



Governor, R. N. Ravi, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, their lady wives and Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton during the civic reception honouring the new Governor of Nagaland, R.N. Ravi at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 16th August 2019.



Chief Justice (Acting), Gauhati High Court, Arup Kumar Goswami administering the Oath of Office to R.N. Ravi as the 19th Governor of Nagaland at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 1st August 2019.



Governor of Nagaland, R.N. Ravi called on the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi on 8th August 2019.



Governor of Nagaland, R.N. Ravi called on the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind at New Delhi on 6th August 2019.



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT INFORMS

General Provident Fund (GPF) Rule 11 provides that the Government shall pay the due interest as per prescribed rate pertaining to each year to the subscriber's account. As per the Government accounting Rules 1990, the accrued interest should be paid from the Consolidated Fund of the State (2049-Interest Payment-01 Interest on PF) and should be transferred to the Public Account of the State (8009-GPF-02-Gr.D). This should be done with prior sanction of the State Finance Department by every Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) who maintains Gr. IV GPF ledger account. Monthly Accounts of the respective Treasuries pertaining to each year should exhibit the total amount debited to 2049-Interest and credited to 8009-GPF and 'Nil' payment voucher accordingly should be furnished by the Treasuries to the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Office for proper accounting.

The Finance Department Budget & Monitoring Cell therefore has asked all Heads of Departments (HoDs) and DDOs to furnish the data to Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima once in a financial year starting from 2019-20 onwards through their respective Treasuries as per above provisions with a copy to the Principal Director, Treasuries & Accounts, Nagaland starting from 2019-20. Further, the HoDs and DDOs should provide the figure pertaining to interest payment made during 2018-19 on GPF Gr. IV account to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima immediately for incorporation in the Annual Accounts of 2018-19 of the Government of Nagaland.

NSDMA NOTIFIES ON VDMA

Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) has notified that there shall be a dedicated Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) which shall be constituted by the Village Council. The VDMA shall be headed by the Chairman along with its members and the Secretary of Village Development Board (VDB) as Member Secretary.

The following are the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the members of the VDMA:

1. The VDMA shall function under the Village Council and shall consist of at least 5 (five) members and not more than 10 (ten) members.
2. No 2 (two) members of the VDMA can be selected from the same household.
3. The members of VDMA should be permanent residents of the village.
4. The VDMA shall comprise of at least 1 (one) woman member or more, depending on the composition of the Village Council.
5. The VDMA may, as and when it considers necessary, constitute sub-committee from the existing key line committees in the village, such as Health, Power, Water & Sanitation and Education committees etc. or any other sub-committee as necessitated.
6. The VDMA shall coordinate and devise a working response mechanism with neighboring villages.
7. The VDMA shall also coordinate with the sub-division authority and district authority on disaster management issues.
8. The term of the VDMA shall be co-terminus with the term of the Village Council. In case of defunct Village Council, VDB Secretary shall be the officiating Chairman of the VDMA.

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9. No remuneration shall be paid for the membership of VDMA by the NSDMA/ District Disaster Management Authority.
10. The powers of the Chairman of the VDMA and the powers and functions of the VDMA shall remain the same as per Section 32 and 34 of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Rules 2012.
11. All the VDMAs shall prepare their own Village Disaster Management Plan, which is to be updated when necessary.
12. Any village failing to constitute VDMA shall not be eligible for any scheme/relief under NSDMA. Furthermore, State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) forms received without the signature of the VDMA Chairman/VDB Secretary shall be considered incomplete and devoid of benefit.

GOVERNMENT CREATES NEW TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Department of Tribal Affairs in Nagaland has been created with immediate effect to deal exclusively the following functions and duties as detailed below:

Functions and Duties:

- a. Tribal Research Institute (TRI):
 - i. The scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) 2017."
 - ii. Scheme of Centers of Excellence.
- b. Livelihood Support:
 - i. Schemes for "Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products."
 - ii. Scheme for "Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce" modified w.e.f. 31/10/2016.
 - iii. Equity support to NSTFDC/STFDCs.
- c. Non Governmental Organization (NGO):
 - i. Vocational Training Centers in Tribal Areas.
 - ii. Scheme of "Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for Welfare of STs."
 - iii. Scheme of "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)."
 - iv. Scheme of "Strengthening Education among ST Girls in a Low Literacy District."
- d. State Grants:
 - i. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme (SCA to TSP).
 - ii. Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India.
 - iii. Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs).
 - iv. Vocational Training Centers in Tribal Areas.
 - v. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas.
 - vi. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hostels for ST Boys and ST Girls.
- e. One (1) post of Assistant Director (Re-deployment).
- f. One (1) post of Office Superintendent-cum-Accounts (Re-deployment from Treasuries & Accounts Department)
- g. Two (2) posts of UDA (Re-deployment from Departments).
- h. Creation of four (4) posts of LDA-cum-Computer Assistant.

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- i. Creation of three (3) posts of Office Multitasking Assistant (Grade-IV).
- j. Creation of two (2) posts of Driver.

The Central Division, Kohima under Works & Housing Department will supervise all Civil Works in the Tribal Affairs Department.

In order to discharge the functions of the Department, the Finance Department will provide a separate Demand Number with all Heads of Accounts and RFC number to complete formalities with the Accountant General's Office to facilitate financial transactions.

The ongoing project and the projects already sanctioned will be implemented by the Planning Department. However, for the current year projects, arrangement will be decided by the two departments with approval of the Chief Minister.

This has the approval of the Cabinet vide Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Cell) Office Memorandum No. CAB-2/2013 (Pt) dated 3rd August 2019.

MTF RENAMED TASK FORCE FOR MUSIC AND ARTS

According to a notification of the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, the Governor has renamed the Music Task Force under the Department of YR&S which is in the First Schedule, Section 46 (V) of the Nagaland Rules of Executive Business, 2016 as the "Task Force for Music and Arts" with immediate effect.

GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CASES OF OFFICERS UNDER SUSPENSION

The Government of Nagaland has constituted the State Review Committee to review the cases of officers under suspension with the following members:

- i. Chief Secretary : Chairman
- ii. Senior most Additional Chief Secretary : Member
- iii. Principal Secretary, P&AR : Member Secretary

The Home Commissioner/Director General (Police) be co-opted wherever a case concerning a member of the Indian Police Service is considered by the Committee.

The Commissioner & Secretary/Principal Chief Conservator of Forest be co-opted wherever a case concerning a member of the Indian Forest Service is considered by the Committee.

The terms of reference for the State Review Committee are:

- i. The Committee shall review the cases of officers under suspension in order to determine whether they are of sufficient ground for the continuation of suspension.
- ii. In every case, the review shall be done within 90 days from the date of order of the suspension. In a case where the period of suspension has been extended, the next review shall be un-done within a period of 180 days from the date of last extension.
- iii. The Committee while assessing the justification for further continuation of any suspension shall look into the progress of any enquiry/investigation against the officer by obtaining relevant information from the authorities enquiring/investigating into the charges.

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- iv. The Committee while examining a case shall consider the possibility of the officer under suspension tampering with the evidence, his influencing the process of enquiry or investigation and deprivation of his services during suspension.
- v. The Review Committee shall submit a detailed report to the competent authority, while stating its recommendations and the reasons for arriving at the recommendation relating to the continuance of the suspension.

REMISSION OF PRISONERS' SENTENCES

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha has informed through a notification that in commemoration of the ensuing anniversary of Independence Day 2019, the State Government has decided to remit the sentences against certain categories of prisoners who have been convicted by the courts (other than Court Martial) having criminal jurisdiction in the State of Nagaland and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment.

Therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Sub-section 1 of Section 432 of the Code Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974 herein after referred as the said Code), the Governor of Nagaland has granted remission of sentences to the different categories of prisoners as specified below, lodged in the jails of Nagaland and outside, other than those in respect of whom the sentence is inflicted for an offence against the Order referred to in Sub-Section 6 of Section 432 of the said Code passed under any law relating to which the Executive Powers of the Union extends.

The scale of remission of sentence for different categories is specified below:

CATEGORY	SCALE OF REMISSION
1. Prisoners sentenced to 10 years and above	- 30 (Thirty) days
2. Prisoners sentenced to 5 years to 10 years	- 20 (Twenty) days
3. Prisoners sentenced to 1 year to 5 years	- 10 (Ten) days
4. Prisoners sentenced up to 1 year	- 5 (Five) days

Further, the aforesaid remission granted under the order shall not be admissible to the following categories of prisoners:

1. Prisoners convicted under Foreigners Act
2. Prisoners convicted under Passport Act
3. Prisoners convicted under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
4. Prisoners convicted under Section 3 to 10 of Official Secrets Act, 1923
5. Prisoners convicted under Section 2 to 3 of Criminal Amendment Act, 1961
6. Prisoners convicted under Section 121 to 130 of IPC
7. Prisoners convicted under Section 107/109 of CrPC
8. Prisoners convicted under Prevention of Corruption Act
9. Prisoners convicted of rape, attempt to rape or assault on women
10. Convicted prisoners found violating jail rules and discipline such as threatening/ intimidation/quarrelling/ beating of fellow prisoners/staff and smuggling of contraband and prohibited articles
11. Foreign National convicted under any Acts.

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The Remission Order will take effect from the 15th of August 2019 by Order and in the name of the Governor of Nagaland.

H&TE DEPARTMENT INFORMS

Higher & Technical Education Department in a notification has informed that the Government of Nagaland has ordered officiating promotion to Dr. Apeni Lotha, Principal, Mount Tiyi College, Wokha as Additional Director & HoD, Directorate of Higher Education in the same Pay Band and AGP plus special allowances of Rs. 2000/- per month vice Dr. I. Anungla Aier, Director, Higher Education retired with effect from the date of taking over charge subject to regularization by Departmental Promotion Committee in due course of time.

NPSC NOTIFIES

The Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) has notified to all the aspiring candidates that henceforth, only online applications shall be accepted for any examination conducted by the Commission after completing the One Time Registration (OTR) through Nagaland e-District Portal at <https://edistrict.nagaland.gov.in>

Candidates can access the procedure and supporting documents required for the OTR process from the Commission's website at www.npsc.co.in

Note:

1. No fees will be charged for the OTR submission process.
 2. Any incomplete/incorrect OTR form submitted by candidates will be summarily rejected.
 3. After completing the OTR process, candidates will no longer be required to submit photocopies of supporting documents while applying for any examination conducted by the Commission.
 4. Candidates are advised to complete the OTR in their own interest well ahead before the next advertisement in order to avoid any last-minute inconveniences.
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HRMIS LAUNCHED AT HIGHER EDUCATION

The Directorate of Higher Education under the visionary guidance and supervision of Dr. I. Anungla Aier, Director, Higher Education launched a comprehensive Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) for the Directorate of Higher Education and Government Colleges on 31st July 2019.

The HRMIS system is envisaged to create a detailed, comprehensive digital Database Departmental Employee Information which can be accessed online through the Department's Official portal <https://highereducation.nagaland.gov.in>. This

system will act as the master record of all employees under the Directorate of Higher Education and Government Colleges for both teaching and non-teaching staff.

The HRMIS System will provide benefits like Single Repository for Departmental HR Information, Customized Dashboards for Department and Colleges, one-click report generation, 24x7 easy access from remote locations etc. The HRMIS System will empower the Department in faster, transparent, efficient HR Management and enable online interactions with the Department.

TSUNGREMMONG MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2019



Minister for Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum addressing the Tsungremmong Mini Hornbill Festival celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokochung on 1st August 2019.

Tsungremmong Mini Hornbill Festival Mokochung 2019 was held at Imkongmeren Sports Complex on 1st August 2019 with Minister, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum declaring the festival open as the special guest.

Addressing the festive gathering, the Minister reiterated that it is the policy of the government

to foster unity, friendship and also to create a platform to promote young local entrepreneurs to exhibit their skills and products. He also called upon the organizers to identify such talents so that the Government can provide avenues and assistance and added that Nagaland Startup Policy 2019 was formulated on this very line.

Earlier in the programme, Tsungremmong greetings was shared by ADC W. Manpai Phom, while welcome address was delivered by I. Moa Longkumer, President MTAT and cultural song presentation by GBs Union Mokochung Town.

Inter-ward Tug of War (both men and women) and indigenous games competition- bamboo climbing, spear throwing were held as part of the celebration.

The 2nd day of the festival was graced by Minister, Agriculture and Co-operation, G. Kaito Aye as the special guest. It witnessed a myriad display of cultural and traditional songs and dances.

RN RAVI SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND

RN Ravi was sworn in as the 19th Governor of Nagaland at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan Kohima on 1st August 2019.

Chief Justice (Acting), Gauhati High Court administered the Oath of Office to the Governor – Designate in the presence of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker NLA, Leader of Opposition, Ministers of the State Government, Advisors, MLAs, Senior Officers of the State and Central Government and other dignitaries. The

swearing-in ceremony was also attended by former Chief Minister and Governor, Dr. S.C. Jamir, former Chief Minister K.L. Chishi and MP (Rajya Sabha) K. G. Kenye.

Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS read out the Warrant of Appointment. The newly appointed Governor was then accorded Guard of Honour by the Nagaland Police at the Raj Bhavan courtyard.

RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF THE NEW GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND, RN RAVI

The Government of Nagaland held a grand reception in honour of the new Governor of Nagaland, RN Ravi at State Banquet Hall, Raj Bhavan on 1st August 2019.

Speaking at the reception, Ravi said he has embraced the duties and responsibilities given to him by Prime Minister Modi on the Indo-Naga peace talks 'as the mission of his life.' 'Five years ago when Modi gave me the responsibility of resolving the long pending Naga political issue, I could sense the touch of the unseen nursing me to fulfill the mission of my life,' Ravi said. In his maiden speech as the Governor of Nagaland, Ravi also voiced out the need to let women become co-partners in the journey towards greater heights.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while welcoming Ravi as the Governor said that the entire Naga community is looking forward to Ravi's tenure with high hopes and expectations. Being an interlocutor, Ravi has become a household name for the Nagas as he has come in contact with all the tribal leaders and has been closely associated with the Naga people for many years, Rio said. Generations have been impacted by the political movement and all sections and conflicting parties have come to the realisation that talks across table

with respect and honour for each other is the only way ahead, Rio added.

Opposition Leader, T.R. Zeliang said Nagaland is fortunate to have a Governor in the person of R. N. Ravi whose name and identity has become synonymous with the Indo-Naga political issue. It was only after over 80 rounds of peace talks spanning several years that the framework agreement was signed with R. N. Ravi as the interlocutor. Therefore, Zeliang was optimistic that the appointment of R.N. Ravi as the Governor of Nagaland will facilitate and speed up the process of negotiation between the Naga political groups and the Government of India.

The reception programme was chaired by Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS. Ministers, Advisors, MLAs, AHOs, HoDs and other NGOs attended the programme.

S&WC DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ATTEND EC MEETING

The departmental officials of Soil & Water Conservation Department attended EC meeting of the Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme under Science for Equity, Empowerment & Development (SEED), organised

by the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India that was held on 1st and 2nd August, 2019.

During the session, the Department presented a project proposal on "Low Cost Weather Station," at the Centre of Excellence-State Soil & Water Conservation Training and Research, Sechu for the benefit of tribal farming communities of the surrounding villages practicing both permanent pani kheti as well as traditional agro-forestry kheti.

The proposal is based on judicious, efficient and effective land use practices and adaptation of various practices in the climate change scenario. The

proposal includes installation of two LCWS each for each village, one in the upper and the other in the lower reaches to provide meteorological information online basis, and in return provide immediate advisory SMS information to the farming communities.

This pilot project is being muted to be replicated in other watersheds covering the entire districts of the state especially in the Jhum khetis including abundant fallow jhum fields where the farmers are expected to practice agro-forestry kheti.

The proposal was briefed by the Joint Director and designate OSD, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Khekiho Shohe.

ROTA VIRUS VACCINE LAUNCHED

MD, NHAK, Dr. Thorhusie Katiry administered the 1st dose of Rota Virus Vaccine (RVV) to children at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) launching the RVV on 2nd August 2019.

Katiry highlighted that in India, available data indicates that Rota Virus is responsible for nearly 40% of moderate to severe diarrhoea in children less than 5 years, and Rota Virus Diarrhoea is responsible for 32,70,000 out-patient visits, 8,72,000 hospitalizations and 78,000 deaths annually. He said the government has taken many steps to reduce diarrhoea disease burden, and the introduction of RVV is a step in that direction. He also mentioned that RVV is the only specific protection against Rota Virus Diarrhoea.

SIO, DHFW, Dr. Ritu Thurr in his introductory note, briefed that this vaccine will be introduced in Routine Immunization Programme and will be given 5 drops orally at 6, 10 and 14 weeks along with Penta-1, 2 and 3 vaccine. He mentioned that RVV, like other routine immunization vaccines, will be provided free of cost, and that this vaccine is available in government run immunization programmes of the country which was earlier available in private market to only those who could afford it.

Rota Virus Vaccine (RVV) launching programme was also held on 2nd August 2019 at Conference Hall of CMO's Office, Mon.

FOURTH SESSION OF THIRTEENTH ASSEMBLY

The fourth session of the thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly started on 6th August 2019 with the Chief Minister and Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio making obituary references to the passing away of Late Manohar Parrikar and Late D. Donkumar Roy.

Late Manohar Parrikar, former Defence Minister was serving as the Chief Minister of Goa from 14th March 2017 until his death on 17th March 2019. Late

Dr. Donkumar Roy, Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly was holding office until his death on 28th July 2019.

Nagaland Speaker, Vikho-o Yhoshu made obituary reference to the passing away of Late Rokonicha, former Deputy Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly and former Minister of State. He died on 16th April 2019 at the age of 73, having served

as Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for six terms.

Other highlights include assent to bill, namely the Nagaland Nursing Council Bill, 2019, Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1 & 2) Bill, 2019 and the Nagaland Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2019; Election of the Deputy Speaker; Introduction of the Nagaland

Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) (Amendment) Bill, 2018; Amity University Nagaland, Act 2011 (Repeal) Bill, 2019.

Discussions were also held on the Registration of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) and Inner Line Permit (ILP).

SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE 13TH NLA

Sharingain Longkumer, 37 years old from Ungma village was elected unopposed and unanimously as the Deputy Speaker in the fourth session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 6th August 2019.

He was elected recently in the by-election for the 26th Aolenden Assembly Constituency under Mokokchung district.

QUESTION HOUR DURING ASSEMBLY SESSION

During the question hour in the assembly session, Minister P. Paiwang, replying to a starred question asked by Yitachu, MLA on the status of Waterways Projects over Tizu, said due to the lack of technical expertise, the State Government requested IWAI to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Tizu-Zungki river. For the development of Tizu-Zungki river between India and Myanmar as an Inland Waterway corridor, IWAI has again awarded the work of preparation of DPR to M/s WAPCOS (Water and Power Consultancy Services India) Limited, Government of India undertaking. The preparation of DPR by WAPCOS Limited is in progress and expected to be submitted to IWAI shortly. Paiwang further stated that on the recommendation of the State Government, the NIWB was re-constituted under the Chairmanship of M.P (Rajya sabha), K.G. Kenye on 03/07/2017.

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, replying to a starred question on Nightingale Building at Kolkata, said in 1997 a lease agreement was executed between the Government Nagaland and the Civil Engineers Enterprise Private Limited (CEEPL) in respect of Nagaland House Commercial Complex,

Kolkata (Nightingale Building). The said lease was for 20 years with clauses for renewal for another 2 terms (i.e. another 20 years + 20 years). The lease expired in the year 2017 and the Government made a claim of enhanced rent at Rs. 2.2 crore instead of Rs. 5 lakh which the tenant was paying every month. This order was challenged by the lessee who offered to pay a paltry amount of Rs. 7 lakh rent per month for an area of 13736 sq. m. with buildings in the heart of Kolkata. The order of the Government for claiming enhanced rent was challenged by the lessee in the Calcutta High Court. The court on 14.05.2018 directed the Government to receive Rs. 7 lakh per month as rent without prejudice to its rights and contentions till the disposal of the Interim Application GA No. 486 of 2018. The said application GA No. 486 of 2018 came up for final hearing on a few occasions and on 15.07.2018 was argued at length.

