



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home, Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton, Minister for Planning & Coordination, Neiba Kronu, Advisors and other dignitaries during the release of the Nagaland Secretariat Service Association Golden Jubilee Souvenir at Secretariat Park, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.





Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio taking the salute on the occasion of the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.



ADG, S. R. Saravanan, IPS speaking on the occasion of the 58<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of the Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force at its Headquarters in Kohima on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



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## OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON GURUSHALA TEACHER TRAINING

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that the 'Pratham Education Foundation' has been implementing a free of cost online teacher training and professional development initiative 'Gurushala' funded by Vodafone Foundation and Indus Towers Ltd. The initiative aims to build capacity and skills of school teachers to effectively use digital technology so as to positively impact the learning levels of students.

For this purpose, the 'Gurushala' team organizes regular online trainings, workshops, subject expert sessions and competitions based on the needs and requirements of states and teachers. Further, they will be preparing a pre-training communication plan with teachers that can align with their immediate requirements on the basis of information provided during the registration process.

Therefore, teachers serving in all Government Schools throughout the State have been directed to get themselves registered at the 'Gurushala Teacher Training' link provided at the Teachers' App or at DoSE Online Education Services Portal (<https://dosenl.in>). Heads of Institutions of all Government Schools are directed to ensure that a minimum of 75 % of teachers serving in their schools register for the programme without fail.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INFORMS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

In order to facilitate admissions of children of Immigrant (in-migrant) and Emigrant (out-migrant) Labourers, the Department of School Education is preparing a data base of Immigrant/ Emigrant Labourers in regard to the State of Nagaland. Therefore, all concerned are hereby requested to register details of such labourers in any of the nearby Government Schools (GPS/GMS/GHS/GHSS) during the period from 4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

Further, all government schools in the State have been directed to give admission to any child who has recently returned back to Nagaland without asking for any other documents except, some identity proof. Information provided by the child's parents will be assumed to be correct and taken as such for giving admission to the child in the relevant class in his/her neighbourhood government school.

Public leaders, NGOs and well-wishers are requested to advise all Immigrant/ Emigrant Labourers of their localities to get them registered at nearby government schools and assist the department in ensuring that all eligible children continue studies without any hindrance.

### NBSE INFORMS ALL HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed that the following has been notified to all Heads of Registered Institutions under NBSE for information and compliance:

1. Schools should have a plan to keep on tracking the learning outcome of their students and prepare them for the Board Examinations of Class X, XII and Promotion Examination of Class XI.
2. Teachers should make all possible efforts to identify the students' progress, deficit area of learning and provide/assist guidance and support.
3. The Model Test shall be conducted through online/offline mode. Schools having online facilities are

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encouraged to conduct the Model Test online.

4. Model Test/Online Test shall be conducted for the students of Classes X, XI and XII from December 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by the registered institutions.
5. Questions/test items for Model Test should be set for the total full marks as prescribed in the reduced syllabi in all the subjects.
6. All the activities carried out for Model Test, Preparatory Test and assessment must be recorded subject-wise by the concerned teacher.
7. The Model Test/Preparatory assignments should be conducted within the reduced syllabus. Besides the reduced syllabus, students can also be encouraged to have intensive study of the prescribed course for their career progression.
8. Schools shall plan to conduct the Model Test in batches/parts in the form of giving assignments/questions in batches/parts through online or offline mode. Questions that can be answered by the students without taking much time such as MCQs or short answer questions should be used in the Model Test. Similarly, different forms of questions prepared as per the design of the question paper issued by the Board can be considered for the Model Test.
9. The Board has come out with the blueprint of the question papers for each subject for the 2021 Board Examinations of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) and Class XI Promotion. The blueprint of the question papers shall be made available in the Board's website - [www.nbsenagaland.com](http://www.nbsenagaland.com). The Heads of Institutions must inform the subject teachers to go through the blueprint of different subjects and prepare the questions to assess/evaluate the students. It is to be noted that the question papers of HSLC 2021, HSSLC 2021 and Class XI Promotion Examination 2021 will be based on the blueprint being made available.
10. Schools should ensure that teachers are acquainted with the given blueprint of their respective subject and the test items are prepared accordingly for the Model Test.
11. Schools must ensure that the teacher prepares the different forms of questions to be sent in batches/parts ahead of time, which are as per the design of the question paper.
12. Schools must inform their students to send their answers honestly, whether it be online or offline mode.
13. For schools not having connectivity, photocopy of the typed questions can be given to the students and the answers collected back at a specified time in batches. While carrying out the distribution and collection of hard copies of the Model Test, schools must take all generic preventive measures outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in the context of COVID-19 issued by the Government from time to time.
14. It is reminded once again that schools must assess and record the activities conducted under internal assessment areas as per the given guidelines for the different subjects, referring the reduced syllabi. (Refer letters on 'Reduced syllabi of Classes X, XI and XII for the academic session 2020, marks distribution, question paper design and internal assessment areas' dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020).
15. After the submission of answers by the students through online/offline mode, the answers must be checked by the subject teachers. The marks secured by the students in the Model Test should be entered in the given specified forms along with the internal marks, and emailed to the designated email IDs.

