice-Principal & HoD, DGC conducted a felicitation programme.

## LAUNCHING PROGRAMME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RCC BRIDGE AT DIKHU RIVER LONGLENG-CHUCHUYIMLANG ROAD

Launching programme for construction of RCC Bridge along Dikhu River Longleng - Chuchuyimlang Mokokchung road was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with MLA, Nuklutoshi and MLA, A. Pongshi Phom at the bridge point Mongtikang village, Longleng.

MLA Nuklutoshi in his address

encouraged the gathering to coordinate together and carryout developmental works. He also assured to complete the two hydro projects, clear the council road during their tenure, and also tackle the unemployment issues in the region.

MLA, A. Pongshi pointed that without

proper road connectivity and proper bridge, any developmental work is impossible. He further encouraged and appealed to tolerate with the inconveniences during the time of work and also to lend a helping hand in times of trouble until the work is completed.

Short speeches were delivered by President of Langpangkong Tsukong

Mongtang, N. Watitoshi, President of PPC, Y.B. Angam Phom, EE PWD (R&B) Longleng, S. Toshi Angh, Pukyung Phom, P/Leader, Chairman of Village Council Chuchuyimlang, Chairman of Village Council Hukphang, Chairman of Village Council Salulamang and Chairman of Village Council Mongtikang.



MLA, Nuklutoshi and MLA, A. Pongshi Phom and other officials at the launching programme of the construction of RCC Bridge along the Dikhu River Longleng-Chuchuyimlang Mokokchung Road, held at Mongtikang village on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## CM NEIPHUI RIO INAUGURATES VARIOUS FACILITIES AT NAGA HERITAGE VILLAGE, KISAMA

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphui Rio inaugurated the International Morung, the Hornbill Festival App, Dormitory for Cultural Troupes, Marketing Complex of Handloom & Craft Pavilion, Medical Booth-cum-Cash Vending Facility, Toyota Ki and Tourism

Department lounge to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The CM applauded the local artisans, workers and everyone involved in it, and who has been working day and night to complete



Chief Minister, Neiphui Rio along with his colleagues and other officials at the launch of the Tourism Directory Booklet at IDAN, Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



the physical structure of the hornbill festival at Kisama. He stated that Hornbill Festival is no more a Naga festival, rather it has become an international festival attracting tourists from all over the globe, and mentioned that we have international partners now to celebrate as well as boost our economy. He also said that Hornbill festival will not only

be confined to ten days but encouraged all the tribes dwelling in the state capital who are not able to attend their native festival at their home towns to celebrate and use the facilities at Kisama so that we can preserve our traditions and culture and showcase it all round the year.

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### **NAGALAND COFFEE HOUSE INAUGURATED AT KISAMA HERITAGE VILLAGE**

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The Nagaland Coffee House was officially inaugurated at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The event was graced by the Advisor for Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi as the special guest. He was accompanied by the Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger, and Advisor for Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak.

In his inaugural speech, Zhimomi highlighted the cultural and historical

significance of coffee houses worldwide and remarked, "Coffee houses have long been hubs of creativity, innovation, and community building; a place where individuals connect, share ideas, and inspire one another. Historically, coffee houses have even played roles in sparking revolutions around the world."

A brief report on the construction of the Nagaland Coffee House was presented by Director of Land Resources, Albert Ngullie.

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### **LEGAL SERVICES STALL INAUGURATED AT KISAMA**

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Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Judge, Justice Budi Habung inaugurated Legal Services Stall of the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) for the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hornbill International Festival at the Heritage Village in Kisama on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024,

The Judge after cutting the ribbon expressed optimism that the stall will provide its line of services to people in need of Legal assistance. He said a stretch of 10 days is quite sufficient to dispense awareness and activities and called out panel lawyers to volunteer in giving out legal literature apart from catering to services at the Stall.

NSLSA Member Secretary, Neiko Akami highlighted the activities and services to be

provided as part of the yearly edition.

At the Legal Services Stall, one can avail various legal services for free. Affidavits will be filed, advice for legal Aids and representation, Legal Literature and booklets, Legal counselling and advice among others can be availed.

Apart from that panel lawyers from State and District Legal Services Authority, are N. Longshithung Ezung, NJS and Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, Kohima DLSA, Phuleto Yeptho, NJS. The panel lawyers from state legal and District Legal Services Authority will be manning the Legal Services Stall during the 10 days edition at Kisama.



## FLAT-TYPE STAFF QUARTERS INAUGURATED AT TAXES COLONY, DIMAPUR

The newly constructed Flat-Type Staff Quarters at Taxes Colony, Dimapur, was officially inaugurated by Advisor for Taxes and Civil Administration Works Division (CAWD), Kudecho Khamo on 29th November 2024. The event marked a significant milestone in the government's commitment to improving the welfare and living conditions of its employees.

Addressing the gathering, Khamo expressed his appreciation for the successful completion of the project, acknowledging the leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and the dedication of the project team led by Er. Ketousielie Kengurusie, Executive Engineer, PWD (H), Estate Division, Kohima. He also commended Wabang Changkiri of M/s Flow more Construction for completing the project well ahead of schedule.

Khamo highlighted the importance of robust tax administration in strengthening Nagaland's economy, noting that the State Taxes Department is the highest revenue-generating body, collecting ₹1,356.91 crore in 2023-24. Despite challenges in revenue generation, with internal collections accounting for only 12% of the estimated ₹18,034 Crore revenue for 2024-25, Khamo urged department officials to work with greater dedication and professionalism. He also called on taxpayers to contribute actively to the State's development.

Khamo further emphasized the government's efforts to enhance tax administration through infrastructure

development, mentioning the newly inaugurated quarters and ongoing projects such as the Directorate Office in Dimapur and facilities in Kohima, Phek, and Noklak.