The Advocate General pointed out to the Court that the State has the right to pursue other legal remedies like filing a suit for possession etc. It shall avail all the remedies apart from seeking the relief of enhancement of rent compensation.

Patton also stated that the State Government has filed counter affidavit against Civil Engineers Enterprise Private Limited (M/s Ghosal & Co.) dated 16th July 2018 and the lessee has filed its rejoinder. He further assured Government is taking all steps to fight the case for its rights and a Joint Parliamentary Committee has been constituted vide AS/LEG27/2018/ 1103 dated 26th October 2018. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 29th June 2019, seriously deliberated on the matter. The Joint Parliamentary Committee had detailed discussion with the Advocate General on the case on 14th July 2019 at Kolkata, and the Committee members also attended the Calcutta High Court hearing of the case on 15th July 2019 and

observed that the Advocate General made strong defense in favour of the Government.

The Advocate General strongly contended the right of the Government for enhancement of rent as well as the Government's rights to take possession of the state property.

MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo raised a question on how many posts were sanctioned against Polytechnic College, Tsunazho, Chetheba, and so far how many have been appointed through NPSC and recruitment board. In reply to his starred question, Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along said that the appointment has been done as per the need to run the institution through NPSC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONCLUDING DAY OF ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

On the second day of the fourth session of 13th Assembly on 8th August 2019, Minister of Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along laid on the table a statement in fulfilment of the assurance in reply to a supplementary question raised by MLA Dr. Chotisuh Sazo regarding the total number of posts sanctioned against Polytechnic College, Tsunazho and Chetheba.

Consideration and passing of government bills included the Nagaland Protection of Interest for Depositors in the Financial Establishment (Amendment) Bill 2018, Amity University Nagaland Act 2011 (Repeal) Bill 2019. Chairman of the Committee on Estimate (2019-2020), Dr. Longrineken presented a copy each on 132nd Report on action taken on the observation and recommendation contained pertaining to School Education, 133rd Report on action taken with regard to Health & Family Welfare department, 134th Report of the Committee on Estimate of Horticulture and 135th Report on action taken pertaining of department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

During the question hour, replying to a starred

question raised by MLA Yitachu, Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton informed the house that there were complaints on the issue of expulsion under Meluri Area Public organization for voting and not voting in the recently concluded Lok Sabha election and added that no authority has the right to expel any citizen for exercising his/her electoral franchise and if found true, necessary action can be initiated under the relevant provision of laws.

Replying to starred question asked by MLA Dr. Chotisuh Sazo on the amount sanctioned for the improvement of District Capital Roads, Deputy Chief Minister (Roads & Bridges), Y. Patton replied that Rs. 50 crore was sanctioned during 2018-19 and no amount has been sanctioned for the improvement of sub-divisional headquarters roads.

Replying to a question on the amount the State Government received during 2018-19 and 2019-20 against the backlog of Rs. 836 crore under SPA, Minister for Planning & Coordination, Neiba Kronu said against the backlog of Rs. 863.94 crore, the State Government received Rs. 226.80 crore during 2018-19 under SPA and no fund was received for the

2019-20. He further replied that the amount of Rs. 226.80 crore was allocated to various departments as sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance as follows - construction of 20 MVA 66/11KV S/S at Sovima with associated Transmission Line at Rs. 2.90 crore; Tsutsung HEP, Mokokchung at Rs. 2.71 crore; construction of additional 25 MVA 132/33 at S/S Kohima at Rs. 2.51 crore; Directorate of School Education, Phase II at Rs. 3.57 crore; establishment of State Sericulture Farmers' Training Centre, Dimapur at Rs. 1.12 crore; 13th IR Battalion, Yachang Mokokchung at Rs. 77.79 crore; 12th IR Battalion, Chingtok, Longleng at Rs. 82.06 crore; 10th NAP (IR) Bn. Hq. Zhadima at Rs. 46.47 crore and installation of Astro Turf at IG stadium, Kohima at Rs. 2.68 crore.

Replying to a starred question asked by MLA Dr. Chotisuh Sazo on the number of Local (Naga) languages approved for taking up in the school upto Class X and above, Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio replied that four naga local dialects were approved and 18 local dialects were approved upto elementary

school level as a subject. On Tribal Literature Board seeking government approval for their languages to be taken up in the secondary school level, Rio said there are 13 such as Chang, Chokri (Chakhesang), Khezha (Chakhesang), Pochury, Sangtam, Yimchunger, Khiamniungan, Phom, Konyak, Rengma, Zeme (Zeliang), Liangmai (Zeliang) and Kuki. He also said that the government is setting up an Institute of Naga Languages (within the Directorate of School Education) to look into such aspects. However, a definite timeframe cannot be made at this juncture, he added.

Replying to a supplementary question raised by MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu on how much funds are being provided by the Government of India for promotion of Tribal Language & Research, Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu said no fund is provided as such. On inclusion of Tribal Languages, the Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio assured that those languages which are yet to be included will be studied and included.

NLA DEBATES ON RIIN

Participating in the discussion on matters of urgent public importance under Rule-50, Minister PHED, Jacob Zhimomi said as far as Registration of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) issue is concerned, all the members are unanimous including the NGOs, Tribal Hohos and Civil Society Organisations and that it will give effective administration and planning since the administrators and planners will get to know the exact data from this exercise, he added.

MLA, Chumben Murry said RIIN and Inner Line Permit (ILP) are two different things which are totally different from each other, elaborating that RIIN will identify us based on certain criteria whereas ILP is more or less like a travel document which enables law abiding citizens to come and stay for a while. Chumben also suggested the Government to observe

World Indigenous Day which is being celebrated every year on 9th August.

Advisor ITC & NRE, Mmhoneumo Kikon said implementation of ILP in Dimapur district has necessitated the RIIN. He said RIIN is important at this juncture because of the unemployment problem and on the other, the inflow of illegal migrants is eating job opportunity in the private sector.

MLA, Yitachu said tribal areas have to be protected and its unique customary laws and practices cannot be infringed adding that people and their lands cannot be isolated.

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, Kaito Aye said that there is nothing wrong in knowing the exact number of Nagas of Nagaland. Therefore, he urged all the members including the Civil Society Organisations to come forward and support this exercise.

Advisor, IPR, SCERT and HG & CD, Toshi Wungtung said that the exercise of RIIN is to bring accountability and responsibility of the governance in any form of dispensation. It identifies citizens in a proper manner for which the government is taking adequate measures in order to overcome unwanted issues in the course of its implementation. He also added that RIIN will give effective route for implementation of ILP.

MLA, Moatoshi while participating in the debate opined that all trade licenses be cancelled within a fixed period of time and further no issue of fresh license, vendors of bonafide Indian citizens should have license from the competent authority, no tenancy and restriction of employment to illegal migrants.

Leader of Opposition, T.R. Zeliang while summing up on behalf of the opposition stated that the issue should be deliberated at length before implementation. Creation of RIIN with 1963 as the basis of categorisation without indigenous Naga being well defined would only victimise certain sections of people, he said. He also suggested bifurcation of RIIN with ILP and reiterated that proper modalities should be worked out with no hue and cry. He further urged

the government to implement ILP in Dimapur district with the same stringent action as in other districts saying that it is only to identify non-tribals and non-nagas.

Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio while replying and expressing the government's stand on this issue sought opinions and constructive criticisms from all sections of the people including the legislators. He urged all the stakeholders to come forward and support this exercise as it is important not only for our present generation but also for the coming generations as well. Commission has been set up in regard to this issue where the members will thoroughly examine the matter and give recommendations/report to the government. Rio also assured that the Commission will go into the details and make sure that corrective measures over earlier notifications are taken. He also said that in the consultative meeting, all the tribal hohos, NGOs and CSOs endorsed the decision of the government and extended their support on the exercise of RIIN. However, they also cautioned that proper modalities should be worked out based on customary laws and practices practiced by their own respective tribes, he mentioned.

'OPEN HOUSE' LAUNCHED AT MON

Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Awan Konyak launched 'Open House,' a pilot initiative of the Task Force for Music and Arts (TaFMA) on 3rd August 2019 at the Town Council Hall in Mon.

During the launch programme, Awan Konyak said that the initiative taken by TaFMA will help to handpick, nurture and provide a platform for all the talented people in every nook and corner of Nagaland in the field of Music and Arts. She also said that the TaFMA is the brainchild of Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and thanked the TaFMA for the privilege given to Mon district for the launch of the Open House initiative for the whole state.

Advisor, TaFMA, Theja Meru stated that the 'Open House' is a new concept to promote musicians at the grassroot level in a mini concert set up, to nurture new talent and also to provide a platform for musicians of all ages and genre.

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS in his speech added that TaFMA is a brilliant initiative by the Chief Minister and the Government to boost the morale of the artists in various fields. There will now be a much needed impetus on not just music but other arts. He indicated that the Open House will be organized every month and a request has been made to TaFMA to allow it to happen in sub-divisions as well in addition to district headquarters.



Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Awan Konyak launching the 'Open House' at Town Council Hall, Mon on 3rd August 2019.

Music Task Force was rebranded as TaFMA as per the vision of the Government of Nagaland to revamp and give new direction to the music industry and other art forms. The vision of Open House is to organise a monthly event to promote musicians of all genres of Rock, Pop, Fusion, Folk, and Dance and

other art forms. Talented artists from the district level would get a chance to perform at the state level.

Various artists performed songs, showcased dances and guitar recitation during the launch programme. The event was attended by a host of dignitaries, public leaders and artists.

GOVERNOR CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The Governor of Nagaland, RN Ravi called on the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind and the Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu at New Delhi on 6th

August 2019 and briefed them on matters pertaining to the State. This was his first meeting with them in the capacity of the Governor of Nagaland.

UPGRADED SARATHI 4.0 VERSION LAUNCHED AT RTO, KOHIMA

Secretary, Transport, Kenilo Apon while launching the Sarathi 4.0 at Regional Transport Office, Kohima on 7th August 2019 said that the digitization in the working system of the department is a big initiative and expressed his appreciation that our state is at par with the other states specially in the IT sector. He also briefed that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has entrusted National Informatics Centre (NIC) with the task of standardizing and deploying two software, VAHAN

for Vehicle Registration and SARATHI for Driving Licenses, and of compiling the data with respect to vehicle registration and driving license of the state in state register and national register.

Apon also highlighted that Sarathi 4.0 is an upgraded web based application for driving license which is more transparent and citizen friendly system, enhanced range and quality of citizen-centric services, availability of real-time information on full transport data, improved security, integrity and availability of

critical data, resolves data quality issues such as inconsistencies and duplications, better reporting analytics and other information services, consistent data sharing with external stakeholders, seamless integration with Gate-ways (Payments, SMS), multi-device and multi lingual compatibility.

STD & ASIO, NIC Nagaland State Centre, Lanusungkum Aier introducing the history of Sarathi,

said that it was introduced in the country in 2002 and in Nagaland (NL01) by the year 2008 which was offline mode/distributed system in Client Server Technology with all parameters are Standard as per CMVR 1989 and MV act 1988. He demonstrated how the web based application process actually works on realtime by logging to the portal of Sarathi 4.0 with the URL: <https://parivahan.gov.in>

STATE LEVEL SENSITIZATION ON SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME TRAINING HELD

TUENSANG:

State Level Sensitization on Scholarship Scheme was held at GHSS Auditorium Tuensang on 8th August 2019. The programme was sponsored by DSE Nagaland and organized by DEO Tuensang. Sakuyuden, Assistant Superintendent was the resource person while Zurhetho Nyuthe was the Special Educator of the programme. The training was attended by teachers of both private and government schools of the district.

The resource person deliberated on PMS Minority/NGSSMA and PMS-ST Students for Class IX & X, processes for filling up of the scholarship and its eligibility criteria. The confusions on fresh and renewal applicants and processed was also discussed. On PMSC for ST studying in Class IX and X, its objectives, condition of eligibility and filling up procedure were also discussed.

DIMAPUR:

A sensitization programme for institution on implementation of scholarship schemes, sponsored by department of School Education was organized by District Education Office, Dimapur at Holy Cross Higher Secondary School on 19th August 2019.

District Education Officer, Dimapur while delivering welcome address stated that the Government of India has introduced many flagship programmes for the welfare of the students like mid-day meal, free text books, free uniform,

scholarships etc. however some programmes have not been successfully implemented on the part of the stakeholders. She said that Pre-metric Scholarship Scheme for Minorities can help students from economically poor background to continue their studies as many are being dropped out due to financial problems. She, therefore, requested the teachers and school authorities to help create awareness of such scheme and help the eligible students avail the scholarship to lighten their economic burden.

Special Educator, Zuretho Nyuthe who was the resource person for the day gave powerpoint presentations on PMS-ST students for Class IX & Class X and PMS Minority /NGSSM. In his presentation, Nyuthe highlighted that the scheme Pre-Matric Scholarship for Minorities was initiated during 2011-13 in the state with Department of School Education as nodal agency. He said that the online implementation of Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for 2019-20 will be done through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India under URL www.scholarships.gov.in and to initiate that, the ministry has deregistered all schools that do not have valid AISHE/DISE codes but has made a provision for re-registration after obtaining valid AISHE /DISE code.

On procedure for Nagaland Government Schools Students Meritorious Award, Nyuthe stated the award is given at primary, elementary and high school level. For detailed information, one can log in to <https://education.nagaland.gov.in>.

MON:

District Level Sensitization Programme on Scholarship Scheme 2019-20 was held at Council Hall Mon on 8th August 2019.

Deputy Director and Nodal Officer Scholarship Nagaland, Limadangit Jamir requested the teaching community to go extra mile in helping the students to avail the scholarship schemes. He said that the head of the institution and the teachers are to play a vital role to in order to avail the schemes for the students. He informed that the Ministry has opened the National Scholarship Portal (NPS) for students to apply online.

Resource person, Jangsemba Tzudir spoke on Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Minorities, Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students studying in Class IX and X and Nagaland Government Students Meritorious Award.

WOKHA:

District Level Sensitization Programme for institutions on implementation of scholarship was held at WDVC and VDB Hall on 19th August 2019. The programme was attended by Principals, Headmasters, Teachers In-Charge and teachers from various Government and Private schools under Wokha district.

Resource person from Directorate of School Education, Jangsemba Tzudir, while appraising the head of institutions regarding the Pre-Matric Scholarship for Minorities said this scheme was initiated during 2012-13 in the state and the Department of School Education is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme in the state. The Ministry opened the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 15th July, 2019 for applying online scholarship for 2019-20. The online implementation of Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme shall be done through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India, under URL www.scholarships.gov.in.

Tzudir who also presented on Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students studying in Class IX and X said the objectives of the scheme is to support parents of ST children for education of their wards

studying in Class IX & X so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the elementary to the secondary stage in minimized and to improve participation of ST children in IX and X of the pre-matric stage, so that they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the post-matric stage of education.

ZUNHEBOTO:

DEO (Education) Zunheboto organized a one-day District Level Sensitization Programme on Scholarship Scheme organized under the banner of Directorate of School Education Kohima at ZTSBC Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 20th August 2019, with Jangsemba Jamir, UDA Directorate of School Education, Kohima as resource person. Altogether 111 teachers from both private and government schools attended the programme.

The resource person shared important points on how to apply for pre-matric scholarship scheme for minorities, its conditions of eligibility and the procedure for Nagaland Government Schools Students Meritorious Award.

GOVERNOR CALLS ON PM

The Governor of Nagaland, R. N. Ravi called on the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi on 8th August 2019. The Governor briefed the Prime Minister on matters with regard to Nagaland. This was his first meeting with the Prime Minister in the capacity of the Governor of Nagaland.

SECRETARY DoNER VISITS PROJECT SITES IN KOHIMA

Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Inderjit Singh along with Joint Secretary, DoNER, S. L. Meena and Planning Advisor, C.H. Kharshiing undertook site inspection on the projects funded by the Ministry of DoNER including NEC schemes on 8th August 2019 in Kohima.

During their visit, the team inspected the project sites at GIS & Remote Sensing Centre. The Centre gave a powerpoint presentation of their completed projects, highlighted their works and also expressed their grievances. Later, the team visited Rutsa

Multipurpose Irrigation Project and Rani Gaidinliu Library-cum-Memorial Museum.

Earlier, the team also visited Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and had a positive discussion on matters related to socio-economic development of the State.

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE CONDUCTS CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLE TRAINING

The Department of Horticulture, Kohima in collaboration with Saveer Biotech Limited, New Delhi and Megha Star Agro-Hortitech Pvt. Ltd. Guwahati, and sponsored by Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, organized a training on Cultivation and Management of Flowers and Vegetable under Protected Condition at Directorate of Horticulture on 8th August 2019 with Dr. Hemant Kumar Mahure, Floriculturist, Saveer Biotech Ltd. New Delhi as the resource person. Altogether 80 participants attended the training from all the districts.

Additional Director, Horticulture, Qhutovi Wotsa, while delivering the keynote address said our state has a lot of potential to set up flower industries due to the suitable climate conditions to grow flowers and also the potential for marketing since our state celebrates different cultural festivals all year round and also during different celebrations. He also added that these industries can create job avenues and

generate marketing avenues for export too.

On the second day of the training i.e. 9th August 2019, Deputy Director of Horticulture, S. Senka Jamir said that owing to steady increase in demand of flowers, floriculture has become a lucrative business in horticulture sector. He expressed hope that this training would be a beneficial for enhancing quality and quantity production of flowers and vegetables and eventually help small scale and related horticulture businesses to meet market demand.

The resource persons on the second day of the training were Dr. Hema Kumar Makhure, Saveer Biotech Ltd. Delhi and Gunin Roy, Meghastar Agro Horti Pvt. Ltd. Guwahati. In the first technical session, the trainees were briefed on the cultivation of Lillium, cultivation practices of Gerbera & Carnation, and cultivation practices of Tomato/Cherry Tomato. The second technical session included topics on Management of Polyhouse, briefed by T. Eluba, Assistant Horticulture Officer.

Dr. Hemant Kumar Mahure, Floriculturist conducting the training on 'Cultivation and Management of Flowers and Vegetable under Protected Condition' at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima on 8th August 2019.



METUMNEO CELEBRATED AT LEANGKONGER VILLAGE

The Leangkonger village celebrated Metumneo festival-cum-Fair on 8th August 2019 with ADC Shamator, Lankonsen Tsanglao as Special Feast Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Lankonsen appreciated the organisers and village elders and leaders for preserving cultural identity and its

importance. The significance of Metumneo was highlighted by Kheantsu Yimchunger, Head GB Leangkonger village.

Modern Ethnic Fashion Show and post-harvest organic agri products fair were the other highlights of the celebration.



ADC, Shamator, Lankonsen Tsanglao speaking during the celebration of Metumneo Festival-cum-Fair at Leangkonger village on 8th August 2019.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OBSERVED AT DIMAPUR

With a view to preserve and promote mother tongue, the "International Day of World's Indigenous People" under the theme "Indigenous Languages" was observed at Elim Hall, Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo on 9th August 2019 organised by Tir Yimyim, Ao Vernacular daily Newspaper, Nagaland.

Founder and Editor, Tir Yimyim, K. Temjen Jamir, while sharing on the significance of the day, said that more than 6000 languages in the world are on the verge of getting extinct and to safeguard the loss of those Indigenous Languages, the UN has designated

2019 to be the 'Year of Indigenous Languages.' He said that International Day of World's Indigenous People is observed on 9th August every year, marking the day of the first meeting of the UN working group on indigenous people on promotion and protection of human rights in 1982.