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- (a) Form: Progress Report of Class X Model Test  
Email: For Class X: nbseclass10@gmail.com
- (b) Form: Progress Report of Classes XI/XII Model Test  
Emails: For Class XI: nbseclass11@gmail.com  
For Class XII: nbseclass12@gmail.com
16. All schools are to conduct the Model Test and submit their results individually.
17. It should be noted that no fixed date routine for the Model Test will be given by the Board. The results of the Model Test along with the internal marks must be emailed to the Board from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
18. All Heads of Institutions are further requested to adopt the following remedial measures to track the learning outcome of the students.
  - (a) Students who could not do well in the tests/assessments should be identified and remedial teaching be given and followed by reassessment. Checking and reviewing the performance and growth of the students' learning is important for resolving the students' deficit areas.
  - (b) Teachers should focus and work on the grey areas where the students are facing learning difficulties.
  - (c) Parents must be updated on their ward's performance, attendance through online or offline mode.
  - (d) Activities which would help release the mental stress of the students in these trying times should also be taken up by the schools.

### H&FW DEPARTMENT INFORMS

In partial modification to Health & Family Welfare Department notification of even number dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020, the members of State Task Force as mentioned in the Table under Heading B (State Task Force) may be read as follows:

1. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	Chairperson
2. State Immunization Officer, Health & Family Welfare	Member Secretary
3. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare	Member
4. Mission Director, NHM	Member
5. State Programme Officer, AYUSH	Member
6. Director, Urban Development	Member
7. Director, Social Welfare	Member
8. Director, Rural Development	Member
9. Director, Information & Public Relations (IPR)	Member
10. Director, Women Resource Development	Member
11. General Secretary, NBCC	Member
12. Representative of international partner agencies (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, Red Cross Society, Rotary Club, Lions Club)	Member

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## NBSE NOTIFIES

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified the following for the information of all the candidates who have filled up the forms for the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examinations 2021, be it regular, repeaters and eligible Compartmental candidates:

1. At the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2021, the question papers will be set based on the reduced syllabus which was notified by the Board.
2. All candidates - regular, repeaters, compartmental will appear the examination using the same question paper prepared from the reduced syllabus (except the subjects mentioned in point No.5).
3. The reduced syllabus and the blueprint of the question papers are made available at the Board's website - [www.nbsenagaland.com](http://www.nbsenagaland.com)
4. All candidates are encouraged to visit the website to acquaint themselves with the reduced syllabus.
5. However, the question papers of Old Course Science (HSLC) and the Old Course of Business Studies, Accountancy and Entrepreneurship (HSSLC) will be based on the full syllabus. It will not be based on the reduced syllabus.

Further, it may be noted that the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2021 shall be conducted through written/offline mode.

## STATE GOVERNMENT BANS USE OF POSTERS IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING FUNCTIONS

The Urban Development Department, Nagaland in a notification dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 has informed that in pursuance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India order dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, using of flex banners/boards/posters by departments/institutions/government agencies in government offices during functions/programmes, etc. has been totally banned with immediate effect.

Flex banners/boards/posters are made up of Poly-Vinyl-Chlorides (PVC), a plastic polymer which is a non-biodegradable material and if burned, releases harmful toxins and gets bio-accumulated in the food chain of ecosystem causing serious hazards to human health and environment.