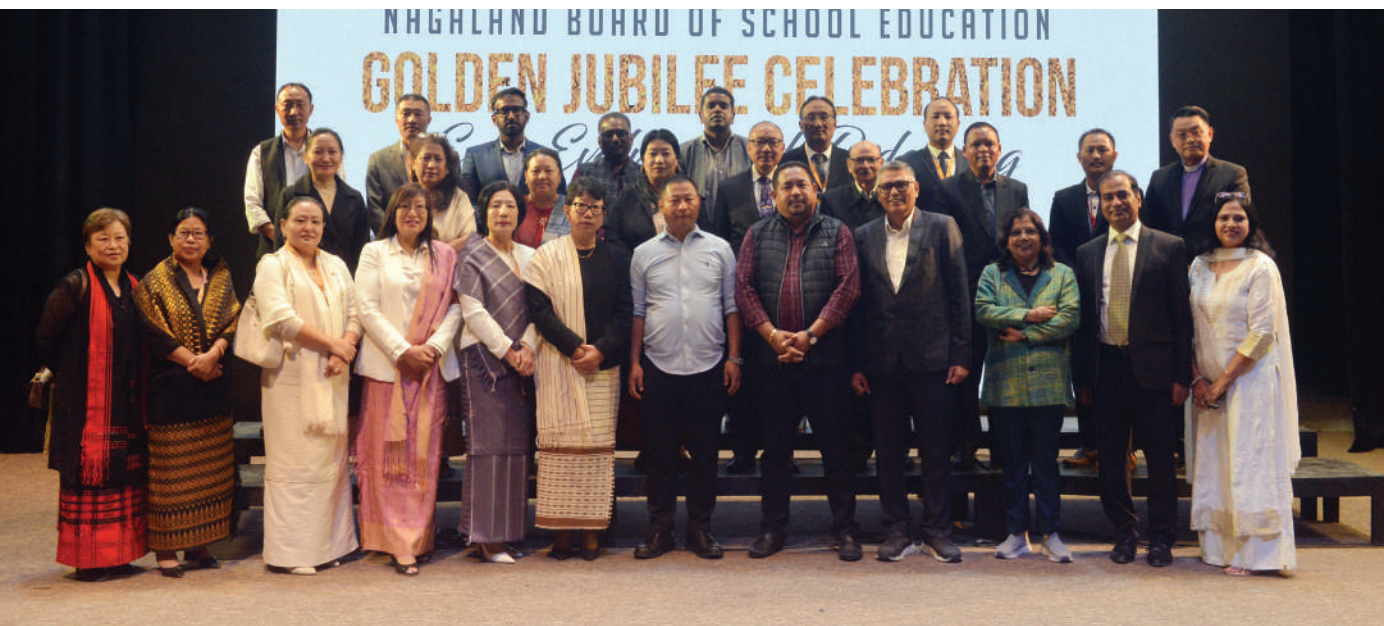
Er. Ketousielie Kengurusie presented the technical report, detailing the construction process. The five-story RCC residential building covers a total area of 25,000 square feet and includes 16 flats: 10 two-bedroom units (900 sq. ft. each) and 6 three-bedroom units (1,200 sq. ft. each). The facility also features parking for 20 vehicles, a passenger lift, ramps or accessibility, a deep borewell and an underground water tank with a capacity of 1 lakh litres.

The project was completed in two phases at a total cost of ₹9.15 Crore. Phase 1 (₹4.73 Crore), which include the basement, ground floor and first floor, commenced in March 2020 and was completed in August 2022, seven months ahead of schedule. Phase 2 (₹4.41 Crore), comprising the second and third floors began in August 2022 and was completed in September 2024, ten months before the deadline.

The programme began with a dedication prayer by Dr. Yanbemo, Senior Associate Pastor of Lotha Baptist Church, Dimapur, followed by the unveiling of the inaugural plaque by the special guest.

The chairperson, Y. Mhathung Murry, Special Commissioner of State Taxes lauded the project's role in the welfare of the employees.





Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome and Chairman, Assam State School Education Board, R. C. Jain, IAS (Retd.) with officials and dignitaries during the Nagaland Board of School Education Golden Jubilee celebration at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



Governor, La Ganesan along with officials during the ceremonial function of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.





*Campaign Medal donated by Charles Chasie on display at Nagaland State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



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## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



*Advisor, Taxes and Civil Administration Works Division, Kudecho Khamo along with other officials during the unveiling of the plaque of the Flat-Type Staff Quarters inaugurated at Taxes Colony, Dimapur on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with his colleagues after the inauguration of the Marketing Complex of Handloom & Craft Pavilion at Kisama on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



## DISTRICTS ROUND UP



*MLA & Chairman, District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Mon, C. Manpon Konyak with elected representatives of Mon during the DPDB meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mon on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Arikumba with officials and participants during the awareness and training programme on semi-intensive Mithun farming, held at Noklak village on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



## STATE ROUND UP



*Sixteenth Finance Commission Members led by Chairman, Dr. Arvind Panagariya, with Home Commissioner, Vyasan R. IAS, DC, Phek, John Tsüliise Sangtam and other officials during their visit to Kapamodzü Peak, Pfütsero, Phek on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



*Pro-Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Prof. G. T. Thong with officials and winners of the State Talent Search Examination 2024, held at Mt. Tabor Retreat Centre, Kohima on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



## STATE ROUND UP



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS participating in the mass social work which was carried out at Secretariat Road, Kohima on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.



Media fraternity of Dimapur during the National Press Day programme, organised by the Dimapur Press Club, celebrated at DBDIL Hall, Don Bosco School, Dimapur on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.