Rev. C. Walu Walling; Language Officer, Department of Education, Takowati; Secretary, Ao Senden Literature Board, I. Temjen Tsudir; President, Ao Senso Telongjem Dimapur, L. Wati Jamir also spoke on the occasion.

CEO, NAGALAND CONVENES STATE LEVEL MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTIES

The office of the Chief Electoral Officer Nagaland conducted a state level meeting with political parties from Nagaland with regard to Electors Verification Program (EVP) and Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls on 14th August 2019 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima. The main objectives of the EVP are to verify elector's details and indicate correction in details, to obtain details of family members and verifying their entries, to provide better electoral services and to improve health of electoral roll.

CEO Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha discussed at length

with the members and officials of various political parties from Nagaland on the electoral roll and how its implementation can be improved through EVP.

The political parties brought forth to the notice of the CEO numerous burning issues related to the electoral rolls and the misuse of it during elections. They also acknowledged the initiative of the Election Commission of India in making the electoral process more accessible to the public and hoped that the EVP would help in rooting out the problem of malpractices during elections.

73rd INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

On the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day, celebrated at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2019, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio called upon the negotiating parties with the Government of India to come together and to rise above all differences and unite, for the sake of the people of Nagaland, adding that now is the most opportune time to unite and expedite the political dialogue for an early, honorable and acceptable solution.

To allow the citizens to safeguard their rights and entitlements, the State Government has been examining with utmost seriousness, the evolving demands for extending the Inner Line Permit Regulations to the entire state by covering Dimapur. The work towards that has started and is in the process of devising the modalities and framing the necessary rules and regulations. The need to put an end to the menace of issuance of illegal or fake indigenous inhabitant certificates to undeserving people as alleged by many is strictly being examined.

Rio said that the State Government's decision to work for the creation of a Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland or RIIN has been primarily

guided by the aforesaid reasons. The RIIN exercise, announced on 29th June 2019, is to properly identify the indigenous people of Nagaland as well as those domiciled and permanently settled in the State which will also help in the effective implementation of ILP. The Government has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary with other senior officers to compile all the customary practices and the Committee has already set in motion the process by holding detailed deliberations with all the tribal bodies of the State on 7th of August 2019.

The General Election to the 17th Lok Sabha 2019 from 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency was conducted peacefully and successfully. Nagaland security personnel, comprising of 20 (Twenty) companies from the various IR Battalions were also deployed in Tripura and West Bengal on election duty, where they performed well which is commendable, Rio added.

Chief Minister Rio said that to improve the infrastructure and provide other necessities for further enhancing the efficiency and capabilities of our police and security agencies, a multi-storied barrack for 300 constable trainees at PTS Chumukedima has been

constructed. At Kohima, a new Office of the Inspector General of Police (INT) has also been completed and is being inaugurated. The Police Communication System of Dimapur District has now been upgraded from analogue to digital system. A Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children Laboratory has also been set up at PTS, Chumukedima which is being inaugurated. A Special Task Force has also been raised on 8th of March 2019 comprising of six platoons for containing extortion, illegal activities and for operational exigencies of the State.

The Prisons Department is in the process for digitalization of all Jails in the State in collaboration with the State Legal Services Association (SLSA) and National Informatics Centre (NIC), through the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for E-prisons system.

Rio added that the much awaited Nagaland Lokayukta was established on 22nd February 2019 with the swearing-in of Justice Uma Nath Singh, former Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court. Mayang Lima was sworn in as the Upa Lokayukta on 29th March 2019. The erstwhile State Vigilance Commission has been merged with the newly established Lokayukta, Nagaland.

To transform our education system to meet the aspirations of the new generation, the State Government has fortified the education system by release of grants, distribution of free textbooks, uniforms and mid day meals in all Government schools and by providing assistive devices/hearing aids, spectacles, braille books and curriculum adaption for children with special needs. Students of Government Schools in Kiphire, the Aspirational District, were provided with digital tablets to enhance their learning. The Administrative & Academic Building of the newly constructed New Model Degree College at Wakching, Mon was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on 3rd February 2019 through digital launching. Atmospheric Science Research Centre at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma has been established, and the ex-gratia payments for students studying outside

the State has also been launched, Rio added.

Under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, 55 (Fifty five) Public Hospitals and five Private Hospitals have been empanelled, 76,663 e-cards have been issued, and benefits worth over Rs. 1 crore have already been availed by the beneficiaries till the end of June 2019. The upgradation of State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) for sophisticated technologies has also been accomplished.

To facilitate agriculture marketing, especially for organic products, construction of an Organic Air Conditioned Market at Agri Expo site, 4th Mile, Dimapur is being undertaken.

The Department of Sericulture is setting up three Common Facility Centres, at Phek, Mokochung and Wokha districts to promote Eri Culture. For the Aspirational District of Kiphire, Eri & Oak Tasar Silk Development Project is being implemented with funding from the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

The Rural Development Department through MGNREGS provided employment to 3.36 lakh households covering 4.17 lakh individuals in 2018-19. The Nagaland State Cooperative Bank was conferred with the National Recognition Commendation for outstanding performance in NRLM SHG Bank linkage during 2018-19 by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. Further, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been initiated through the State Government to provide bank facilities in all the unbanked blocks.

Under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), urban service and infrastructure projects such as water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, non-motorized urban transport and green spaces and parks have been taken up in the two selected cities of Kohima and Dimapur, the Chief Minister added. Projects like water supply in Dimapur and drainages in Kohima are under implementation. Hundreds of candidates have been trained and provided job placements and numerous SHGs have been given assistance in all the District Headquarters under the

National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM).

The Municipal Affairs Department has resumed three major unfinished projects at Kohima, namely the Multi-level Vehicle Parking at Old Medical Directorate and at the Old NST, and construction of Cultural Hall under the Kohima Smart City (KSC) Project.

Rio mentioned that under the State Forest Development Agency Programme, a plantation target of 2085 hectares has been achieved and a German grant-in-aid for Biodiversity Management Project too has been officially launched during the early part of this year. The Forest Department has also initiated the ban on usage of plastic polybags in the nurseries.

Under the Road Sector, in the recent past, 48 (Forty eight) number of projects under Special Road Development Programme (SRDP) were completed and five works with total length of 64.00 Km are in progress under NABARD. Recently, the NEC has sanctioned four roads for upgradation under the North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS).

Rio shared that the Ministry of Home Affairs has considered for an additional Helicopter Service and will be covering nine new routes in addition to the 10 existing routes. Keeping the needs of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on priority, altogether 39 (Thirty nine) Free Passes for travelling in the Department's buses were issued to PwDs during 2018-19, he added.

Rio highlighted that the Power Sector has achieved 100% rural household electrification under Saubhagya Flagship Programme of Government of India. Also, under "Green Village Initiative," a flagship programme of Government of Nagaland, the Department has taken up awareness programmes in 85 (Eighty five) villages to showcase and educate the people on energy conservation and its efficient use, besides free distribution of Energy Efficient LED bulbs, FC Tubes and Streetlights.

Mentioning the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) at Kohima which is ready for commissioning, he said the STPI will encourage local entrepreneurs to set up their software companies and

promote software exports from the State. A MoU has been signed with e-Governance Academy of Estonia for setting up e-Governance Academy of Nagaland (eGAN).

He stated that under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), Solar Power Plants project for School Education (Phase-1) is being taken up in Primary and Middle Schools with a cumulative capacity of 1305 kW at 355 locations and out of which, 283 projects sites have been completed.

Rio mentioned that the State Government has announced a project on 'Plastic Free Nagaland' wherein entrepreneurs will be provided funds under Chief Minister's Corpus Fund to produce alternative bamboo, jute and paper products to replace plastics. During 2019-20, funds under LADP have been enhanced to Rs. 90.00 crore at the rate of Rs. 1.50 crore per Assembly Constituency. The enhanced amount will be utilized for taking up one iconic project in each District headquarters.

Rio also stated that the State Government has put in place a State Startup Policy. Initially the State has identified - Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre Dimapur, National Institute of Technology Dimapur, SASRD Medziphema, NEILIT and Science College Kohima as incubator institutions for the Startups. The State has completed the construction of marketing sheds and a Guest House at Avangkhu International Border Trade Centre.

In sports sector, the State's 1st Astro Turf at I.G. Stadium Kohima was inaugurated on 28th January 2019. He informed that the State Government will be partnering with the Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools to promote and develop the game of football at all levels, especially amongst the youngsters. We will be hosting the T. Ao North East Football Championships and the Nagaland Olympic Association will also be organising the biennial Nagaland Olympic.

In the endeavour to expand the scope of promoting the music and art industry, the Chief Minister said the nomenclature of the erstwhile Music Task Force has been changed to Task Force

for Music and Arts (TAFMA). Open House, a statewide music programme aimed at identifying talents in the grassroots has been launched from Mon district on 3rd August 2019.

Stressing on state tourism, Rio said one of the focus areas to increase the inflow of tourists is by increasing events in all sectors of culture and heritage, adventure sports and traditional games, food and cuisine, music and arts, etc. This will ensure tourist inflow not only throughout the year but we will also have tourist footfalls across the State. He added that adventure tourism, beginning with hiking, will be promoted in a bigger way and the Tourism department is partnering with the Haniff Centre in the Himalayas.

Rio further stated that to promote the works of upcoming Naga photographers and filmmakers, the Department of Information & Public Relations organized the Hornbill International Photo 'Fest (HIPFEST), Photo Exhibition during Republic Day 2019 and the GLOCAL International Film Festival during the Hornbill Festival through public private partnership. The morning programme of the 73rd Independence Day 2019 celebrations at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima witnessed 27 parade contingents, one of the largest so far, taking part in the march past which was led by Parade Commander, Denyong Konyak, Deputy Commandant, 4th NAP BN and 2nd In-charge, K. Lucy Yhome, Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP BN. The Angami, Rengma, Zeliang, Pochury and Ao cultural troupes performed various dances and songs. The Nagaland Adolescent Girls Club displayed a dance showcasing their theme for this year, "This is me. The unapologetically you," which was followed by a presentation of National Anthem in sign language by Cherry Blossom School, Kohima, and Taekwondo Display by Sports Academy, IG Stadium.

In the evening, an exhibition football match was played between Secretariat United Football Club and DC Kohima XI, with Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha as the Special Guest. Secretariat United Football Club won the match with a score line of 4-1. In the Armed Category, the first prize was awarded

to Special Task Force (STF) and the second prize to 15th (NAP) IR Battalion. In the Unarmed Category, 1st Naga Girls Battalion was awarded the first prize and Student Police Cadet was awarded the second prize. In the School Category, G. Rio Higher Secondary School bagged the first prize, while Mezbur Higher Secondary School bagged the second place. There was a band display by the Nagaland Police Central Brass Band and 3rd Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur celebrated the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at DDSC Stadium on 15th August 2019 with Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Home and Roads & Bridges, Yanthungo Patton unfurling the national flag and taking salute from 16 parade contingents.

During the function, Best Progressive Farmer and Best Self Help Group under ATMA were awarded, selected by ATMA Management Committee. Recipients of Farmer Award included Thejano Makritsu, (Livestock Farm) Medziphema Block, Vikheli Zhimomi, (Ginger Farm), Medziphema Block, I. Madangla (Vegetable Farm) Chumukedima Block, Rokohebi Kehie (Pineapple) Medziphema Block, Atsole Medo, (Organic Turmeric Farm) Dhansiripar Block and Kihoshe Sema (Fishery Farm) Dhansiripar Block. Awardee of Best Self Help Group were Elite SHG (Piggery and value addition) Medziphema Block and Tokulo SHG (Turmeric and Soyabean Farming (Niuland Block).

To mark the occasion, exhibition stalls were also put up by various departments and agencies under ATMA, District Industries Centre, District Development Agency, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Dimapur District Legal Services Authority and paramilitary forces. The exhibition stall was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister.

Other highlights of the day included exhibition match between Deputy Commissioner-XI and Dimapur District Veterans-XI, prize distribution and retreat by Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 with Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi as the host. The Minister reviewed the parade and unfurled the national flag.

The parade contingents were Ex-Servicemen, DEF Zunheboto, 8th NAP Naltoqa, Band Party 32 AR, NCC GHSS, Government College NCC, Home Guards & Civil Defense, Lovedale HSS, Woodland and Bloom Field School, led by Parade Commander Assistant Commandant Biren Lotha, Parade 2 I/C Commander ABI Temjen Ao and Parade BHM Zhevikje Sumi.

Entertainment programme included cultural dance by Kids World Montessori and Merry Hill School, cultural song by South Point East colony and special song by Toni K Shohe.

MON:

Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak unfurled the national flag at Local Ground, Mon on 15th August 2019, and took salute from 16 parade contingents consisting of 6th NAP, DEF Mon, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen, GHSS NCC Boys, Government Higher Secondary School NCC Girls, Kongjong Higher Secondary School HSS NCC, Students Police Cadets Government Higher Secondary School, DBS Bharat Scouts, DBS Bharat Guides, Wangkhao Government College, Government Higher Secondary School, Mon Town 'C,' St. John Higher Secondary School Boys, St. John Higher Secondary School Girls, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, and 6th NAP Pipe Band.

Parade review was done by Superintendent of Police, Mon, Imnalensa, IPS. The Parade Commander of the march past was Assistant Commandant 6th NAP, Tiamongba, Parade 2 I/C ABI Ngampong DEF Mon, Parade CHM Hav. Tankai, DEF Mon, Flagman. Hav. Temsutuba DEF Mon, Inspection Car NL.LS.Issac DEF Mon, and Working Commander, NK.Khammi DEF Mon. Myrtle Group of Leangha village and Tobu Area Women Dancing Group performed cultural dance

during the occasion.

The Chief Guest visited the departmental stalls set up by the respective departments under Mon. In one of the stalls, the Social Welfare department along with the convergence of Poshan Abhiyaan Committee Mon Block set up a spot online registration of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (Maternity Benefit Scheme) among others.

The Chief Guest gave away the Farmers Awards under ATMA Mon during the function. The recipients of Best Farmers Group were Chingkok Food Security Group of Shiyong Village, Janyang SHG of Changlangshu Village, Shupjune SHG of Lapa Lampong Village, Lamjong Sekho Khong Commodity Interest Group of Goching Village, Kechu Food Security Group of Yei Village. The recipients of Farmers Award were Nokkha of Neitong Village, Nyepha of Nyahnyu Village, Wangnyem of Chenwetnyu Village, Yanyak of Tanhai Village and Henyei of Totok Chingha Village.

Chief Guest, P. Paiwang Konyak flagged off "Mon Town Bus Service" during the Independence Day celebrations at Local ground, Mon.

In the evening programme, Thavaseelan K, IAS Deputy Commissioner Mon and Imnalensa, IPS Superintendent of Police, Mon were the Chief Guests. To mark the occasion, penalty shoot-out competition was played with the teams from All Wards of Mon town, Officers Club Mon, Deputy Commissioner Staff and Superintendent of Police Staff participating in the competition. Display of Band was followed by beating of the retreat by 6th NAP Pipe Band.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire district celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at the Public Ground on 15th August 2019 with Deputy Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer gracing the function as chief guest and unfurling the national flag. He took salute from the parade contingents consisting of DEF Kiphire, 7th AR, Bharat Scouts & Guide, NCC ZPC, Government Higher Secondary School, Cambridge Government High School, Ex-Servicemen Kiphire, SPC, Kiphire Village Guards, BHM

DEF and Kiphire Village Guards Band. The Parade Commander was Assistant Commander, Enyu Phom. Deputy Speaker also inaugurated the exhibition stall. Other highlights included song by Marilyn, cultural dance by Singrep Village Kiphire Town Union, and Sumo Community Women Group Kiphire town.

The evening football exhibition first match was played between District Officers XI and USSC, and the second match was played between United Vikings Club and Van Quish FC. The celebration ended with the beating of retreat.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated with Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, as the Special Guest on 15th August 2019 at Local Football Ground.

The Special Guest unfurled the national flag, inspected the ceremonial parade and took the salute from 14 contingents comprising of the DEF Longleng, Village Guards, NCC Yingli College, Students' Police, St. John Secondary School, Good Shepherd School, NCC Girls Phom Lemping School, Bharat Scout Boys Christian High School, Christian High School Girls, NCC Mount Carmel School, Christ King School, Vision Vale School, GHSS Longleng and Government High School Nyengching.

The highlights of the day long program included special number by St. Joseph Secondary School Choir and Leinyak Youth, Women Folk Dance by Pongola Longleng and Hukphangla Longleng and Women Volleyball Exhibition Match between Veteran and United Women, and Phenei Soti and Police Women. The Special Guest also inaugurated and visited the exhibition stalls.

MOKOKCHUNG:

In Mokokchung, the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex with Minister for Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum as the Special Guest.

The Minister unfurled the national flag, delivered

the Independence Day speech and took salute from 13 parade contingents comprising of D.E.F Mokokchung, 2nd NAP Bn. Alichen, Home Guards, NCC (FAC), NCC (MGHSS), NCC (GHS Dilong), NCC (QMHSS), Ex-Servicemen, SPC (MGHSS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (MGHSS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (GMS Pongentula), Bharat Scouts & Guides (GMS Imrong Ungma), 2nd NAP (Band Party) with Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant 2nd NAP Bn. Lipoktems and 2nd in-command ABI, DEF Mokokchung, X. Kitskha.

Other highlights of the programme included special song by GMS Salangtem, dog drill by Takowati, Retd. Inspector, NAP and Band Display by 44 Assam Rifles. Cultural items were presented by Ao Sungkum Cultural Club, Nungden Reju Cultural Club and Phomla Hoichem.

The Special Guest also gave away the District Award 2019 to government servants, Voluntary Service Organizations and ATMA Mokokchung District Level Best Individual Farmer & Best Farmers' Group.

PEREN:

Peren celebrated the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Deputy Commissioner Office Complex, New HQ on 15th August 2019 with Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue & Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as the chief guest.

The chief guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from six contingents comprising of DEF Peren, 9th IR Saijang, GHSS Jalukie, All Saints Higher Secondary School Peren, Sainik School Punglwa and NCC Peren Government College. The District Awardees were Alum Zeliang, Extension Officer, Industries & Commerce, Tongpangkoba, Data Entry Operator, Medical, Sammianeule Medical Attendant, Lungzinbo Senior Head Assistant Forest and Ramdeu Heikha, Mali, Forest.

The entertainment items included national integration dance by JNV Jalukie, cultural dance by Kejzanglwa Village and New Peren Village. As part of the Independence Day celebration, exhibition stalls were put up by the Department of Social Welfare

Peren under Rashtriya Abhiyaan Nutrition mission Poshan Mela by ICDS, Medical, PMMVY and Sakhi-One Stop Centre (Women Help Line) and Peren District Legal Authority.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at Parade Ground with Minister Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the Chief Guest.

Parade review was done by Bharat Laxman Markad, SP Tuensang which was followed by the inspection of parade by the Chief Guest. 23 contingents participated the parade march past, namely DEF, 3rd NAP, VG Tuensang Village, VG Kuthur Village, Home Guards, Ex Servicemen, NCC Senior Division Sao Chang College, NCC Junior Division Government Higher Secondary School, NCC Junior Division Loyem Memorial High School, NCC Junior Division Women Government Higher Secondary School, NCC Junior Division Akhum Imlong School, Student Police Cadet, Bharat Scouts and Guides Samaritan, Tuensang District Bharat Scouts & Guides, Government High School Chaba, Christ King School, Bethesda School, St. Joseph School, Government Higher Secondary School, Baptist Thangyen School, Holy Angel School, 3rd NAP Pipe Band and Hauyang Choba Pipe Band.