The notification further stated that use of eco-friendly materials such as cloth banners, light weight textile fabrics, wrinkle resistant wrap knit, natural-fibre based sandwich boards, resin-infused papers, particle boards, etc. may be encouraged to combat plastic pollution in the State.

The Order informed all AHOs/HODs to disseminate this directive to all the District Offices/Institutions/Agencies as well for strict compliance.

## NATIONAL EXPERT GROUP ON VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FOR COVID-19 FORMED

With multiple vaccine candidates in various stages of development, Government of India has started preparations for introduction of COVID-19 vaccine and a National Expert Group on Vaccine

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Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been formed as the highest group that will guide the strategies for vaccine introduction. It is anticipated that the vaccine will be first prioritized for Health Care Workers (HCW) followed by other frontline workers and age groups. In order to establish a coordination mechanism at State and District level for administration of COVID-19 vaccine, the Government of Nagaland has constituted the following Committees:

### A. State Steering Committee:

1. Chief Secretary, Nagaland	Chairperson
2. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	Convener
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Tribal Affairs	Member
4. Director General of Police, Nagaland	Member
5. Principal Secretary, Urban Development	Member
6. Principal Secretary, Home Department	Member
7. Principal Secretary, Geology & Mining	Member
8. Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs	Member
9. Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare	Member
10. Commissioner & Secretary, Land Revenue	Member
11. Commissioner & Secretary, Education	Member
12. Commissioner & Secretary, Information & Public Relations	Member
13. Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Member
14. Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development	Member
15. Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development	Member
16. Secretary, Transport	Member
17. Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports	Member
18. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare	Member
19. Representative of NCC	Member
20. Representative of NYKS	Member
21. Representative of NSS	Member
22. Representative of Railways	Member
23. The IG, Assam Rifles (North) or his representative	Member
24. The GOC 3 Corps Rangapahar or his representative	Member
25. The Joint Director, IB Nagaland	Member
26. The DIG (Ops) CRPF, Lerie	Member
27. The Commandant, 173 Bn. BSF Chedema	Member
28. Representative of international partner agencies (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP Red Cross Society, Lions Club, Rotary Club)	Member

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The State Steering Committee shall meet at least once in a month. Additional meeting may be held if required.

Activities to be conducted:

1. Preparatory phase:
  - \* Ensure active engagement of other line departments for various activities related to COVID-19 vaccine introduction as and when the vaccine is made available.
  - \* Oversight on creation of database of HCWs on COVID-19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System (CVBMS) who will be prioritized for vaccination in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase.
  - \* Review of State's preparatory activities in terms of cold chain preparedness, operational planning, communication planning, strategies for anticipated State specific challenges in terms of geographical terrain, network connectivity, hard to reach areas, etc.
  - \* Mobilize human/other resources and coordinate planning and other activities with other departments. HR with expertise in medical/health may be utilized for vaccination while other HR may be used for operational support, IEC, resource mobilization, community mobilization, etc.
  - \* Financial planning for COVID-19 vaccine introduction amongst HCWs followed by other priority socio-demographic groups.
  - \* Explore utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for financing various activities related to COVID-19 vaccine introduction.
  - \* Devising plan for utilization of Common Service Centres and other public infrastructure as per need.
  - \* Review and ensure that regular meetings of State Task Force (STF) and District Task Force (DTF) are held.
2. Implementation phase (upon availability of vaccine):
  - \* Oversight on overall micro-planning and other operational aspects of COVID-19 vaccine introduction.
  - \* Ensure active involvement of all concerned department and stakeholders as per their pre-defined roles in the process of COVID-19 vaccine introduction.
  - \* Ensure early tracking of social media and other platforms for possible misinformation and rumours around COVID-19 vaccine that could impact the community acceptance for COVID-19 vaccine.
  - \* Devise innovative strategies for improving community engagement 'Jon Bhagidaari' for improved coverage of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - \* Regular review of coverage of COVID-19 vaccine and guidance to STF for corrective actions.
  - \* Institute reward/recognition mechanism for achievement of best performing district/block/urban ward, etc.