District Commendation Awards were given away by the Minister to 13 recipients.

ATMA Farmers awards were also given to following groups and individuals: Kouchio Food Security Panso Village on Vegetable Cultivation and Tanso Self Help Group Shiponger on Mixed Farming were awarded in the Best Group Category and C. Khumo Yokao Village, Throngso Yakor Village, T Mohochu Yimrup Village, P Suthem Thonoknyu Village, Ajong Konya Village, Donya Noklak Village and Lakiumong from Chessore Village were awarded in the Individual Category.

Other highlights included tribal presentation from Yimchunger Khemophu Club, Changan Dancing Club, Khiamniungan Cultural Club, Sangli Cultural

Club, Heri Cultural Club and Changsang Muilang Platform by Bi Jih-Phan club. Tug of war was played between Tuensang Town All Wards Union and the programme culminated with football exhibition match between SP XI and Commandant XI.

After the formal programme, the Chief Guest also visited the GBs Customary Court and had a short discussion on culture and tradition.

WOKHA:

Wokha district celebrated the 73rd Independence Day celebration was observed at Local Ground on 15th August 2019 with Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir as the Chief Guest.

20 parade contingents including pipe band from 28 Assam Rifles participated in the march past with Assistant Commandant 7th NAP Nyimthungo Lotha as the Parade Commander.

Other highlights of the celebration included folk song by Akuk Women cultural troupe, Wokha Town Eloie Eramo Eloie Okho, folk dance by Phiro cultural troupe and Adolescent Girls Club under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, choreography by Gilgal High School and special number by Sojano Tsopoe.

The chief guest also handed over District Level and Commendation Award to six recipients. The District Administration Wokha in collaboration with Mahila Shakti Kendra had selected the best and outstanding female students who scored more than 90% marks both in HSLC and HSSLC examination 2018-19 under BBBP and felicitated the following students, Yachumaro Z. Kikon, Subenro N Ngullie and N. Nsungbeni Tsopoe.

PHEK:

In Phek, the 73rd Independence Day celebration 2019 was held Local Ground on 15th August 2019 with the Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye as the chief guest. He unfurled the national flag, took salute, inspected 17 parade contingents, delivered the Independence Day speech and presented the District Awards.

A folk song was presented by women group from Hebron 1 Colony Phek Town, special presentation was sung by Elite Music Ensemble, Phek. Self defense Taekwondo was displayed by Residential Girls Hostel, Phek. Folk dance was presented by Kutsapo Cultural Troupe and special song was performed by Bishop Abraham Memorial School, Phek.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the 20 exhibition stalls put up by various departments and NGOs. The evening programme witnessed prize distribution and beating of the retreat by 22 Assam Rifles.

NOKLAK:

Independence Day at Noklak Hq was celebrated at Public Ground on 15th August 2019 with Advisor for IPR, SCERT and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung as the chief guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from 10 parade contingents consisting of 3rd NAP, VG Nokhu, VG Old Pangsha, JRC Holy Angels School, Government Higher Secondary School Noklak, Government High School Noklak, CHS, St. Paul, Holy Angels School, Government High School Noklak Village. The national anthem was sung by Christian High School students.

Other highlights included special song by Frolic Band, dance performance by Cultural Club Noklak and Village Guards, martial art display by Taekwondo Association, Noklak. The chief guest also inspected the exhibition stalls put up by Agriculture & Allied and Rural Development departments. 45th AR Noklak also took part in the programme by displaying various types of arms and ammunition.

Exhibition football match was played between Khamniungan Tribal Council and SDPDB members. To mark the Independence Day celebration, Indian Red Cross Society also visited Community Health Center and distributed food items to the patients. The programme culminated with beating of the retreat by 3rd NAP Noklak.

JALUKIE:

Jalukie Sub-Division under Peren district celebrated 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at GHSS Ground, Jalukie town with Advisor for Social Welfare, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Noke Konyak as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from seven parade contingents. The national anthem was sung by the students of JNV, Jalukie. Other highlights of the day included hoisting of national flag in all Government and Semi Government Offices, institutions, private buildings, presentation of District Level Farmers Award and entertainment. After the programme, the Chief Guest inaugurated the exhibition stalls.

In the evening programme, an Inter-Ward Penalty Shoot-out was organized for both boys and girls followed with beating of retreat by DEF, Jalukie.

SEYOCHUNG:

73rd Independence Day Celebration was held in Seyochung HQ at Public Ground on 15th August 2019.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Seyochung, Japheth Woch unfurled the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. He also took salute from parade contingents led by Nikihe Chishi, Seyochung Area VG Commander.

Other highlights included special number by Ikato Yephthomi, drill display by St. Mary's High School Seyochung, cultural items by Sumi Community Women and Sangtam Community Women, special song by VG Yangzitong Village, words of acknowledgement by N. Nyamok Konyak, EAC Seyochung, volleyball exhibition match between ADC XI and St. Mary's High School Seyochung.

BHANDARI:

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at the Public Ground on 15th August 2019 with Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag, inspected the seven parade contingents comprising of the 7th

NAP, Bhandari, students of Class XII, XI and X from Government Higher Secondary School, Bhandari, and boys and girls contingents from Don Bosco school, Bhandari, 7th NAP Unit School, Bhandari led by Rongsen Ao, ABSI 7th NAP.

Other highlights of the day included folk song and dance presentation by Bhandari Eloie Hoho and Bhandari Village, special number by Kenneth Kikon and drill display by Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Bhandari.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the stalls put up by Agriculture Department. The day concluded with a football exhibition match between officers based in Bhandari and civil societies, Bhandari.



Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi addressing the Independence Day celebrations at Bhandari on 15th August 2109.

MEDZIPHEMA:

The 73rd Independence day was celebrated at Local Ground, Medziphema Sub-Division, on 15th August 2019 with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Medziphema, Thsuvisie Phoiji gracing the occasion as the chief guest. The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took the salute from 10 contingents led by Parade Commander, ABI Poitongse Sangtam, Police Training School, Chumukedima.

The contingents which took part in the march past included 11th NAP IR, NCC Girls SFS, SFS School Medziphema, Rivenburg School Medziphema, Government Higher Secondary School Medziphema, King David School Medziphema, Modern Christian English School Medziphema Boys and Girls, Chakroma Baptist Mission School Medziphema Boys and Girls and Assam Rifles Pipe Band. Other highlights included special presentation by Excel School of Music Medziphema, Patriotic dance by St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School Medziphema and cultural presentation by Ao Union Medziphema Town.

To commemorate the occasion, an exhibition football match was also played between Students Union, NU SASRD and MTSU. The daylong celebration concluded with prize distribution. The best contingents in the march past/parade were to NCC Girls SFS, Rivenburg School and Modern Christian English School Medziphema (Boys).

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with ADC Pughoboto, Er. Phuleshe K Yephthomi as the special guest who unfurled the national flag and took the salute at the local ground, Pughoboto, on 15th August 2019.

Eight parade contingents took part in the march past, namely 8th NAP 'F' Coy Pughoboto, DEF, Government High School Pughoboto, Mission School SABAK, and New Foundation School. SDPO Pughoboto Tizhisie Pojar reviewed the parade contingents led by ABSI Shonyelo Rengma.

Marking the occasion, Natsumi Village Cultural Troupes entertained the participants with a folk song. The special guest also opened the exhibition stalls put up by different departments of NRLM Ghathashi block, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Industries & Commerce and ATMA Ghathashi Block.

The 7th Inter-departmental Badminton Tournament final was played in men's double between EE PWD team (Botovi and John) and Police (Kinoto and Avito). In mixed doubles, District

Administration and Agriculture took part. Officers and Government Employees from different departments also participated in the Penalty Shoot-Out which was organised by Pughoboto Town Baptist Church Youth.

THONOKNYU:

Thonoknyu Sub-Division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at SDO (Civil) Office Campus. The national flag was unfurled by Tuchethung Tikhir at 06:00 am. All the DBs and GBs attended the programme.

ABOI:

Aboi celebrated the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground with Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan as chief guest who unfurled the national flag and took salute from 12 parade contingents. The national anthem was sung by Ying Angh School.

The chief guest formally inaugurated the KVK exhibition stall. Other highlights of the programme were cultural display by KNSK Aboi unit, choreography by St. John school Aboi. All the heads of offices, public leaders, GBs, DBs, NGOs attended the programme.



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan taking the salute after unfurling the national flag on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Aboi on 15th August 2019.

SATAKHA:

Satakha ADC Hq celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at the Public Ground with ADC Satakha, T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir as the special guest.

The parade commanders were ABSI Lanu Temshi DEF Zunheboto and Parade 2 I/C was Havildar Vihepu, DEF Zunheboto. Entertainment items included mob dance by Highland School, drill display by Government High School/Government Higher Secondary School, body percussion by New Horizon School, dance by Evergreen School and Merryvale School and the three colours by Hillboto, cultural item by 'A' Khel Satakha I/C Viheli V and Allen.

ATOIZU:

Atoizu ADC Hq celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with ADC Atoizu, Arikumba as the guest of honour.

The guest of honour unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade, read out the Independence Day speech and took salute from the march past contingents. Entertainment programme included special song by SUTA, drill display by Primary School Atoizu.

JAKHAMA:

Jakhama sub-division observed the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at SDO (C) Office, Jakhama with the hoisting of the national flag by SDO(C) Jakhama. Officials and staff of SDO(C) Jakhama along with their families and friends celebrated the occasion.

SHAMATOR:

73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Shamator with Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu as the chief guest who unfurled the national flag and took the salute from the march past contingents comprising of Government High School Shamator, Christian High School, St. Xavier School, Government Higher Secondary School, Shamator College, 3rd NAP Shamator, and V.G. Sangphur village.

The national anthem was presented by Kihoto

Theological College Yakor. Other highlights of the day included GBs of Shamator presenting folk song, melodies beat by 45th Assam Rifles Pipe Band, traditional dance by VG Sangphur and Mongtsüwong cultural troupes.

The chief guest also inaugurated and inspected the exhibition stalls. Around 45 stalls were put up from neighbouring villages, VDBs, SHGs, societies, schools, colleges, departments, individuals and 45th AR weapons display.



Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu taking salute during the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Shamator on 15th August 2019.

CHOZUBA:

73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Chozuba Town with Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, NRE, Mmhonlumo Kikon as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag which was followed by parade inspection led by OC, PS Chozuba. Other highlights of the programme included folk dance by Yoruba Youth Association, special performance by Polytechnic Institute, Tsunazho, Chetheba and special song was presented by ECHS Band Chozuba, winner of Chozuba sub-division Girls Band Music Competition 2019 under BBBP campaign.

Best Government Employee under Chozuba Sub-Division Award was presented to Thupuneyi Sapu, Peon, GMS Ruzazho. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls.

MANGKOLEMBA:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Ground Mangkolemba with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikesalie Nicky Kire as the chief guest.

The Advisor, after unfurling the national flag, took salute from parade contingents consisting of 2nd NAP, Government Higher Secondary School Mangkolemba, Baptist Higher Secondary School, Government Middle school, and St. Andrew School, led by Parade Commander ABSI Imnamongba.

Presentation of Rajasthani folk dance and scout pyramid by students of JNV Longnak, cultural song by Mangkolemba Town Council, Hornbill Dance by Lakhuni Cultural Society and Inter-ward tug-of-war trophy were some of the highlights of the daylong celebration.



Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikesalie Nicky Kire taking the salute on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day at Mangkolemba on 15th August 2019.

MELURI:

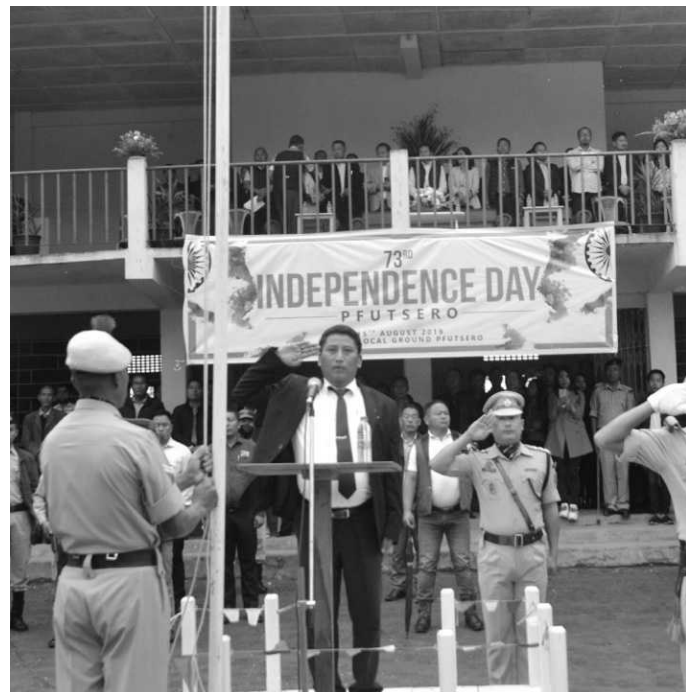
The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Meluri with Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak as the chief guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from eight parade contingents consisting of 5th NAP Meluri, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School Boys, Christian Mission School Boys, NCC girls from Christian Mission School and St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Village g/Guards of Meluri sector including a bagpiper band and Government Higher Secondary School Meluri. The parade contingents were led by ABSI K. Mahalie Pochury.

The highlights of the programme included aerobics by St. Xavier Higher Secondary School Meluri, special presentation by Christian Mission School Meluri and dance presented by S. Pethury Montessori Meluri. An exhibition stall was also set up by five SHGs.



Advisor, F&ES, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak taking the salute during the Independence Day celebration at Meluri on 15th August 2019.



Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying taking the salute on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations at Pfutsero town on 15th August 2019.

PFUTSERO:

Pfutsero sub-division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at the Public Ground with Advisor for Prisons, Printing and Stationery, Haiying as the chief guest.

Haiying unfurled the national flag, took the salute from 10 parade contingents including DEF Pfutsero; JNV NCC; Nazareth School NCC; TMTSS; Baptist school; CMHSS; Union Christian School; Government Higher Secondary School Pfutsero; NCC (Junior Girls Government Higher Secondary School Pfutsero and Class 12 Government Higher Secondary School Pfutsero. The national anthem was sung by JNV students Loweza and the parade contingents were reviewed by the SDPO Pfutsero.

Other highlights included special song by the Baptist Theological College (BTC) Pfutsero, cultural presentation by Pete-ii Kapfo and Rhite Kapfo, Khuzha Cultural Society Pfutsero and Cultural Troupe North Kikruma Youth.

CHANGTONGYA:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Changtongya HQ at the SDO (C) Office complex, with SDO (C) Moakumzuk Tzudir as the chief guest. He unfurled the national flag, delivered the Independence Day speech and took salute from the O/C Police Station contingent. National anthem was sung by Government Middle School (GMS) A, Changtongya.

To mark the Independence Day, exhibition volleyball match was played between Sub-Divisional Department Co-ordination Forum (SDDCF) and Business Union Changtongya Town.

The chief guest in the evening programme was Er. Suzutemjen, EE, PWD R&B, Changtongya.

TENING:

Tening celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the Chief Guest at TT Ground.

The chief guest visited the exhibition of stalls by Self Help Group (SHGs) including Assam Rifles. All high school team parade contingents included Government High School, Baptist High School, St. Francis De Sales School and Zeliangrong Heraka School.



Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang addressing the people during the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Tening on 15th August 2019.

TSEMINYU:

Tseminyu Sub-Division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 at RSA Ground with Advisor for Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio as Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. He also took salute from nine parade contingents including 4th NAP 'D' Coy, DEF, BHSS 24 NCC, DBS NCC, Government Higher Secondary School, Government High School New Town, DBS, AG School, CST. The commander of the parade contingents was ABSI Khakhu Sumi 4th NAP.

National anthem was sung by the students Government High School Tesophenyu village. The chief guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by Agriculture and Allied Departments and various Self Help Groups. Folk songs and dance by Kandinu Azami, Tseminyu South village, Kasha Daho, special song by Mt. Terogu Theological College Zumphu, Taekwondo display by students of Christian School Tseminyu were the other highlights of the celebration.



Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio taking the salute after unfurling the national flag on the Independence Day at Tseminyu town on 15th August 2019.

SANIS:

Sanis sub-Division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at the Local Ground with Advisor for CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi as the Chief Guest.

The chief guest unfurled the national flag, took salute from parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech. Lotsu cultural troupe and schools children presented folk dance.



Advisor, CAWD, NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi addressing the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Sanis on 15th August 2019.

RALAN AND WOZHURO:

Under Ralan and Wozhuro sub-division, the national flag was unfurled in all the government offices and institutions to mark the occasion.

MONYAKSHU:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Monyakshu at SDO Civil's Office complex. Officers, staff, DBs, GBs, Police, VGs, public leaders, Town Council members attended the function.

PUNGRO:

Pungro sub-division under Kiphire district celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at Pungro Public Ground town with Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi as the chief guest.



Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi taking salute from the march past contingents during the celebration of Independence Day at Pungro on 15th August 2019.

Highlights of the celebration included traditional songs and folk dances by the Shodangberu cultural troupe, Pungthu cultural troupe, Pungro and special song by Mount Horeb Baptist School choir, Pungro. The programme ended with penalty shoot-out by Saramati Nexus Club, Pungro.

TIZIT:

Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Ground, Tizit on 15th August 2019 with Advisor, DUDA, Bongkhao Konyak as the chief guest. He unfurled the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. 12 contingents participated in the march past.

Other highlights included entertainment and cultural programme. The Advisor also flagged off the motor cycle rally on "Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan" under the theme "Nutrition for all," organised by the Social Welfare Department and the District Administration. All departmental officers and staff/ NGOs/public leaders and general public attended the programme.

CHEN:

Chen Hq observed the 73rd Independence Day at SDO (Civil) Complex on 15th August 2019.

SDO (C) Chen, T. Moa Lemtor unfurled the national flag and took salute from NVG Chen Hq. National anthem was sung by Government High School, Chen Town.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground, Chiephobozou HQ with Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing who unfurled the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. He also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up at the venue.

During the celebration, six parade contingents participated in the march past. Other highlights of the programme included folk song presented by Chiephobozou Women Society, Government Higher Secondary School, Chiechama performed on Zumba Fitness dance; DBS Chiephobozou presented a prayer dance and Christian School Botsa presented an action song.



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing addressing the Independence Day parade at Chiephobozou on 15th August 2019.

In the evening programme, exhibition volleyball match, tug of war and prize distribution was held to mark the occasion.

NIULAND:

Niuland sub division celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha unfurling the national flag, taking salute from the 12 parade contingents.

Entertainment items were presented by Shepherd Montessori School, JNV Nihokhu, Gorkha Community, Reginald Hughes Memorial School, LFS Hozukhe, Hozukhe village (men) Medical Colony Niuland town (women).

TOBU:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at Tobu HQ with Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba as the Chief Guest who unfurled the national flag read out the Independence Day speech and took salute from nine contingents.

Social Welfare Department distributed sweets in the ground. Entertainment items were presented



Advisor, Industries & Commerce, LESD&E, Imnatiba taking the salute from the march past contingents during the Independence Day 2019 at Tobu on 15th August 2019.

by Youth Department, Tobu Town Baptist Church, Drill Display by Newman Higher Secondary School, Bejing High School, special song by Tobu Town Students' Union and folk dance by KNSK Tobu Town.

TAMLU:

In Tamlu, the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tamlu, Y. Chingyak Konyak as the special guest on 15th August 2019 at Local Ground.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from eight contingents comprising of 2nd NAP, Village Guards Tamlu Town, Government High School Tamil, St. Thomas School Tamlu boys, St. Thomas School girls, Christian School boys and Christian School girls.

Special items were performed by Christian School Tamlu town and Government High School Tamlu town, Bauching Excellence Award by Tamlu Town Students' Union, inauguration of Health Camp and Exhibition Stall-cum-sale organized by Social Welfare and Rural Development, Tamlu were the highlights of the daylong celebration.

ANGJANGYANG:

SDO (C) Angjangyang, Yanithung N. Ngullie unfurled the national flag and took salute from NVG Changlang Village, marking the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Angjangyang. Students of Government High School Anjangyang sang the national anthem.

AGHUNATO:

The 73rd Independence Day was observed at Aghunato Town on 15th August 2019 with Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and Taxes, Pukhayi hoisting the national flag.

Advisor Pukhayi took salute from the parade contingents of 8th NAP 'C' Company and students from various schools. The march past was led by Vetoshe ABI, 8th NAP 'C' Coy. He also inaugurated the exhibition stalls organised by Agriculture Department, Aghunato.

National anthem was sung by Don Bosco School Aghunato. Men and women from PWD, Medical and Forest Colony Aghunato town presented cultural folk dances. Other highlights included various dances and choreographies by Eden Boarding School, Little Genius School, Mount Shepherd School, GMS, Snow Field School, Government Higher Secondary School and Don Bosco School Aghunato.

NAGINIMORA:

Naginimora celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at the ADC's Office compound. ADC Naginimora, Renabomo Odyuo as Chief Guest unfurled the national flag which was followed by presentation of the national anthem.

Other highlights of the day included folksong by Mailang Pan and Drill display by UCHSS School.

TULI:

Tuli celebrated the 73rd Independence Day at ADC's Office complex on 15th August 2019. ADC Tuli, Imsongmeren unfurled the national flag and read out the Independence Day speech. He also took salute from DEF Tuli which was followed by the national anthem.

Tuli area running penalty shoot-out was also organised by the District Administration commemorating the occasion.

WAKCHING:

The 73rd Independence Day was observed at Wakching sub-division at the SDO (C) Office complex on 15th August 2019. SDO (C) Relise Sangtam unfurled the national flag and read out Independence Day speech and took salute from the contingents. GBs, DBs and government employees attended the programme.

THONOKNYU:

Thonoknyu sub-division celebrated the 73rd Independence day on 15th August 2019 at SDO (Civil) Office campus. The national flag was unfurled by Head DB, Tuchethung Tikhir. All the DBs and GBs attended the programme.

CM LAUNCHES COMMON SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the Common Scholarship Portal on 15th August 2019 at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima during the Independence Day celebration. The portal will provide a centralized window for all State scholarships and the Department of IT&C is developing this portal in a phased process.

The first phase, which has been completed, consists of development of a common scholarship portal with services such as one-time registration, email verification, online submission of e-forms and generation of QR and Bar codes for verification. The second phase shall consist of services like duplicity checking, automated alerts to concerned departments and scholarship disbursement alerts to applicants.

The main objective of the creation of this portal is to develop and deploy portal for all beneficiaries

of the State which will enable ease of maintenance and provide a Centralized Online Single Window for all State scholarships. Presently, five services have been developed and hosted:

Department of Higher Education:

- a. Post-Matric Scholarship
- b. Merit Scholarship
- c. NEC Scholarship
- d. State Research Scholarship

Department of School Education:

- a. Pre-Matric Scholarship (Class 9-10)

The workflow of the above scholarships has been incorporated in line with the present guidelines and forms issued by the concerned Departments/ Ministries.

CHARLES CHASIE, DREAMZ UNLIMITED RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARD 2019

The 17th Governor's Award 2019 in Arts, Music and Literature was conferred to Charles Chasie and Dreamz Unlimited on the occasion of the 73rd

Independence Day in the category of Literature and Arts respectively at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 15th August 2019. The awardees were given a cheque of

Nagaland Governor, R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, their lady wives along with recipients of Governor's Award 2019 in Arts, Music and Literature at Raj Bhavan, Kohima during the Governor's at home on 15th August 2019.



Rs. 5 lakh, Silver Plaque, Certificate and a Shawl.

Governor Nagaland, R.N. Ravi while congratulating the recipients, said art, music and literature are the mirrors of aspirations and expectations of a society. He said Naga society of today is inheritor of over thousands years of rich cultural and traditional legacies. He hoped that the initiatives of the state government will facilitate and motivate the young and talented youth of the state to pursue their dreams and aspirations, bring laurels and glory to the state and to the country.

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio said Nagas are talented but we are not committed to it, besides not getting the right opportunity to manifest our talents. On art, music and literature, Rio said it carries

a very significant message and conveys positivism to the people and exhibit our character in a humorous way.

Charles Chasie is a Kohima based journalist and author by profession. He was felicitated by the Media Trust in 2007 for his contributions in literature. He is a leading luminary in the field of literature and social activities. Dreamz Unlimited is a Theatre and Film Production house based in Dimapur. The group formation can be traced in the year 2008 after an intensive theatre workshop conducted by the National School of Drama, New Delhi in collaboration with NEZCC, Dimapur.

Director, Art & Culture, Puchosale Yore gave a brief outline of the Governor's Award 2019.

AWARD RECIPIENTS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY 2019

Ben Longkumer NPS, Commandant NAPTC and P. Sendongmeren NPS were awarded the President Police Medal which was announced on the occasion of Independence Day 2018.

Joint Director, Agriculture, N. Jacob Yanthan; Additional Commissioner of Taxes Wochamo Odyuo; Constable, 15th NAP IR Mahila Bn. Chumukedima, H. Aneang; Agriculture Inspector Longleng, Bongkam Phom; SDO (C) Kiphire, Meyazungba Jamir NCS and Project 72 Hours, NGO are the recipients of Governor's Gold Medal which was announced on Independence Day 2018.

AIG PHQ Kohima, N. Chumdamo Jamio NPS; UBI OC Traffic Dimapur, Peter Shuya; UBC DEF Kohima, Tokihe Sema; SDO (C) Wokha, Chopenthung Ezung NCS; SDO (C) HQ Kiphire, Longdiba NCS; DC Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS; Junior Engineer (Electrical) Kohima, Er. L. Akumtoshi; SDO Electrical Kohima, Er. Lengmininlal Singsong and SDO Electrical Kohima, Er. Longzochang are the recipients of Governor's Gold Medal which was announced on Independence Day 2018.

Governor's Commendation Certificate 2019 recipients include OSD, NSDMA Home Department,

Johnny Ruangmei; Superintendent of State Taxes Kohima Zone, Yanbeni Humtsoe; Nigh Chowkidar GHSS Kiphire, H. Tsaopi Sangtam; Joint Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Bendangliba; Junior State Coach Taekwondo, Directorate of Youth Resources & Sports, Visabiu Peseyie; Cultivator Phusachodu village, Pfutsero, Phek, Zholeby Ruho; and Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Science College Kohima, Dr. Sanjay Sharma.

Police Medal for Meritorious Service, Governor's Gold Medal Awardees 2019

The following have been selected for Award of Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day 2019

Police Medal for Meritorious Service:

1. Atu Zumvu, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dimapur
2. Kevisebilie Angami, UBI PTS, Dimapur

Governor's Gold Medal awardees on the occasion of Independence Day 2019 are as follows:

1. T. Tsenpemo Kikon NPS, ACP (HQ), Commissioner

- of Police, Dimapur
2. Noklem Konyak, Halvidar, 9th NAP Bn. (IR) Saijang
 3. Thungbemo Patton NCS, Assistant Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, Shillong
 4. Reny Wilfred IAS, ADC, Kiphire
 5. Zeneikho Suohumvu, Head Driver, Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Nagaland.

CIVIC RECEPTION HELD IN HONOUR OF R.N. RAVI

A grand civic reception in honour of the 19th Governor of Nagaland, R.N. Ravi was held at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 16th August 2019.

The Governor, in his address, said the trust of the Naga people on him has been a humbling experience. He pointed out that the dark shadow of the unresolved Naga political issue casts shadow on every aspect of Nagas life, and stated that there is sincere intention in every attempt but inclusivity was missing: all the Naga armed groups, Naga tribal bodies, Naga civil societies, grassroot leaders, Naga intellectuals, senior citizens, elders and Naga legislators should be included.

Ravi pointed out that some people have expressed apprehension that what happened in J&K may cast shadow in Nagaland, and assured nothing of that will happen because in article 370, right from the beginning it says temporary provision or administration of J&K and there is nothing

permanency about it, infact under Sub-clause 3 of Article 370, it mentions under what circumstances the President can delete the provision. Article 371(A) is the result of over three years of negotiation between the people of Nagaland and the Government of India, it is an agreement derived at, that is why it is a solemn commitment, and sacred to the people of Nagaland; it is not temporary or impermanent as Article 370 is, the Governor stated.

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio described the new Governor, R.N. Ravi as no stranger to the Naga people because of his role as the Centre's interlocutor for the Naga political issue and whose name is a household name amongst the Naga families.

President, Tenyimia Public Organisation, Timikha Koza, President ENPO, President CNTC, Matong Jamir also spoke on the occasion. Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS delivered the concluding remarks.

CS LAUNCHES 'STARTUP INDIA IN NAGALAND' PORTAL

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy launching the 'Startup India in Nagaland' portal at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th August 2019 said that it is the right time and the right initiative to introduce this portal by providing the most enabling ecosystem to support and nurture startup entrepreneurs in the State as our youth need mentorship and guidance.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy launching the 'Startup India in Nagaland' portal at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th August 2019.



Having a 'Start-up Policy' will help the aspiring youth to become successful entrepreneurs, Toy said and that through this portal, along with the constant support of the startup cell, unemployed youths will get assistance and an environment to start and venture out their own line of business.

Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS said that Startup India in Nagaland will facilitate startups to access the various resources of the 'Startup Eco System' available in the State. It will create an enabling environment to address the aspirations of youth and to engage with all

stakeholders of Startup Eco-system for strengthening the start-ups with appropriate incubation and mentoring infrastructure, to develop human capital, to provide fast track statutory support and network of appropriate funding agencies.

The Nagaland Startup portal has been developed to enable startups from the state to register online and apply for recognition under 'Startup Nagaland' by logging in to the portal which has been uploaded at www.startup.nagaland.gov.in. This portal will provide the youth with incentives and programs available under the state 'Startup policy.'

KAITO LAUNCHES 'NAGA ORGANIC' APP



Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye launching the 'Naga Organic' app at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 20th August 2019.

An 'Outreach-cum-buyer seller meet on organic food production in Northeast' organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Agriculture Department, sponsored by APEDA was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 20th August 2019.

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye said that this is an initiative to uplift and promote the agro based farmers of the state and the government is giving all its effort to make Nagaland an 'Organic State.' To facilitate stronger marketing

access under the ownership of growers organisation, Government of Nagaland has registered the brand as "Naga Organic." The FPOs and entrepreneurs under the mission have started selling their produces and products under this brand, he added.

Kaito also urged the ICC, APEDA and the Buyers & Investors to continue to support and promote the agro-based farmers in the state to make their venture successful both in words and in deeds, and hope this meet will convince the huge potential of Nagaland in the organic food production sector and the immense scope of investment in food processing industries.

Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan said this event is being held at an appropriate time with the fact that our State and the entire North-East is looking towards organic farming for transforming the economy. Our State is in the final stage of bringing out our 'Nagaland State Organic Policy' which he believe will be able to guide us in transforming our State's 'Organic by default' into an 'Organic by design' hub.

Principal Secretary, Horticulture, M. K. Mero while appreciating the initiative taken up by the ICC mentioned that, awareness in this kind of programme

should be emphasized to promote and practice organic farming and cultivation for the benefit of the farmers and the people in general. He also stressed on certifications policies on organic products and the difficulties faced in logistics, exports and connectivity problems, lack of cold storage, infrastructure etc.

Regional Director, Indian Chamber of Commerce highlighted on 'Organic products' and what it really means. Nagaland has the potential and resources to build up a well organized producer as the topology and the landscape is strategically located, surrounded with international borders and have a high opportunity to export to our neighboring countries. He also

mentioned that the raw materials and organic products should be of international standard level with quality exportable products to compete with other countries in a competitive market.

Advisor, NAB (Organic) APEDA, Dr. A. K. Yadav presented a slide highlighting the export and import scenarios, global agri trade in the world, organic agriculture in India, market potential, export destinations etc.

Later in the programme, Kaito launched the 'Naga Organic' app developed by Agriculture and Horticulture departments in collaboration with IT&C department.

SADBHAVANA DAY PLEDGE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICERS OF NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT

Nagaland State observed Sadbhavana Diwas and Sadbhavana Day pledge was also administered to the officers and staff of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat by Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS who was also the chairman of the programme.

Earlier, before administering the pledge to the officers, the Home Commissioner said that the nation remembers its former Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi on his birth anniversary. Sinha also said that people do have differences but with 'Sadbhavana' as communal harmony, the nation determines to resolve all differences and maintain oneness and harmony among the people regardless of caste, region, religion or language through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence.

NBDA MEETS YOUNG AGRI AMBASSADORS OF TAIWAN

The Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA) held a meeting with young agriculture ambassadors from Taiwan on 24th August 2019 at New Delhi as part of the initiative taken by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio towards establishing an India-Taiwan cooperation in the bamboo sector.

The Nagaland team was represented by Jyoti Kailash,



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ACS & Principal Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, and Imtirenla Jamir, Mission Director, NBDA along with other officials. The Taiwan delegation was led by Frank Tsay, Assistant Representative, Taipei Cultural & Economic Centre,

New Delhi and Lin, Chih-Hung, Deputy Director General, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan. Deliberations were held on short term and long term goals for this cooperation.

I & B REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD

The two day Information & Broadcasting Regional Conference of NE Zone and Kolkata concluded on 24th August 2019 at Guwahati.

On the second day of the conference, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Amit Khare addressed the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) of NE states and senior officers of I&B units of the North East.

All the DIPRs of the NE states highlighted on how the various units can converge to highlight the activities and achievements of the government. Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Nagaland, Maria Yanthan appraised the Secretary and officials of the Ministry on the activities of the various media units in Nagaland and highlighted the grievances and difficulties faced by the All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra. She also

mentioned the shortage of staff and officers in the two units and also pointed out that no PIB officer has been posted in Kohima for the last many years. She further brought to the notice of the Ministry officials that it will not be fair to shift the Office of the Regional Outreach Bureau from Kohima to Imphal as is being contemplated by the Ministry.

The Secretary gave a patient hearing to all the suggestions and grievances put forward and called on the State DIPRs and the I&B media units to work hand in hand towards the common goal of keeping informed on the policies and programmes of the government. Nagaland State was represented by Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Maria Yanthan and Director, IPR, Limawati Ao.

7TH ECONOMIC CENSUS 2019 LAUNCHED

The 7th Economic Census, 2019 under the aegis of the Ministry of Statistics and in collaboration with CSC eGovernance Service India Limited was launched on 26th August 2019 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima by the Principal Secretary, IT & C and Power, K.D. Vizo.

Vizo in his address, said that the Economic Census 2019 is the census of the Indian economy through counting of all entrepreneurial units in the country which are involved in any economic activity. All household establishments engaged in non-agricultural economic activities including construction, except public administration, defence and compulsory social security are proposed to be convened in the 7th Economic Census. He said that

the Common Service Centre (CSC) in partnership with Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has been tasked with the responsibility of data collection and related activities of implementing the 7th Economic Census.

The CSC has engaged 1252 Enumerates and 305 Supervisors (total of 1557 manpower) who have undergone training for the deployment on the field as Enumerators and Supervisors for the 7th Economic Census which will be covering 2264 Enumeration areas (1481 rural and 783 urban Enumeration areas).

KOHIMA:

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the 7th Economic Census Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie

launched the 7th Economic Census for Kohima district on 26th August 2019 in his office chamber in the presence of its Committee Members, Supervisors and Enumerators.

During the launching programme, the DC impressed upon the Supervisors and people engaged in the field work to execute their work with sense of responsibility and sincerity so as to have a transparent and reliable economic data of our State. He further said that 7th Economic Census exercise will cover a total number of 107 villages with a total of 30,000 household approximately, and under urban areas, there will be a total number of 148 enumeration blocks and six (6) Investigator Units. The activities in

the field will be carried out by a total number of 49 Supervisors and 174 Enumerators.

For this exercise, a series of training for Supervisors and Enumerators were conducted in sub-divisional and district levels by District Manager Kohima, CSC-SPV Nganuo Kielienu and Vikhoto Kapu as resource persons in order to conduct the exercise successfully.

Simultaneous launching programme were also held in other seven districts, namely Phek, Wokha, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Longleng, Mon and Tuensang with the concerned Deputy Commissioners, and it will commence soon in the remaining three districts of Dimapur, Mokokchung and Peren.



Principal Secretary, IT&C and Power, K.D. Vizo launching the 7th Economic Census, 2019 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 26th August 2019.

TEMJEN IMNA ALONG CALLS UPON UNION MINISTER FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Lhoubelatuo Kire and officials of the Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA) on 26th August 2019 called upon Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda at his office chamber, New Delhi.

Temjen Imna Along apprised the Union Minister that the State's Department of Tribal Affairs, which has been a long-felt need, was created recently in

Nagaland after the approval of the Cabinet on 2nd August 2019. The delegation briefed the Union Minister that since the Department was created not even a month back, there is a lot of work to be undertaken for which the Union Minister assured that the Ministry will provide all assistance to the State, including a review of the current year's projects/schemes along with consideration of additional project proposals for 2019-20 which will be carried out shortly.

On the issue of various projects such as Minor

Forest Produce (MFP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of value chain for MFP which fall under the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED) – an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India to develop the socio-economic conditions of tribals in the country, the Union Minister expressed his happiness over the performance of the DUDA and also assured that the proposals sent by the Department will be taken up by the Ministry. It may be mentioned that the Ministry declared DUDA as one of the State Implementing Agencies for these projects from 2018-19. Under these projects, the department is actively involved in elevating the livelihood of farmers and MFP gatherers. 13 SHGs have also been set up and more SHGs are being covered in a phase-wise manner.

Later in the afternoon, Temjen Imna Along accompanied by DRC New Delhi, Kethosituo Sekhose

and officials of the Technical Education Department called on the Chairman of AICTE, Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe wherein issues regarding upgradation of Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu, Government Polytechnic, Kohima and schemes available with the AICTE for the State were discussed.

The Chairman AICTE stated that approval for upgradation of the two polytechnics will be given by the end of this year and requested that the State Government give its commitment for upgradation of infrastructure and post creation at the earliest. The AICTE expressed its readiness to provide funds for procurement of equipment for these institutes as well as necessary assistance for preparation of DPRs. He also stated that the State Government should avail schemes for ground water harvesting, Internet WAN/LAN/Fibre Optics installation and Solar Power plants from the AICTE for the Technical Institutes of the State.

CONSULTATION MEETING HELD ON PREPARATION OF DPR FOR REJUVENATION OF RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA

A State level consultation meeting on preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Rejuvenation of River Brahmaputra through forestry interventions in Nagaland was held on 27th August, 2019 at Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy in his address said many Nagas do not realize that water crisis is becoming more and more alarming; rainfall has been declining over the years, only the intensity has increased by way of cloudburst and other weather phenomena. He stated that in such a backdrop, we have the Brahmaputra Rejuvenation Project coming our way and Nagaland is an important part of this project. Speaking on the nine policies of the project, he said it encompasses many important issues including adaptation policies to tackle climate change which involves villagers and land owners of the state.

Scientist-E & Project Coordinator, Dr. Dhruva J. Das gave a powerpoint presentation where he

expressed that the prime aim of the meeting is to sensitize and ensure better cooperation among stakeholders and to develop region-specific strategies for the State of Nagaland. He highlighted that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Gol entrusted Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun to prepare DPR for rejuvenation of 13 major rivers in the country through forestry interventions, namely Beas, Chenab, Jhelum, Ravi, Sutlej, Yamuna, Brahmaputra, Mahanadi, Narmada, Krishna, Godavari, Cauvery, Luni belonging to nine river basins.