### B. State Task Force:

1. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	Chairperson
2. State Immunization Officer, Health & Family Welfare	Member Secretary
3. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare	Member
4. Mission Director, NHM	Member
5. State Programme Officer, AYUSH	Member
6. Principal Secretary, Urban Development	Member
7. Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development	Member
8. Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development	Member
9. General Secretary, NBCC	Member
10. Representative of international partner agencies (WHO, UNICEF/UNDP, Red Cross Society, Rotary Club, Lions Club)	Member

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The State Task Force shall meet at least once every fortnight. Additional meeting may be held as per need.

Activities to be conducted:

### 1. Preparatory phase:

- \* Regularly monitor the progress of database of beneficiaries on COVID-19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System (CVBMS).
- \* Provide guidance, including funding and operational guidelines, and fix timelines for districts to plan and implement COVID-19 vaccine introduction as and when vaccine is made available.
- \* Involve other relevant departments including ICDS, PRI and key immunization partners such as UN, UNICEF, WHO, Rotary International, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) lead partners and other organizations at State level, CSOs, including professional bodies such as IMA should also be involved.
- \* Review cold chain preparedness across the State for possible introduction of COVID-19 vaccine and guide strengthening measures for the same in view of increased cold chain space requirement.
- \* Identify vaccinators across government and private sectors so as to minimize disruption of routine immunization services while introducing COVID-19 vaccine.
- \* Planning and mapping of vaccination sessions where HCWs will be vaccinated during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.
- \* Mapping human resources across departments that could be deployed for vaccination sessions for verification of beneficiaries, crowd management and overall coordination at session site.
- \* Communicate with District Magistrates (DM) for conducting meetings of District Task Force.

### 2. Implementation phase (upon availability of vaccine):

- \* Track districts for adherence to timelines for overall implementation of COVID-19 vaccine introduction as per the guidelines approved by NEGVAC and communicated from national level.
- \* Deploy senior state-level health officials to each district identified for monitoring and ensuring accountability framework. They should visit these districts and oversee the activities for the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine, including participation in DTFI meetings and assessment of district preparedness.
- \* Develop a media plan to address rumour mongering as well as vaccine eagerness. Ensure adequate number of IEC materials (as per prototypes) are printed and disseminated to districts in time.
- \* Involve youth organizations like NCC/NYKS/NSS for social mobilization of identified group of beneficiaries to be prioritized from time to time. On similar lines, ensure involvement of self-help groups.
- \* Regular review with districts and urban local bodies to review and resolve issues related to micro-planning, vaccines and logistics, human resources availability, training, waste management, AEFI and IEC/BCC.
- \* Review and need based approval of additional fund requirement.

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### C. District Task Force:

1. Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
2. District Immunization Officer	Member Secretary
3. Chief Medical Officer	Member
4. District Women Resource Development Officer	Member
5. Administrator/CEO of KMC/DMC	Member
6. District Youth Resources & Sports Officer	Member
7. District Education Officer	Member
8. District Welfare Officer	Member
9. District Information & Public Relations Officer	Member
10. District Land Revenue Officer	Member
11. Assistant Labour Commissioner	Member
12. District Employment Officer	Member
13. Director, Geology & Mining	Member
14. Project Director, DRDA	Member
15 Representative of Tribal Hohos/religious leaders	Member
16. Representative of international partner agencies (WHO UNICEF, UNDP, Red Cross Society, Lions Club, Rotary Club)	Member

The State Task Force shall meet weekly.

Activities to be conducted:

1. Preparatory phase:
  - \* Monitor progress of database of beneficiaries on COVID-19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System (CVBMS).
  - \* Ensure training of all concerned HR on COVID-19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System (CVBMS).
  - \* Monitor progress on key activities such as micro-planning, communication planning, cold chain and vaccine logistics planning. Accountability to be fixed for each activity at all levels.
  - \* Planning and mapping of vaccination sessions where HCWs will be vaccinated during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.
  - \* Involve other relevant departments including ICDS/PRI and key immunization partners such as UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, Rotary International, RMNCH+A lead partners and other organizations at district levels, CSOs, including professional bodies such as IMA should be involved. Involve the local and religious leaders.
  - \* Identify vaccinators across government and private sectors so as to minimize disruption of routine immunization services while introducing COVID-19 vaccine.
  - \* Mapping human resources across departments that could be deployed for vaccination sessions for verification of beneficiaries, crowd management and overall coordination at session site.
2. Implementation phase (upon availability of vaccine):
  - \* Monitor the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine in the district for progress made and resolving bottle-necks.