Dr. Das also mentioned that accordingly, Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat under ICFRE was instructed to prepare DPR for Rejuvenation of River Brahmaputra through forestry interventions.

PCCF and HOFF, Nagaland Forest Department, Rajat S Pal said while formulating policies for the project in Nagaland, two things have to be considered: rivers have to be identified whether they are East

or West flowing, and secondly, land belongs to the people. He expressed the need to involve neighbouring states in China and also stressed on the importance of geology of the areas involved.

Open discussion was held focusing on existing reports/works done by departments/organisations, data format, agro-forestry/forestry/other models

developed and tested by various agencies, future plans for forestry intervention and planning for follow up action.

The programme was organised by Rain Forest Research Institute (ICFRE) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Gol, Jorhat, Assam in collaboration with Government of Nagaland.

GOVERNOR RAVI RAISES ISSUE OF AIR CONNECTIVITY

The Governor of Nagaland, RN Ravi met the Minister for Civil Aviation, Hardeep Singh Puri on 27th August 2019 at New Delhi and raised the issue of air connectivity of Nagaland with the country and the North East region.

Governor Ravi also requested the Minister to help early operationalisation of Dimapur - Guwahati, Dimapur - Imphal and Dimapur - Dibrugarh air services under UDAN scheme of the Government of India. The Minister gave necessary instructions to the concerned officials of the Ministry and Airlines and assured the Governor that the flight services on these sectors will begin by October this year.

Following the meeting with the Civil Aviation Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri, R.N. Ravi took an inter-

ministry meeting on 28th August 2019 at Nagaland House R. K. Puram, New Delhi in which Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Airport Authority of India and flight operators like Air India/ Alliance Air and Indigo participated.

All operational and logistic issues related to improvement of Dimapur Airport as per the standards of the Director General of Civil Aviation as well as early operationalization of better regional air connectivity of Dimapur were discussed. The Governor also impressed upon the flight operators to explore and further improve air connectivity of Dimapur with the rest of the North East Region, Delhi as well as the rest of the country.

PRESIDENT FINER PROPOSES SETTING UP FINER SECTOR IN NAGALAND

A workshop on Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna organized by the Federation of Industry & Commerce of North East Region (FINER), sponsored by Ministry of Food Processing Industries and supported by the Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland was held at the Capital Convention Centre on 28th August 2019.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS in his address mentioned that 70% of the Naga population depends on agri sector for their livelihood but agriculture in Nagaland is conservative and traditional so more attention to increase in productivity should be emphasized, adding that, for a farmer to take their

products beyond the farm gate is a major struggle starting with linkages of marketing outlets, cold storages and maintenance of cold chain linkage. He also pointed out that the government is studying and is committed to remove the obstacles in marketing outlets and other similar problems and further requested the central government and other funding agencies for a cent percent funding, if not on 90/10 basis.

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, IAS in his address said a large number of population in Nagaland depends on Agriculture, so in this sector,

one can be an entrepreneur in food processing which can help both the farmers get a better price for their products and also the entrepreneur to generate earnings, income and employment for the commercial produces which also increase the state government income.

Dr. Rakesh Sarwal said that the MOFPI have sponsored the workshop to help the local entrepreneur of Nagaland to impart knowledge about the various food processing technologies, the different government assistance for the units and food processing policies. He also added MOFPI has a set of schemes to fund 50% of the project cost of the unit established. He highlighted about the cold storages, marketing outlets and encouraged the state

government to set up more food testing laboratories in the state, and said MOFPI would assist 50% subsidy unit cost to any entrepreneurs wanting to establish a private food testing lab, encouraging the government to set up entrepreneurs training centres in the district headquarters.

President, FINER, Pabitra Buragohain gave a brief introduction of FINER, and also requested 10 to 15 entrepreneurs to share their views and join to become a member of FINER so that a sector of FINER can be set up in Nagaland.

Subsequently, sessions on Processing Technology, opportunities and assistance were discussed in detail summing the workshop.

STATE OBSERVES NATIONAL SPORTS DAY AND FIT INDIA MOVEMENT

The State Government observed National Sports Day at Secretariat Conference Hall on 29th August 2019. The programme was attended by AHoDs and HoDs where the live show of National Sports Day celebration at New Delhi was screened.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the nationwide Fit India Movement. Fit India Movement encourages people to adopt fit and healthy lifestyle. It marks the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand and is celebrated every year on 29th August.

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports organised Cash and Award to Meritorious Sportspersons in commemoration of National Sports Day and Fit India Movement on 29th August 2019 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports Er. Zale Neikha in his address mentioned that the day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of sports and games and on this occasion, the President of India confers awards of different categories to celebrate the exceptional achievements of Indian athletes. He mentioned that this humble act of recognition and

award to all meritorious sportspersons will boost the morale of our young talented sportspersons to perform and achieve success at the highest level in the near future,

The Advisor mentioned that the programme is honoured to have Chekrovolu Swuro who is an exemplary sportsperson in Archery and presently serving as Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nagaland. He said that she has defied all odds and brought laurels to our state and country, through her medals and participation at the Olympic games. The Advisor urged all budding players to be disciplined and strive for excellence, become professionals and medal winners. He also launched the 1st Free Football Coaching (Under-14 years), for both boys & girls, at Kohima.

This year Nagaland has clubbed 'National Sports Day' and 'Fit India Movement' into one programme and in commemoration, of this occasion, the Cash Awards were given to excellent sportspersons. Starting from 2016-2017 and 2017- 2018, there are altogether 311 medal winners (Gold - 83, Silver - 93, Bronze - 135) from amongst 14 disciplines at the national

and international level; 210 recipients including four Coaches. In the meantime, the Department is also

making necessary arrangements for 'Cash Awards to Meritorious Sportspersons for the year 2018- 2019.

GOVERNOR TAKES UP STATUS OF ROAD PROJECTS WITH MINISTER

The Governor of Nagaland, R.N. Ravi held a meeting with the Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari at Transport Bhavan, New Delhi on 29th August 2019.

A review of the status of 14 road projects under NHIDCL in Nagaland was taken during the meeting with special focus on Dimapur-Kohima four-laning project. The Minister assured all possible measures

would be taken to ensure completion of the projects on time.

Governor Ravi will periodically review the status of these projects with all concerned including the senior officials of NHIDCL to monitor the progress. The meeting was also attended by Chairman NHIDCL and other senior officials of the Ministry.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES VILLAGE NAMES

The Government of Nagaland has changed the village name of "Tamkong" to "Tamkoang" village under Tobu Sub-Division in Mon District with immediate effect.

The village name of "Mangkhi" to "Müngankhyun" village under Tuensang district has also been changed with immediate effect.

ADVISOR ZHALEO CALLS ON UNION MINISTER FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS

Zhale-o Rio, Advisor for Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs made a courtesy call on Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Union Minister for Minority Affairs at his official resident, New Delhi on 30th August 2019.

Various development projects under PMJKV for socio-economic, educational development in the state was discussed. A request was made to the

Union Minister for approval of more minority block centres under qualified districts, which was affirmed, so as to reach the benefits to the targeted groups in the state. The Advisor was accompanied by Zaputuo, OSD to Advisor and Kedichatuo Kense, ALO, Nagaland House, New Delhi.

INAUGURAL PROGRAMME ON TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOME SCALE PRESERVATION EQUIPMENTS UNDER RKVY

Inaugural programme on training and distribution of home scale preservation equipments under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was organized by Department of Horticulture Government of Nagaland, at State Horticulture Nursery on 31st

August 2019. During the programme, home scale preservation equipments were distributed to 14 selected beneficiaries.

In a brief programme, Principal Secretary, Horticulture, M.K. Mero encouraged the selected

beneficiaries to be sincere and dedicated in utilising the facilities provided by the department as they are the chosen ones among all other beneficiaries of the state. He spoke on the importance of processed food which can be preserved, thereby encouraging the beneficiaries to experiment from the equipments and make better use of it, and was optimistic that with the help of the equipments, the beneficiaries would opt more on cultivation towards processing and increase production in the state economy.

Director of Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha encouraged the beneficiaries on the importance of the various training programmes which were basically conducted to help the trainees in which ever possible ways.

The programme was followed by technical session on scope of fruits and vegetables preservation, objective and technologies of home scale preservation, and dehydration of fruits using solar drier etc. which was conducted by Deputy Director, Meyasashi.

ETPBS AND SERVICE VOTER: A SUCCESSFUL TURNOUT FOR LOK SABHA ELECTION 2019

Among the many milestones recorded during the recently concluded Lok Sabha Election 2019, Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) is one of its kind in the world's largest democratic election processes. Compared to 5,376 number of registered Service Electors of last General Election to Lok Sabha, 2014 from 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency, a record highest number of 7,490 were enrolled as Service Electors through online registration with the dedicated portal <https://www.servicevoter.eci.nic.in> who were sent postal ballots electronically. For the first time, a full-fledged online registration portal for service electors has been used to save processing time, resources and human errors.

Persons working in Central Forces under Arms Act and government officials deployed in Embassies outside the country are classified as Service Voters and are provisioned for online enrolment. As Nagaland went for poll in the first phase, total 7,490 postal ballots were dispatched electronically using the flagship IT programme of Election Commission of

India, known as ETPBS. Out of which, 5,295 e-postal ballots were received indicating 70.69% turnout, which is a significant improvement compared to 2014 when turnout was only 13.73%.

ETPBS is developed by Election Commission of India for the use of the Service Voters. It is a fully secured system, having two layers of security. Secrecy of voting is maintained through the use of OTP and PIN and no duplication of casted ETPB is possible due to the unique QR Code in the portal <https://www.etpbs.in>. Through this system, the service voters cast their vote on an electronically received postal ballot, from anywhere outside their constituency, thus the chances of losing the voting opportunity has reduced. The purpose of the online system was to create convenient and easy-to-use online system for Defence Personnel to become Service Voters.

With the motto of "No voter to be left behind," Election Commission of India's ETPBS has empowered and ensured all eligible service electors with their constitutional power to vote while performing their duty for the nation.

AWARENESS ON POSHAN ABHIYAAN HELD AT GHSS MON

Literary programme of GHSS Mon was held at Council Hall Mon on 3rd August 2019. CDPO Mon, T. Yanlem spoke on the awareness of Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan as part of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and Advocacy programme.

Yanlem said that the target of National Nutrition Mission is to bring down stunting among children in the age group 0-6 years from 38.4 percent to 25 percent by the year 2022. Nutrition Mission will address malnourishment through convergence and

targeted approach for timely service delivery, he added.

Yanlem further mentioned that the targeted beneficiaries are children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls. The National Nutrition Mission is focussing to prevent and reduce under-nutrition and stunting in children and to reduce the prevalence of anaemia among young children, women and adolescent girls.

CHILD RIGHTS AND PROTECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT SHOIXE VILLAGE

The District Child Protection Unit under the Department of Social Welfare conducted an awareness programme on Child Rights and Protection at Shoixe village, Zunheboto on 5th August 2019.

Resource person J Khetoholi Yephthomi, Legal-cum-Probation Officer DCPU, Zunheboto spoke on Child Rights and Protection and POSCO Act.

Ruzonuo Rita Rutsa, DCPO Zunheboto deliberated the participants on different services and protection mechanisms available for children in the district. Kito Ayemi, Protection Officer, Zunheboto highlighted on the roles and functions of village level child protection committee.



District Child Protection Unit Zunheboto conducted an awareness programme on child rights and protection at Shoixe village, Zunheboto on 5th August 2019.

GIRL CHILD WEEK CELEBRATION AT LONGLENG

Mahila Shakti Kendra along with DTF BBBP celebrated Girl Child Week on the theme “Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow” at Christian High School, Longleng on 5th August 2019. The main objective of this celebration is to spread awareness on girl child rights and facts of life and to address the girl child issues associated with their health, respect, education, nutrition etc.

Rohbi Sangtam, EAC Hq. Longleng in his keynote address stated that girls should stand for their rights and pursue whichever field they are interested in. Being born in a stereotype family, one may face more struggles and hurdles but in order to be successful, one should come out of these stereotype traits, set a goal and stay focused until it is achieved.

Shiju Anthony, Headmaster, Christian High School in his welcome speech appreciated the DTF, BBBP and MSK Longleng for organizing such programmes for girl students in their school.

Tutinungla Phom, District Coordinator gave a brief introduction on Girl Child Week celebration, while WWO MSK Longleng spoke on the importance of Girl Child Rights. Importance on Girl Child Issues and Needs was also discussed. Information on Sakhi-One Stop Centre Longleng was highlighted by Counselor, Nyangyungsangla Phom.

After the programme, a special session was conducted where the girl students were given opportunities to explore their talent; the students presented their original songs, quotation, poem, speech etc. This was done to make one realize their potentials and take the right decision for their future career.

To support towards the initiative programme under the scheme ‘Beti Bachao Beti Padhao,’ gift hampers were given to all the girl students who attended the programme.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

The monthly Kiphire District Planning and Development Board meeting was held on 6th August 2019, at DC’s Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kiphire, M. Shayung Phom.

Agenda discussed in the meeting included opening of 10+2 Science stream, construction of girls hostel facility at Zisaji Presidency College, effective implementation of MNREGA, PMAY(R) and other rural development schemes, improving internet

connectivity to SBI Kiphire, increasing the number of ATMs and branches. The district is also still awaiting a functional X Ray and Ultrasound facility and blood storage unit/blood bank.

On the agenda of Local Area Development programme (LADP) fund, the DPDB approved that fund will be equally distributed between the two constituencies of Kiphire district namely 59 Sitimi-Seyochung A/C and 60 Kiphire Pungro A/C.

INTERACTION SESSION HELD WITH NIKHIL CHANDRA AT KIPHIRE

An interaction session was held with Nikhil Chandra, Consultant, Regional Center for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow, Ministry of Urban Developmental, Government of India on 6th August 2019.

Nikhil Chandra’s visit to Kiphire was to discuss proposals for the preparation of a detailed master plan for Aspirational District of Kiphire. During the interaction session, departments highlighted

their activities including the Health & Family Welfare Department which stated that their mission is dealing with the rural people to promote health system in the district.

Nikhil Chandra called upon the district officers to operate the database and also urged them to function uniformly for development in the area. He requested the district to use the funds judiciously for the aspirational district. He also stated that each house should be connected with water supply and asked the district Administration to design and implement the same for the benefit of the people. He also expressed concern on the network facility in the district and further highlighted on the management and monitoring of farmers.



Consultant, Regional Centre for Urban & Environment Studies, Lucknow, Ministry of Urban Development, GoI, Nikhil Chandra interacting with the District Officers, Kiphire on 6th August 2019.

CHILD LINE 1098 ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT PEREN DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Peren District Planning and Development Board was held on 6th August 2019 in the DC's Conference Hall, New DC Complex Peren under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman DPDB Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

Deputy Commissioner, Sentiwapang Aier discussed on matters relating to District Awards and asked all the departments to send their respective department proposals.

Peren Child Line 1098 gave a presentation highlighting the Child Line 1098 services in restoration

of missing children, emotional support and guidance, medical assistance, linking children to shelter services, protection of children from abuse, providing assistance in availing sponsorship, reporting of missing children and providing information about Child Line and volunteering.

Child Line Peren stated that in collaboration with Police Department, District Administration, Education Department, Municipal Council and wards, it plays a vital role in fulfilling the activities of Child Line across the world.

'LET LIVE' CAMPAIGN AT MON

Mon District Administration has initiated the 'Let Live' Campaign under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme with the primary objective of fighting illegal sex determination. This initiative is a first of its kind in the state to create community level awareness and participation on the evils of sex selection and abortion.

Under this, an exclusive helpline number '6009150274' has been set up so that cases of illegal sex determination can be reported. Other key features of this initiative includes that informers

will be rewarded and his/her identity will be kept confidential.

The Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act gives this initiative its legal tooth as offences under this act are cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

Mon district has the second worst child sex ratio in the State and hence improving the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) remains the primary goal of BBBP Mon.

DC TUENSANG CONVENES MEETING WITH TTAWU

A meeting on issues regarding sanitation, dumping ground and laying of optical fibre cables along the main roads was held on 7th August 2019 with the Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Mohammad Ali IAS as the chairman and attended by the representatives of Tuensang Town All Wards Union (TTAWU).

Digging of roads on account of the ongoing laying of optic fibre cables have compounded the woes of the citizens especially due to the slush created by the loose soil during the monsoon rains and in the absence of footpaths. While highlighting the ongoing works, DC Tuensang said that the works are part of the National Optical Fibre Network and pointed out the responsibility of all stakeholders, and the citizens as a whole to ensure that the works are being done properly, according to specifications. In regard to this, he called upon for a committee to be convened comprising of N. Orenthung Kikon NCS (P) EAC Tuensang HQ, Tochi Chang TTAWU President and representatives of the Wards to ensure vigilance over quality work.

On the garbage dumping site, it was expressed that not only is it a sore sight for any visitor /traveller but it also poses a serious threat for health hazard. Unanimous resolution by the TTAWU demanding shifting of the garbage dumping ground at the earliest was also passed. The shortage of garbage collection vehicles and issues regarding maintenance and upkeep of the same were also discussed. Discussions were also held to identify most vulnerable and affected areas within each ward with regard to natural disaster.

It was also suggested that there should be an in-charge with regard to sanitation in every sector with each ward. The DC in conclusion suggested the TTAWU President to compile all findings with regard to urban civic issues and present it to the ADC Tuensang who is also in- charge of the TTC, to be forwarded to the Urban Development Department /NSDMA/ Municipal Affairs Departments and the same to be brought to the notice of the DPDB Chairman and the Deputy Commissioner.

AWARENESS SEMINAR ON BREASTFEEDING CONDUCTED IN MON

Mon District Administration in collaboration with Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Mon organised an awareness seminar on Breastfeeding under

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme on the theme 'Breastfeed Best Feed' at St. Mary's High School on 7th August 2019. The seminar was conducted as part



Awareness seminar on Breastfeeding under BBBP scheme was held at St. Mary's High School, Mon on 7th August 2019.

of the Global Breastfeeding Week celebration from 1st to 7th August 2019. Resource person, Dr. Shashinle Tep, DPO (UIP & RCH) spoke on the importance of Breastfeeding. A mother should breastfeed her child for six complete months. Maternity leave of six months is given to every working mother in order to increase the bond between the mother and her child. Breastfeeding nurtures the child as mother's milk is considered as the best feed for a child.

District Coordinator, MSK, Neijoi Konyak

highlighted on the aims and objectives of Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK)/District Level Centre for Women (DLCW), and spoke on two schemes in detail - Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY).

Angun Lily Konyak, Counsellor of Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Mon highlighted about the programme and services provided by OSC. She further encouraged and motivated the women to stand up for their rights.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING AT BHANDARI

The monthly departmental coordination meeting of Bhandari sub-division was held at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 7th August 2019.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, ADC Tiameraen Chang expressed gratitude to the officers of the sub-division for their concern and cooperation in gifting traffic island to the denizens of Bhandari town. He also thanked the public, the students and NGO leaders who were present, for their support in helping the government servants in bringing in innovative developmental initiatives to the public. The ADC also encouraged them to make use of the Ambulance service which was flagged off recently to assist the public in need with a very reasonable service charge.

In the meeting, Deputy Director, Nagaland State Seed Farm gave a powerpoint presentation to

highlight its departmental activities and stated that while it is trying to tap and exploit the full potential in the field of agronomy, it would help more if the department is placed with proper staff quarters, good condition approach road and effective irrigation dam.

SBI Bhandari branch also highlighted on their banking activities within the sub-division and encouraged the members present to avail the benefits through banking under different schemes which are economic, business and education friendly for children.

Earlier in the day, the Board along with public, church, NGOs and student leaders inaugurated the newly constructed Traffic Island, which was sponsored by officers posted at Bhandari sub-division, 2018 to 2019 batch. Lochumlo Mozhui, Women Pastor, Baptist Church, Bhandari town pronounced the dedicatory prayer after it was inaugurated by the ADC.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The District Planning and Development Board of Zunheboto deliberated and recommended to set up Police Outpost at Khelhoshe Polytechnics Akuluto and NPSC exam Centre at Zunheboto. This was agreed upon and recommended by the board during the monthly DPDB meeting held on 8th August 2019 at DC's Conference Hall.

The board also deliberated and recommended the following matters:

1. Setting up of Awotsakilimi Sub-Centre.
2. Setting up Sub-Centre at Kulhopu village.
3. Establishment of SDO Soil Office at Akuluto Sub-Division.
4. Registration of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

5. Construction of Circular Road from Judicial Office to PWD Office Zunheboto.

Agenda regarding establishment of Information Assistant Office at Akuluto was deferred to next board meeting.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman & Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo who encouraged the members to be sincere and to attend the Board meetings regularly.

ATMA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING HELD IN DIMAPUR

ATMA Governing Board (GB), Dimapur conducted the quarterly meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 8th August 2019. The meeting was chaired by Kevekha Kevin Zehol, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur. During the meeting, powerpoint presentation on ATMA Dimapur activities from February to July 2019 was presented by Dr. Ithika C. Swu, Deputy Project Director, ATMA Dimapur.

Tokugha Zhimo, State Level Farmer Awardee

also gave a presentation on his success story on Integrated Farming and highlighted and thanked ATMA Dimapur and agri and allied departments for their assistance and guidance.

The board also deliberated on funding and reaffirmed to strictly follow the guidelines as well as practice Direct Benefit Transfer as mandated. It also decided that, for convergence of activities like RKVY, saturated areas or villages will not be taken up.

DC ZUNHEBOTO INDUCTED AS DISTRICT PRESIDENT NBSG

Zunheboto Bharat Scouts and Guides held induction ceremony on 8th August 2019 at DC's official residence, DC Hill Colony, Zunheboto. Peter Lichamo NCS, Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto was inducted as District President NBSG.

In his speech, Peter thanked all the officers of BSG Zunheboto for honoring him, and while

expressing his happiness to be part of the Scouts and Guides, he assured to extend full cooperation towards the Scouts and Guides movement in the district.

Vekhoyi Medeo ADOC (S) held flag, Nikiye Assumi DTC conducted oath taking and Khuyivi Achumi DOC(S) gave presentation and led the scouts and guides yell.

SAKHI-ONE STOP CENTRE CONDUCTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) conducted an awareness programme on OSC functioning on 9th August 2019 at Springdale School, Wokha.

Myingthunglo Odyuo, an intern under OSC spoke on the different types of violence. Briefing the students, Odyuo said that beneficiaries are women and children/girls below 18 years who can avail integrated support and assistance from the Centre facilitating immediate emergency and non-emergency services including medical, legal, psychological and counseling support.

Advocate Nancy, Case Worker OSC, Wokha dwelled on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO), stating that the Act was enacted to provide protection of children from sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interest of child at every stage of judicial process. She also explained about the four private areas of human body, adding the good touch and bad touch to make them aware that if anyone touches them inappropriately in the private

areas making them feel uncomfortable and uneasy, they should immediately complain to their parents, teachers or elders whom they trust or who can address the issue to the Police.

The team also distributed flyers and pamphlets on Domestic Violence, Cyber crime and Toll Free Number 181 to the students and teachers.

GIRL CHILD DAY OBSERVED IN MON

Girl Child Day for the month of August 2019 was observed at Sacred Heart School, Mon Town on the 10th of August 2019. The resource person for the programme was Ponglem Konyak who is a winner of multiple bravery awards. She valiantly fought off some miscreants back in 1995 for which she was awarded the Bravery Award by the Governor of Nagaland on 26th January, 1998.

Olem, District Coordinator, MSK spoke on the main aim and objectives of MSK. Three boys and three girls from Sacred Heart School voluntarily spoke on the theme 'Girl Child Day' and were given prizes. The programme was organized by the District Administration in collaboration with MSK Mon under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme. District Administration will be observing the Girl Child Day every month in different schools.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD ON REHABILITATION AND UPGRADATION OF LONGLENG-TUENSANG ROAD

Consultative Meeting on Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Longleng-Tuensang Road under North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) was held at Sakshi EAC Headquarter, Longleng on 12th August 2019 with Special Invitee Ram Muivah, Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong.

Ram Muivah informed the people that the upgradation of the road project is Rs. 188 crore, out of which Rs. 75 crore has already been released to the NPWD as first instalment. He said after completion of the tender formalities, the road project would be executed starting in the first week of October 2019 after the monsoon season is over. He asserted that it is a major district road and the existing 3 meter road will be extended with additional 7 meter surface along



Ram Muivah, Secretary, NEC, Shillong and Pangnyu Phom, Minister, H&FW being accorded warm traditional welcome at Sakshi EAC HQ on 12th August 2019.

with both black topping and cementing in 5 meter, and the NEC will maintain the road for 4 years after completion of the project.

During his 4 years in NEC, he cited various

development projects executed under NEC projects within Eastern Nagaland such as 46 Km road from Nokzang to Longding under Mon district and another 30 Km road from Mon to Konnubari will also be taken up soon. Also providing computer facilities to GHS under Kiphire district and piggery feed meat project in Longkhim and Ginger project under Tuensang district.

In his speech, S. Pangnyu Phom Minister for H&FW informed the gathering that unlike other projects, Longleng – Tuensang road project will be 100% funded by the NEC and it would not benefit only the people of two districts but also the entire Eastern Nagas. He therefore, appealed to the people to come together, to work together, to progress together and clarified that no compensation shall be given to the

landowners. He also appealed to the Village Councils to fully take the responsibility of the road under their respective jurisdiction for quality and speedy completion of the project as desired by all.

Kejong Chang MLA; B. S. Nganlang MLA & Chairman DPDB Longleng; Rev. Dr. L. Anjo Keikung; John Tsulise Sangtam, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng and the Additional Deputy Commissioner Tuensang also spoke and exhorted the gathering. Short speeches were also delivered by the President of Phom People's Council (PPC), the President Chang Khulei Setsang (CKS), and the President Konyak Union Tobu Unit. Special number was presented by KTP, Yongphang village.

LOGLENG DPDB APPROVES LADP

The Longleng District Planning and Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of B.S. Nganlang Phom on 13th August 2019 at DC's Conference Hall.

Exhorting the members, Phom said that for any organization, good team work is required for fruitful outcome and urged for collective effort of every member for effective planning in the district. Asserting that he is ever ready to give a patient hearing to the grievances of the members, he appealed to them to raise their problems and difficulties.

S. Pangnyu Phom in his short speech maintained that DPDB is an important platform not only for discussion and sharing the problems alone but its meeting minutes are very essential for approving any schemes and projects for the district. Therefore, he suggested giving copies of the DPDB meeting to every member. Pangnyu also informed that Cabinet meeting of the State Government may be held at Longleng district at any time and urged the members to be alert and active with their respective departmental activities. He also appealed to the members to extend all possible help and cooperation to any NGOs, clubs or organization who are working in reality for the upliftment of the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam cautioned that any members found absent for three consecutive DPDB meetings will be reflected in the APAR. John also apprised the elected members about the activities conducted on Jal Shakti Abhiyaan in Longleng. He informed that Longleng was selected under the scheme due to shortage of ground water and scarcity of water in the district.

The board approved the LADP 2019-20 for 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng. It also recommended for construction of retaining/protection wall above CMO's Office and District Hospital, Longleng to the concerned department. After discussing the agenda proposed by the Deputy Commissioner for electrification in new site where new government buildings / quarters are coming up, the board directed the SDO (Power) to prepare the DPR and submit in the next meeting for approval.

Er. Khitangpila SDO, Water Resources Department, Longleng delivered the activities of the department through powerpoint presentation.

TOBU SDPDB MEETING

The Tobu SDPDB meeting was held on 13th of August 2019 under the chairmanship of ADC Tobu,

Mudongoi Chuzho. Points discussed at the meeting were poor supply of water, electricity, poor attendance of Departmental Head Officers and construction of Quarter Guard Room at 6th NAP Pokyang Post Tobu.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman SDPDB Pughoboto, Y. Vikheho Swu at DB Court Hall on 13th August 2019.

The MLA informed the Board that the 'Best Village Council' award should be given instead of "Best Village Council Chairman Award," which was agreed in the last meeting. The MLA added that the criteria for the award is to be decided by the district administration. The Board also deliberated the agenda for setting up a Fire Station at Pughoboto, Forest Reserve of Stag Sanctuary in Ighanumi, Tragopan Sanctuary at Lazami which was submitted by Dr. Sukhato Wotsa. Regarding the sanctuary which was discussed in the meeting, the MLA said that 'No Objection Certificate' from the concerned village is required, therefore, he asked the forest department and administration to do away with certain formalities before the Board takes up the agenda. The Board also agreed to remind through letter to the concerned department to come and identify land for setting up Fire Station.

The Board also approved to set up CDPO Office in Pughoboto in the next financial year. It also agreed to submit a letter to the concerned department for posting of SDEO Pughoboto immediately.

DC MON HOLDS MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTIES

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mon Thavaseelan K, IAS held a meeting with all the Political Parties of Mon District on 13th August 2019 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon.

During the meeting, DC stated that Electors Verification Programme (EVP) is a campaign mode programme in which the citizens are encouraged

to come forward and authenticate existing elector's details along with their family members.

The DC explained in detail the various method of verifications and facilitation centres such as National Voters Service Portal (NVSP); Voters Helpline Mobile App; 1950 Call Centre (for Senior Citizens and PwDs) which has been set up in Election Branch, DC Office and through Booth Level Officer (BLO). He mentioned that it will be available in all Assistant Election Registration Officer Offices in all the nine constituencies and also in Common Service Centres.

The DC mentioned that the citizens can verify their electoral details through NVPS Portal, 'Voter Helpline' Mobile app or submitting a hard copy of filled up forms through BLOs to EROs by giving supporting document of one of the following - Indian Passport, Driving License, Aadhaar, Ration card and any other documents as approved by the Election Commission. Further, he requested all the political parties to appoint the Booth Level Assistant (BLA) in all the polling stations under Mon district and submit it.

TUENSANG LADP 2019-20 APPROVED

Tuensang held a meeting on 14th of August 2019 at D C's Conference Hall Tuensang. Toshi Wungtung, Chairman DPDB and Advisor for IPR, Village Guards and SCERT chaired the meeting.

After thorough discussion, the LADP 2019-20 for Tuensang district was approved as per constituency wise. Wungtung deliberated on the guidelines of the LADP and mentioned the enhancement of the amount by Rs. 50 Lakh per assembly constituency as approved by the Cabinet and State Planning Board under iconic project.

It was also deliberated that all the Tribal Hohos will be allowed to nominate one member each to represent the DPDB and only the nominee will be allowed to attend the meeting.

The members also discussed on the construction of helipad at Shamator and the concerned department a

Iso commented on the guidelines as per the Department and was approved to be forwarded to the government. Creation of NST Office, Assistant Station Superintendent at Shamator was also discussed and approved to be forwarded to the government for further procedures.

The following agenda - Construction of Drainage; Culvert from Fishery to Station School Bazaar (C) Sector Tuensang; Repairing/renovation of GPS A Government Primary School Shiponger village; Repairing /renovation of GPS A & C Primary School Kuthur village and Upgradation of Government Primary School A Shiponger village to Middle School were forwarded to the departments concerned for the technical clearance before the approval.

The Board also discussed on the penetration of Yuva Drug (madness drugs) to the district as published recently in the local dailies, and resolved to constitute an action oriented body to assist and aid the Police Department.

MON DPDB MEETING

Mon District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of August was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman, DPDB Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 16th August 2019 at Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Mon.

During the meeting, SDO (C) Angjanyan, Yanithung N Ngullie presented on Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) scheme and stated that SAGY is a rural development programme broadly focusing upon the development in the villages which includes social development, cultural development and spread motivation among the people on social mobilization of the village community. With special emphasis on Angphang Model Village, he said that the development of model villages is through the implementation of existing schemes and certain new initiation to be designed for the local context. He also explained on funding and monitoring of SAGY.

District Horticulture Officer, Mon, Eyongol and Horticulture Inspector, Shikmeth Konyak presented on the departmental activities under DHO, Mon, and deliberated in detail on the activities of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVK).

Distribution of Seed Money to SHGs in Kiphire

At DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 17th August 2019. Altogether five SHGs namely Nuture Self Help Group, Kishhekiphe group, Trocheh Milong Group, Santsah Weaving Group and Limreih Self Help Group received the seed money from National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), initiated by Resource Organisation, Greenland Society, Kiphire.

ADC Kiphire, Reny Wilfred encouraged all the beneficiaries to utilise their money properly for the society as well as to benefit in the days to come. He also thanked the organisation for initiating such programmes and urged them to work with enthusiasm for the betterment of the society and also for Kiphire district.

Officials from Ministry of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan visits Longleng

Officials from Ministry of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan visited Longleng on 19th August, 2019 along with the District Administration. They visited RKUY fishery ponds, community water reservoirs and KUK water conservation dam at Yachem, Sanglu, Yaongyimsen, Chingtok and Orongkong.

On 20th August 2019, under Shakshi block, official from Jal Shakti Abhiyaan visited Pongo village. The purpose of visit was to make clean drinking water available to the populace round the year, drinking water availability, geo-tagging the water bodies and water sources identification. They also visited private fisheries and community water reservoirs.

WOKHA DPDB TO ADOPT FOUR VILLAGES

District Planning and Development Board, Wokha unanimously decided to adopt four villages, one from each Assembly Constituency under Wokha district for a period of two years. Apprising the board members about the village adoption policy, Chairman DPDB, Wokha and Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan said the adoption process will be for a specific period and will be carried out on a mission mode to address the problems and issues faced by the villagers. After the completion of the specified period, remaining villages will be adopted in a phased manner.

In this regard, a committee was constituted headed by ADC (HQ) and the following departments namely DWO (Welfare), DFO (Forest), DHO (Horticulture), DRDA, Land Resources, R&B, DEO (Education, Water Resources, CMO, CVO) and DAO (Agri) were selected as members.

The Board also approved in principle LADP 2019-20 schemes. Registration of Hope Spring Society was also approved and opening of weekly bazaar by Renchen Welfare Society, Wokha was also discussed. On the agenda of strengthening and for the new construction of Doyang bridge towards Wokha-

Merapani road, the board decided that as the road was officially handed over by the State Government to the National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) on 13th July 2017, the board urged the NHIDCL to take up the case on priority basis and to expedite the work at the earliest since the said road is the economic lifeline of Wokha and its neighboring district.

Department of Sericulture, Industries & Commerce and IFAD Funded/Focus Project presented their departmental programmes, policies and activities.

To motivate various government establishments and its employees to bring positive changes and to encourage the employees to work with enthusiasm, the board decided to inspect selected establishments and offices after every DPDB meeting. For this, Mhathung Yanthan accompanied by Heads of Offices in the district visited District Hospital, GHSS and District Library and interacted with the Head of the Department and faculty members. The Chairman also handed over water dispenser along with two jars of water in order to discourage the use of one time use plastic bottles.

NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN DISTRIBUTED AT ART CENTRE, TUENSANG

Distribution of nutritional requirements for children was carried out following the appraisal of DC Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS with regard to nutritional requirements for HIV+ children under Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART). During his recent visit to Tuensang district, Minister for Higher and Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along handed over a sum of Rs. 70,000 /- to the Tuensang District Administration to provide for the nutritional requirements of 74 HIV+ children under ART in the District Hospital Tuensang (DHT).

The said nutritional components were procured and distributed at ART Centre in DHT on 24th August 2019 in the presence of Tuensang District

Administration, DEF (Police), MS DHT, MO ART and President CKS.

Speaking on the occasion, Counsellor, ART Centre in DHT, Imjonglepa expressed gratitude to the District Administration led by the DC Tuensang and SDPO, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS for taking keen interest in the plight of the 74 HIV+ children under ART and making immediate arrangement to provide for their nutritional requirement.

SDPO, DEF Tuensang, Dr. Pritpal Kaur IPS, EAC (P) Tuensang, N. Orenthung Kikon, President CKS, Nunganglemba Chang and MO ART Centre Tuensang, Dr. Toshi also spoke on the occasion.

SCIENCE SEMINAR HELD IN KIPHIRE

A Science Seminar on the topic “Periodic table of chemical elements: Impact on human welfare” was held at EBRC Hall, Kiphire on 23rd August 2019, organised by District Education Office (DEO) Kiphire.

EAC Kiphire, Khriethozo said that the topic of the seminar is one of the most important tools in the history of chemistry and also it has impacted greatly on human welfare in various ways. He challenged all the students to take Kiphire being selected as the Aspirational District as a blessing and appealed to all the students to focus more on education and progress. He lauded the students, especially students from Sitimi Government High School Kiphire for participating in the seminar. He requested all the teachers to work with dignity in shaping and moulding the career of the students by providing good education to them.



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Altogether 12 Students participated in the Science Seminar. First position was bagged by Kohli. L. Sangtam from Saramati High School, second position by Manish from Trinity High School, while third position was bagged by Yuziba from Good Shepherd High School, Kiphire.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON PM-KMY AT KOHIMA

A one day sensitization programme on Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) for officers from district and sub-division was held on 26th August 2019 at Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima. The programme was chaired by C Peter Yanthan, Additional Director-I who also delivered the welcome address.

Addressing the officers, N Hushili Sema, IAS, Principal Secretary & APC asked the officers to disseminate their technical knowledge to the farmers. She also asked the DAOs and SDAOs to make an assessment of crop performance and anticipated production especially for paddy as many districts have received scanty rainfall. Director of Agriculture, M Ben Yanthan also addressed the officers giving a

brief note on PM-KMY and asked the officers to be prompt in discharging their assigned duties.

Powerpoint presentation on the newly launched PM-KMY scheme was delivered by L Hangsing, Joint Director of Agriculture. He said that PM-KMY is a security scheme as farmers pension. A farmer under this scheme will get Rs. 3000 per month after attaining the vesting date i.e. 60 years of age. The farmer has to voluntarily contribute certain amount starting from Rs. 55 to Rs. 200 according to their age on the date of registration. He also mentioned that the farmers may contact concerned DAOs/SDAOs for details. It was also informed that small and marginal farmers of 18-40 years group were eligible for registration in the scheme.

ATMA Longleng Block Organizes Demonstration Programme

ATMA Longleng Block organized a demonstration programme on packaging practices of winter vegetables viz. Broccoli and Cabbage at Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA) Mission Compound Longleng on 27th August 2019. The participants were all church members and the programme was mainly initiated to encourage the community to be self sustainable and partake in holistic development of the village.

The resource person was Bandang Kumzuk, ATMA Longleng Block who demonstrated on raising nursery for healthier plant growth, care and stressed on the importance of use of bio fertilizers and bio enriched organic manure and vermicompost as an alternative to use of chemical. He said that four to five leaves stages for transplanting was ideal and focused on maintaining proper spacing while transplanting in the main field.



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Medziphema Sub-Division Co-Ordination Meeting

Medziphema Sub-division Co-ordination meeting was held with DC Dimapur, Kevin Zehol at ADC's Office Medziphema on 27th August 2019, with ADC Medziphema Thsuisie Phoji chairing the meeting.