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- \* Requisition of required human resource and infrastructure including vehicles if needed from other departments for implementation and monitoring.
- \* Ensure minimal disruption of other routine health services during rollout of COVID-19 vaccine.
- \* Ensure identification and accountability of senior officers in the blocks and the urban cities. They should visit these blocks and provide oversight to activities for rollout of COVID-19 vaccine, including participation in training, monitoring etc.
- \* Robust communication planning at all levels to address rumour mongering as well as vaccine eagerness. Ensure adequate number of printed IEC materials (as per prototypes) are printed and disseminated to blocks/planning units in time. Ensure that these materials are discussed and used in the sensitization workshops.
- \* Track blocks and urban areas for adherence to timelines for various activities required for introduction of COVID-19 vaccine.
- \* Ensure timely disbursal of funds at all levels.
- \* Share key qualitative and quantitative feedback at State level for review.

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### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MAJOR FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITIES IN GeM PORTAL

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The Finance Department has informed that the Ministry of Commerce, Government e-Marketplace has introduced new major features and functionalities in GeM portal. It also conveyed that existing services has been revamped creating new user friendly services which are live on the platform.

Therefore the Department has requested all government departments, PSUs, commercial organisations, start-ups, Self Help Groups, artisans and craftpersons to make use of the full potential of GeM.

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NAGALAND CELEBRATES 58<sup>th</sup> STATEHOOD DAY**KOHIMA:**

Nagaland celebrated the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. On the occasion, the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, extended his warmest greetings to the people of the State and called to remember with gratitude the leaders, who by their sacrifices, foresightedness and determination ensured the creation of Nagaland with a special constitutional provision as the 16<sup>th</sup> State of the Union of India.

Rio said that the State Government convened a consultative meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with all the representatives of all the Tribal Hohos, civil society organizations, political parties, ex-parliamentarians and various public leaders on the Naga Political Issue. A seven-point resolution was adopted unanimously and it acknowledged the sacrifices and contributions of the nationalist workers in the course of the Naga political journey and urged the Naga political groups to honour and respect the Covenant of Reconciliation and maintain the sanctity of non-violence in letter and spirit for a 'Shared Naga Future' as members of 'One Naga Family.'

On preparations for combating the pandemic, Rio said that the State Government took every possible step to further develop and improve our entire health infrastructure. He said that the State Government managed to go from a State with nil testing capacity to 2,600-3,000 testing capacity per day. The number of ventilators in the State has been increased from 14 to 145 and 110 departmental ambulances. There also has been an increase in the strength of the healthcare workers through recruitment of 109 medical doctors, 5 dental surgeons, 129 nurses, 6 research scientists, 6 laboratory technicians for BSL Laboratories, 10 OT technicians and 13 ECG technicians, and the appointment of 21 AYUSH doctors and 129 nurses is nearing completion. Further, a new Cath Lab has been installed in CIHSR, Dimapur and a new

medical college is also being established in Mon, he added.

Rio said that the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship initiated the introduction of Mobile Skill Morung, to ensure access to skill development for rural youth and women. It is a self-contained 'Training Workshop on Wheels' equipped with machineries and equipment that can travel with trainers across the State which was flagged off on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Nagaland Joblinks Portal has also been launched in which job seekers and employers can register themselves and job seekers can get connected with employers in private sector establishments. The Department has also rolled out the Multi-Skilled Handyman programme to ensure that every trainee is skilled in three or four job roles to earn their livelihood. This program was also launched on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.

Rio added that, 'LaunchPad' - a career guidance and skill development programme, an initiative of the Department of Youth Resources & Sports in partnership with YouthNet was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. It is an online training programme for 12<sup>th</sup> standard students of all government secondary school across Nagaland. The Task Force for Music and Arts (TaFMA) has started Music Incubation Programme, where young artists are being trained to fit into the ever growing music industry.