The DC requested all the officers to take the role in delivering duty sincerely, making use of the opportunities of being posted in main town. He

also appealed to all the officers to extend and play pro-active role, giving importance to the upcoming economic census, which will be the official figure. He further urged the officers to freely co-operate with one another as a team, discuss and solve issues concerning the department as well as Medziphema Sub-division.

DC TUENSANG AND HIS TEAM VISITS BETHEL CHILDREN HOME AT TUENSANG TOWN

Tuensang District Administration led by the DC, Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS visited Bethel Children Home Tuensang on 27th August 2019.

The DC was accompanied by EAC HQ, Tshelhi-u, EAC (P), N. Orenthung Kikon and Ruokuosetuo Tetso. During the interaction with the children, the DC



Tuensang District Administration led by DC, Tuensang, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS visited Bethel Children Home, Tuensang on 27th August 2019.

encouraged the children to be enthusiastic in their studies and to be passionate in all their endeavors.

The Children's Home presently accommodates 15 orphan girls from various parts of the district. The

DC also handed over a sum of Rs. 20,000 donated to the children by Minister for Higher and Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along during his recent visit to Tuensang town.

KOHIMA DISTRICT TASK FORCE ON RESTRICTING PLASTIC GEAR UP FOR THE MOVEMENT

The District Task Force on Restricting Use of Plastics held its committee meeting on 28th August 2019 at Deputy Commissioner Office's Chamber on 28th August 2019.

The meeting was held to work out the strategy and action plan for the implementation of the Government's directive on banning of plastic w.e.f. 1st October 2019 within the district and the State as a whole.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DTF, Gregory Thejawelie briefing the members reiterated on the Government's directive and guidelines on banning of Plastic and impressed upon the members on how best the district can implement the movement successfully. He said that this movement is not only

in Nagaland but all over India and Kohima being the image of the State, the target is to implement the movement successfully in the district, which requires a joint efforts of all the stakeholders. He therefore said that the committee besides the District Administration and Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) has roped in the Kohima Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Angami Mechü Krotho (AMK), Angami Youth Organisation (AYO) and Kohima Village Youth Organisation (KVOY) in order to work effectively and to strictly enforce the movement within the district. In this regard, he also requested his administrative officers to constitute a committee in their respective sub-divisional level to address the issue.

FAMILIARIZATION EXERCISE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AT LONGLENG

12th Battalion NDRF Daimukh, (Arunachal Pradesh) in collaboration with Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Longleng conducted three days familiarization Exercise on Disaster Management on 26th to 28th August 2019.

During the day long programme, the team of 20 NDRF personnel led by Inspector Sourah Singh and Sub-Inspector (GD), Sushil Kumar briefly demonstrated on basic steps and techniques of rescue during disaster and also highlighted the safety rules.

Apart from demonstration on Disaster Management, the NDRF team explained to the

people about disaster preparedness and safety tips to reduce the extent of disaster. The team also gave live demonstration of rescue operation in various techniques, like first aid to injured, fire, earthquake and other natural calamities. Besides students and public, the programme was also attended by officials of the District Administration, NGOs, PPC, PSC, Phomla Hoichem, Chamber of Commerce, Ward Presidents, LTSU, DEF Police, 12th IR Chingdok, 2nd NAP Longleng, VGs and officials. The Disaster Management Department Familiarization programme was conducted earlier at Public Local Ground, Yingli College and SP Office in Longleng District Headquarter.



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KOHIMA DPDB MEETING

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of August was held on 29th August 2019 at DPDB Conference Hall.

The meeting began with presentations from the six societies highlighting their concepts and objectives, seeking registration under the Government

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Niekeisalie Nicky Kire and Members at the monthly DPDB meeting at Kohima on 29th August 2019.



of Nagaland. After a thorough examination of the six societies, the board decided to forward them to the government for further analysis and action. As discussed in the previous meeting, the board also appointed a committee to review the feasibility of establishment of Koinonia Baptist School at Kezieke Kohima with ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa as the convener and member representatives from the Traffic Police Kohima, the Police Department and the Department of School Education.

The Board further discussed the issue regarding the upgradation and recognition of Chiephobozou Local Body to that of an Urban Station. The Board also reviewed the application for Grant-in-Aid in respect to

Christian School, Tseminyu Old Town but decided to defer it to the next meeting as no representative from the concerned department was present.

DC Kohima and vice chairman DPDB Gregory Thejawelie Sote highlighted in short the various schemes, projects and financial assistance to be taken up in the seven assembly constituencies under Kohima District under LADP 2019-2020, which the members of the Board approved unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a short discussion on the proposed visit of members to different districts to co-ordinate and learn more on the Village Adoption Committee (VAC) projects across Nagaland.

BLOCK LAUNCHING PROGRAMME HELD AT PFUTSERO

The NRLM organized a joint launching programme for Chetheba, Kikruma and Chizami BMMV Phek District on 29th August 2019 at Multipurpose Indoor Stadium Pfutsero. Minister for Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu graced the launching programme in the

presence of state and district level officials from RD Department, village leaders and women leaders from various parts of Phek district.

A short speech was presented by Vekhrolo Koza, BDO Pfutsero.

ANAEMIA AWARENESS SEMINAR-CUM- DETECTION CAMP FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

An Anaemia Awareness Seminar for adolescent girls was held at the Town Hall, Medziphema Town on 29th August 2019 under the Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan with Dr. Michelle MO, PHC Molvom as the resource person. Around 150 girl students from different schools under Medizphema Sub-Division attended the programme.

The resource person spoke on various issues an adolescent girl faces in her life and various types of anaemia an adolescent girl can suffer from and the ways to prevent it. After the seminar, Anaemia Detection Camp was held for the participants with assistance from the medical doctors and staff of CHC Medziphema. Out of the 150 girl students, 27 girls were found to be anaemic. Adequate treatment and

medicines were given to the anaemic students.

On 30th August 2019, the Department of Social Welfare, Dimapur District in convergence with School Education and Health & Family Welfare also conducted Anaemia Screening Camp with the theme 'Prevention of anaemia in adolescent girls and women in reproductive age group' at Urban Primary Health Center, Burma Camp, Dimapur. About 70 girl students and 4 teachers from GHS Burma Camp participated and underwent the screening tests. Lactating and pregnant women also attended the camp. About 20 students were found to be moderately anaemic after the test and free Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablets were distributed to those who attended the camp.

TRAINING ON MAKING ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS AT PUGHOBOTO

In line with the State Government's notification on complete ban on single use plastic, training on making paper bags and other eco-friendly products was conducted in Pughoboto by the District Administration and Rural Natural Connect Lazami on 29th August 2019.

Speaking in the programme, SDO Civil Pughoboto, Tiayanger Jamir informed the NGOs, especially SHGs and youths that this noble activity can be part of their income generating source. He

also urged them to make the government's initiative a priority and that they should be able to supply the demands of the shops and the business community in Pughoboto.

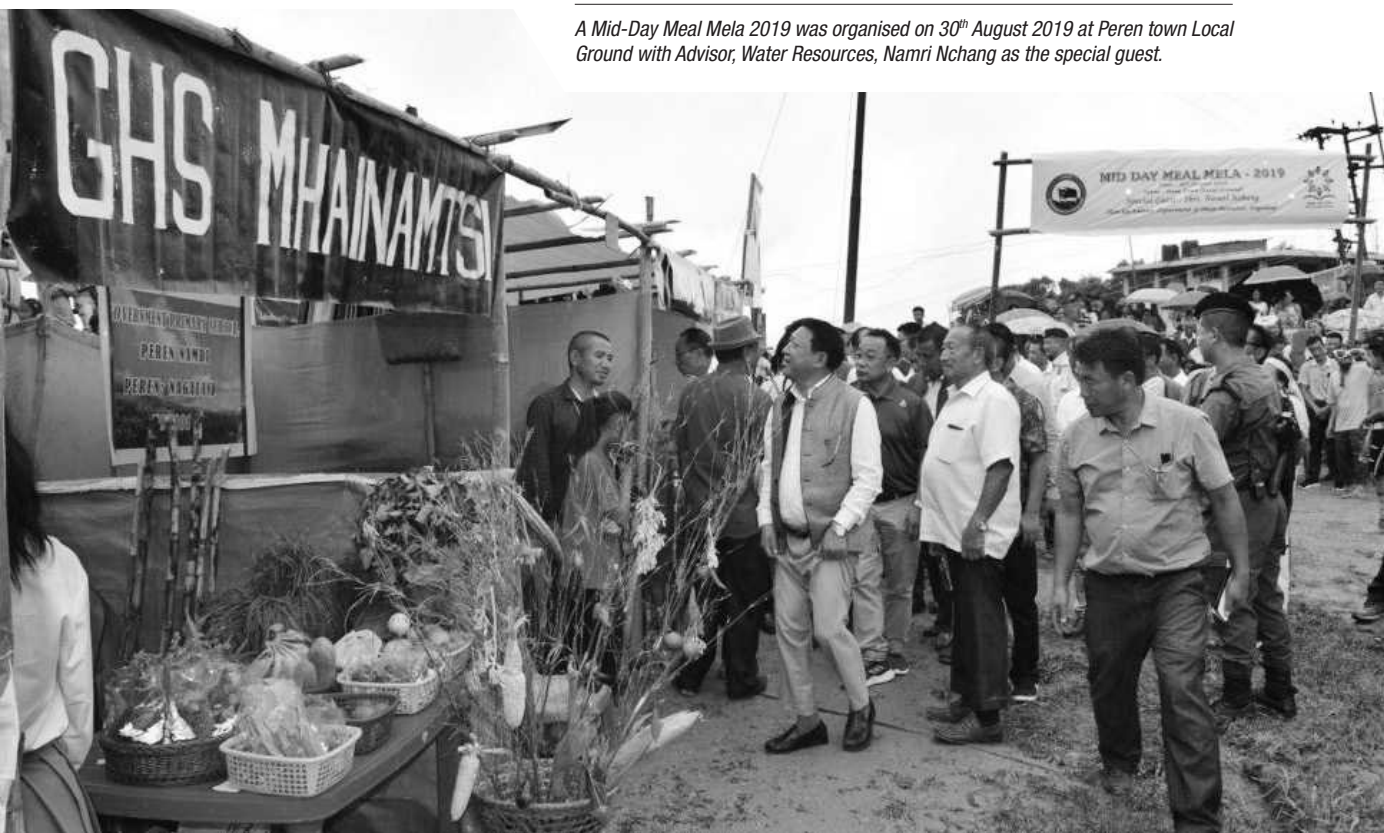
Botoshe, the trainer from Rural Natural Connect highlighted the ill effects of plastics and spoke on the importance of reduce, reuse and recycle of plastics. He demonstrated hands-on exercise in the making of paper bags. Altogether 13 SHGs, Pughoboto Church youths attended the training.

MID DAY MEAL MELA-2019 HELD IN PEREN TOWN

A mid day meal Mela 2019 was organised on 30th August 2019 at Peren Town Local Ground. The programme was initiated by MDM Project, Directorate of School Education with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang gracing the occasion as the special guest.

Namri Nchang acknowledged the Department of School Education for organizing this mega event at Peren town, this event being the first of its kind in the State. He mentioned some of the main objectives of kitchen garden which includes helping in addressing malnutrition and micro nutrient deficiencies such

A Mid-Day Meal Mela 2019 was organised on 30th August 2019 at Peren town Local Ground with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the special guest.



as consumption of freshly grown vegetables, to give children first-hand experience with nature and gardening, to enhance the knowledge of children regarding nutritional aspect of vegetables and harmful effects of junk foods.

Namri Nchang also stated that Mid Day Meal Scheme is a school meal programme of Government of India, designed to provide better nutritional standing of school age children nationwide. The programme supplies free lunches on working days for children in primary and upper primary classes in government

institutions. The main objective of the scheme is to help improve the effectiveness of primary education by improving the nutritional status of primary school education.

Short speeches were also delivered by Principal Secretary, School Education and NCERT, Menukhol John. Other highlights of the day included special number by the students of GHSS Jalukie Town, Government College, Peren, cultural dance and opening of MDM Mela-Cum-Exhibition of School Kitchen Garden Products.

POSHAN MELA LAUNCHED AT TSEMINYU

Prime Minister's overarching scheme for holistic nourishment, Poshan Abhiyaan was inaugurated and declared Poshan Mela Open by Nokchasashi Kichu ADC, Tseminyu as guest of honour, organised by the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with line Departments at Tseminyu Town Hall on 30th August 2019. Anganwadi workers, Self Help Groups with their local produces for vegetable mela participated in the day long programme.

On the occasion, ADC Nokchasashi expressed his appreciation towards cash crop farmers, especially

vegetables and fruits producers and also encouraged them to continue their farming in extensive manner. He also visited the organic vegetable mela put up by various SHGs at Town Hall.

CDPO Kohima (Tribal), James Ezung delivered speech on Poshan Abhiyaan-IEC & Advocacy, and spoke about complementary feeding to be maintained accordingly. He asked the participants to understand the manner of proper nutrition to build up the health of children.



GA REST HOUSE INAUGURATED AT CHANGTONGYA TOWN

Inaugural programme of GA Rest House at Changtongya town and Multipurpose Hall, funded under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during 2018-19 at Yaongyimsen village was held on 1st August 2019, which was inaugurated by Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development

& Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba.

Unveiling the plaque of the GA Rest House, the Advisor stated that the purpose of the rest house is to provide shelter to the guests and appealed to the concerned department to make the best use of it, to maintain it so as to benefit all.



Advisor, I&C, L and E, SD&E, Imnatiba inaugurating the GA Rest House at Changtongya town under Mokokchung district on 1st August 2019.

RELOCATED JALUKIE POLICE STATION BUILDING INAUGURATED

Inaugural programme of the re-location of Jalukie Women Police Station building was held on 5th August 2019 at Jalukie Police Station. The programme was organized by DEF Peren and was attended by Director General of Police, Nagaland, SP Peren, other dignitaries and public leaders.

DGP, T. John Longkumer, IPS who inaugurated the women police station building acknowledged the community for their co-operation and their constant support in maintaining law and order. He stated that Jalukie is a wonderful town which has got a lot of potential and development is taking place at a fast rate. He asserted that the main focus of the Police

Force is community policing in order to provide safety and security to not only the residents of Jalukie town but also to its adjoining villages.

T. Longkumer also stated that development will not happen without security and therefore said that development and security should go hand in hand. In addition, he mentioned that women police force would also be given financial help in the best possible way and encouraged them to provide healing touch to all the needy ones. Furthermore, he encouraged the women youths to be a part of this Special Task Force (STF) whose main motive is to specialize what is happening within the locality and also made an

announcement that 33% reservation seats has also been reserved for Women Police Force in Nagaland and also challenged the energetic women youths to come forward to expose their mental ability

and physical fitness and also gave an assurance that transparency would be maintained during the recruitment.



DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS and officials at the inaugural programme of the relocated Jalukie Police Station building on 5th August 2019.

COLLECTION CENTER BUILDING INAUGURATED AT OLD PANGSHA VILLAGE

Collection Center building was inaugurated at Pangsha Old village under Noklak by C. Phuniang, SDO Civil Noklak on 6th August 2019. The center was constructed under NERLP for collection of horti and agri products of the area with the objective to provide profitable market to the farmers.

Speaking at the programme, Phuniang encouraged the gathering to make the fullest use of the center for the right purpose. He thanked the NERLP for bringing such noble initiative in the area. Assam Rifles, village leaders, church leaders and SHGs attended the programme.

DEPUTY CM INAUGURATES NAGALAND POLICE CCPWC LAB-CUM-TRAINING CENTER

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton inaugurated the Nagaland Police Cyber Crime Prevention Against Women and Children (CCPWC) Lab-cum-Training Center on 15th August 2019 at PTS, Police Complex,

Chumukedima, Nagaland.

In his address, Patton said that with the inauguration of CCPWC, Nagaland Police has added another feather in its cap in the field of scientific

aid to investigation. Stating women and children as the most vulnerable sections of the society, Patton mentioned that technology is being misused by criminals and that cyber crimes has emerged as a major challenge for the law enforcement agencies. With the inauguration of CCPWC, Patton was optimistic that police officials will be trained to assist the victims of cyber crimes. On the occasion, Patton categorically expressed serious concern over the alleged land encroachment that is taking place in the Police Training Center Chumukedima and cautioned that serious action would be initiated against the defaulters. Land encroachment will not be tolerated

at all he said and asked the officer in charge to submit the original documents and mapping of the acquired land

Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol, ADGP (L&O) Renchamo P. Kikon, IGP (CID) Zekotso Mero, Principal, PTS Rothiho Tetseo, DIG (Trg & Bdr) Aotemsu and others.

Earlier, the dedication prayer was invoked by Pastor, Police Baptist Church Chumukedima, Manen, and demonstration of CCPWC Lab facilities was done by DySP Cyber Forensic Lab, Ninoto I. Zhimomi.

INAUGURATION OF CUTTING AND TAILORING UNIT FOR SPECIAL WOMEN HELD IN KIPHIRE

Cutting and tailoring unit for special women was held at Government Higher Secondary School Kiphire on 19th August 2019 with the theme 'To empower our special women.' The programme was initiated by District Administration Kiphire and Mahila Shakti Kendra.

The main objective of this inauguration is to provide training to underprivileged young girls and women and the duration of the course will be of 3-6 months.

President AST Kiphire, S. Likhumla Sangtam requested the district administration to provide the

training facilities to skill the special womenfolk and to monitor and assist the training from time to time so that it will be fruitful for the trainees.

ADC Kiphire, Reny Wilfred mentioned that almost 40 women will get training in 6 months and appealed to the trainers to work hard with sincerity and enthusiasm so that they can even export their products to other districts. to change their life because it is making them sustainable.

Simultaneously, the same launching programme was also held in Pungro and Seyochung-Sitimi Sub-Division.



ADC, Pungro and officials along with the special women trainees at the inauguration programme of Cutting and Tailoring Unit at Pungro under Kiphire district on 19th August 2019.

KHEHOVI INAUGURATES STATE INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND CATERING TECHNOLOGY, DIMAPUR

The State Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Dimapur was inaugurated on the 30th August 2019 with Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yephthomi as special guest who unveiled the inaugural plaque.

Addressing the gathering attended by government officials, public leaders, area councils, the Advisor said he is positive that through the Institute, tourism and hospitality industry in Nagaland would further grow and that it is a grand prospect to establish a self-sufficient economy for the people of the state. He said that the goal is to make a strategic endearment and to produce employment and more job opportunities for the state.

Commissioner & Secretary, Tourism, T. Mhabemo Yanthan stated that Nagas having huge resources of local exotic cuisines coming from more than 16 different tribal communities, is one of the extraordinary traditions in the culinary sector which can be exported to the outside world. The organic food and vegetables which are largely found here will be an added advantage, he said, as food with right nutrients is what the world is looking forward to.

Yanthan further said that innovation and application of the right frame of mind will upscale our position in this fearlessly competitive professional sector.

Regional Director (NE) India Tourism Guwahati, S.S. Devbarman in his address said that Hotel Management being a technical institution has an important role of developing tourism in the region and the coming up of the Institute will boost job opportunity and employment generation. He on behalf of the Ministry assured all assistance and cooperation.

Executive Engineer, Tourism, Er. Thungdemo Patton in his Technical Report mentioned that the Ministry of Tourism funded Rs.1269 lakh for the main building, quarters, hostels and after that, the NEC supported in two phases for approach road, security fencing, filling etc. in the first phase, and the subsequent year for the construction of second floor which was needed as the project was upgraded as hotel management and catering.

Director, Tourism, Akhale Vizol delivered the vote of thanks while the dedicatory prayer was offered by Easter H. Shohe, Pastor, SBC, Purana Bazaar.



Chief Minister and the Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio speaking during the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 8th August 2019.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the new office building of the Inspector General of Police (Intelligence) at PHQ Complex, Kohima on 15th August 2019.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day celebrations at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2019.



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