On Agriculture sector, Rio said that the Department has distributed selected kharif and rabi seeds on the basis of local needs well ahead of time to ensure that the farmers do not suffer due to COVID-19 restrictions. Also, the Department has initiated an action plan to take up the Naga model of Integrated Settled Farming on pilot basis during the current year. This model is being initiated to attain self-sufficiency and sustain the traditional system of jhum cultivation. To give a further boost to the economy and to create employment opportunities, special programmes under NEC funding are being





launched for agriculture and allied sectors. The Department of Horticulture has initiated two units of nurseries, one for orange in Kohima and another for kiwi and persimmon in Pfutsero. The recent observation made by the Union Agriculture Minister, that Nagaland should be made 'Kiwi State of India' is proof to the fact that the State has been recognised as a kiwi producing hub, he added.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Rio said that the Tourism Department has outlined several strategies for the revival of the tourism industry in Nagaland in a safe and sustainable manner thereby promoting it as a 'Safe Destination.' Furthermore, the Department with the Government of Nagaland is celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Annual Hornbill Festival 2020 completely in a virtual mode only, a first of its kind for the State.

Rio informed that the Department of School Education launched the innovative Online Digital Education in the State which has been working since May 2020 and it also has developed an Online Students Evaluation Portal which could be easily accessed through any Mobile/Laptop/PC and would work efficiently even with 2G internet connections. In order to ensure that the process of continuous learning is sustained in all government schools throughout the State, particularly in remote and rural areas, 'Continuous Learning & Monitoring Cell' has been constituted to monitor learning activities through the newly developed Online School Monitoring System. Further, in order to keep the teachers updated with the latest developments in the field of education and also to monitor the progress of their activities, the Department launched the Teacher's App in the month of September 2020, he added.

The CM said that the Higher Education sector received an impetus with the laying of the foundation stone of the Professional College of Music & Fine Arts at Tsiesema, Kohima district, the inauguration of the Science Laboratory building of Phek Government College and Science Stream building at Dimapur Government College. The academic session of the newly established Government Polytechnic Aboi, Mon, along with

Government Polytechnic Wokha and Peren are expected to start from 2021-2022 since creation of posts has been cleared by the Government.

Rio informed that the Public Works Department has successfully completed the improvement of Kohima and Dimapur city roads. Under MoRTH, DONER and NEC for various categories, 48 projects covering more than 597 kilometres of road are being taken up this financial year. Under PMGSY, work is ongoing on another 300 kilometres of road.

The PHED during the 100 days campaign launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, aiming to provide water supply to all the schools and Anganwadis, provided piped water supply to 380 schools and 110 Anganwadis. In MGNREGA, the approved target for the current financial year for the State is 200 lakh person days, out of which 135.38 lakh person days have been generated till date.

Rio informed that the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services has completed the construction of the Central Workshop at New Capital Complex, Kohima and the CAWD has completed the construction of residences of four Deputy Commissioners which will all be inaugurated shortly. Also, the Directorate of Home Guards, Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force has completed the construction of the 100 bedded trainees barracks multi-storeyed building at Central Training Institute, Toluvi, Dimapur. He added that the Municipal Affairs Department under KSCDL (Kohima Smart City Development Ltd), has resumed three uncompleted projects under the mission, namely 'Multi-level Vehicle Parking at Old Medical Directorate,' 'Multi-level Vehicle Parking at Old NST,' and the 'Capital Cultural Hall' above NSF Martyrs Park.

The CM conveyed special wishes to the people of Noklak district, the youngest district of the State, on the occasion of the Statehood day. He said that the State has been able to build good capabilities in every sector, and the unified response in combating COVID-19 is a testimony of it. He also said that there are many developmental areas and



sectors, where a lot remains to be done and needs persistent efforts to ensure that Nagaland is at par with the rest of the states in the country.

Nagaland on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, celebrated its 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima. The event began with the Review of Parade by Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio undertook the General Salute and delivered the Statehood Day speech. March past was performed by 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Battalion, DEF Kohima, STF, 15<sup>th</sup> NAP Mahila Battalion and PTS Brass Band. Parade Commander for the event was Deputy Commandant, 4<sup>th</sup> NAP, Watichujang Jamir, NPS and Second-in-Command was Assistant Commandant, 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Lucy Yhome, NPS.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Statehood Day was celebrated at Dimapur with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan taking the General Salute from three parade contingents at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The DC delivered the Statehood Day speech.

Parade contingents for the day included Commissionerate of Police, 15<sup>th</sup> IRB Mahila Battalion and 15<sup>th</sup> IRB Mahila Battalion Pipe Band and ABI, Commissionerate of Police, Dimapur, Neichuzo Rio was the Parade Commander.



*DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS delivering an address during the 58<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Statehood Day celebrated at Dimapur on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto district observed the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day at Local Ground, Zunheboto on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Deputy Commissioner, Peter Lichamo took the salute and read out the Statehood Day speech.



*DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo taking the salute on the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Zunheboto on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

#### **PHEK:**

Phek celebrated the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day 2020 at Phek town, Local Ground on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS as Special Guest delivered the Statehood Day speech.

After the function, the District Planning and Development Board meeting was also held where the DC called upon everyone to be attentive in their duties for smooth conducive atmosphere of the district in particular and the State as a whole.



*DC, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS delivering the speech during the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Phek on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**PEREN:**

Peren and Jalukie observed the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, New District Headquarter and ADC's Headquarter, Jalukie. General salute and unfurling of the national flag was carried out by DC, Peren who also read out the Statehood Day speech.

A special song was presented by Keyi Zeliang at District Headquarter and short speech was delivered by ADC, Dr. Tinojongshi at Jalukie. Declaration of the results of online quiz competition of district level was also held at Jalukie.



*DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier taking the salute during the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Peren on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**PFUTSERO:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration was observed at Pfutsero on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The programme was held at ADC's Office Compound, Pfutsero. ADC, Pfutsero, Phuleshe K Yephthomi took the salute and read out the Statehood Day speech. The celebration was held following the COVID-19 SOP protocols which was attended by department officials and public leaders.



*ADC, Pfutsero, Phuleshe K Yephthomi delivering the speech during the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Pfutsero on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**TSEMINYU:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day was observed at ADC's Office premises, Tseminyu with Tsutsowe Kupa, SDO (Civil), Tseminyu as Special Guest who read out the Statehood Day speech. The programme was chaired by Rosy Sangtam, EAC (Tsongi) under Tseminyu sub-division. All the Heads of Offices attended the programme.



*SDO (Civil), Tseminyu, Tsutsowe Kupa reading out the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day speech at Tseminyu on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**MEDZIPHEMA:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Statehood Day was celebrated at ADC's Office Complex, Medziphema sub-division, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 with ADC, Medziphema, Thsuvisie Phojo delivering the Statehood Day speech. The 11<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Battalion, Ruzaphema led by Parade Commander, Inspector, W. Tiatemjen Ao took part in the celebration. The celebration of the Statehood Day programme was attended by Heads of Offices.



*ADC, Medziphema, Thsuvisie Phojo delivering the speech during the 58<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Statehood Day celebrated at Medziphema sub-division on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**PUGHOBOTO:**

Pughoboto sub-division celebrated the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day at the ADC's Office compound on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The national flag was unfurled by SDO (C), Longasen Lotha who also took salute from the DEF Pughoboto. He also read out the Statehood Day speech. The programme was attended by the officials, DBs, GBs and others.



*SDO (C), Pughoboto, Longasen Lotha reading out the speech during 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebration at Pughoboto on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**TENING:**

Tening sub-division under Peren district observed the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day with the rest of the State on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at ADC's official residence, Tening.

Tumben P. Tsanglao, EAC, unfurled the national flag which was followed by reading of the Statehood Day speech. Government officials from different departments, GBs and public leaders attended the programme.



*EAC, Tening, Tumben P. Tsanglao delivering the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day speech at Tening on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**CHANGTONGYA:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day was celebrated at Changtongya Headquarter on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, at SDO (C) Office Complex with Moakumzuk Tzudir, SDO(C), Changtongya as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag, delivered the Statehood Day speech and took the salute from OC Police Station contingent, followed by the national anthem.



*SDO(C), Changtongya, Moakumzuk Tzudir delivering a speech during the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebrated at Changtongya Headquarter on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**MELURI:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day was observed at Local Ground, Meluri on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. ADC, Meluri, Temjen Chuba read out the Statehood Day message, which was attended by all government employees and Heads of Offices under Meluri sub-division.



*ADC, Meluri, Temjen Chuba reading out the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day speech at Meluri on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*



**BHANDARI:**

The 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day was celebrated at Bhandari sub-division on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at ADC's Office premises. Sulanthung, SDO(C) took salute from Nagaland Police (NP), Bhandari and delivered the Statehood Day speech.

The occasion was attended by Heads of Offices, Dobashis and government employees. Dr. Riku Khutso, EAC, Bhandari chaired the programme.



*SDO(C), Bhandari, Sulanthung reading out the speech during the 58<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebrated at Bhandari sub-division on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

**CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE APPEALS ENSF TO WITHDRAW AGITATION**

The Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted by the Cabinet to examine the demands and grievances of ENSF regarding the Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) held its first meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 under the chairmanship of Y. Patton, Deputy Chief Minister. The meeting was attended by all the members, Minister P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister Neiba Kronu, Advisor Toshi Wungtung, Chief Secretary and Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms

Department.

The Committee discussed and deliberated all the six charter of demands submitted by ENSF in respect of NSSB and decided that the Committee will expedite its report and submit its recommendations to the Cabinet latest by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The Committee has sincerely appealed to the ENSF to withdraw their agitation and allow the Government to decide the issues based on findings in the larger public interest.

**NATIONAL WEBINAR ON COVID-19 AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

National Webinar on COVID-19 and Climate Change: Challenges and Responses was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 by Nagaland State Climate Change Cell, NASTEC. NASTEC, an autonomous body of the Department of Science & Technology, conducted the webinar which comprised a panel of experts and resource persons, State Nodal Officer, IDSP, Climate Change & Human Health, Health & Family Welfare Department, Nagaland, Dr. Nyan Kikon, Senior Fellow Climate Change, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, Professor, T. Jayaraman and CCF & State Nodal Officer for Climate Change, Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Supongnukshi, IFS.

During the discussion, Dr. Nyan Kikon mentioned that the current pandemic crisis, like any other crisis, offers an opportunity for the people to regain a sense of shared humanity where

everyone realises that things that matters most to us, like health and safety of our loved ones and the extension of health and safety of our loved ones in the community will reflect how we can give back to the coming generations. He also said that the global pandemic illustrates how inequality is a major barrier in ensuring health and wellbeing of the people and how social and economic inequalities materialises in unequal access to healthcare system.

Professor, T. Jayaraman, from the perspectives of environmental/climate point of view stated that the COVID-19 is not essential to the wellbeing of humans, whereas in regard to Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, until there is an alternative, there is no way that the contemporary world can function. He also said that the COVID-19 is an intruder into the lives of human society which needs to be eradicated, but to completely eradicate

GHG emissions would be impossible.

Supongukshi stated that there has been a huge difference in the environment. Without the intervention of humans, nature has its own way to regenerate. However the improvement in the environment which resulted from COVID-19 response may be reversed by rapid expansion of polluting economic activities, unless there is a focus to promote environmental health, climate change will gradually increase and it will pose as a threat to everything and everyone.

In their concluding remarks, the resource persons mentioned that there is no evidence of a direct connection between climate change and transmission of COVID-19. However, climate change may indirectly affect the COVID-19 response as it undermines environmental determinants of health, and places additional stress on health systems. Strengthening health systems and greater protection of biodiversity and natural environment may help reducing the risks of future outbreaks of diseases.

### MK INNOVATIONS DONATES AUTOMATIC HAND SANITIZER TO NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI



*MK Innovations donated automatic hand sanitizer machine to the Deputy Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.*

The MK Innovations donated automatic hand sanitizer machine to the Deputy Resident Commissioner (DRC), Nagaland House, New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. MK Innovations was started by two young entrepreneurs in their twenties from Nagaland, namely Mhaleu Metha and Kesosilie Kennao, who during the recent lockdown, decided to venture into new fields as their earlier business in the hotel industry went for a toss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DRC, Kethosituo Sekhose stated that the youth of Nagaland are less than none in innovations and technology. The State's economy can change for the better if more youths can take the path of innovations while understanding market dynamics.

The MK Innovations expressed their gratitude to the Nagaland House for giving them business opportunity as one of their earliest customers way back in July 2020, when they initially started. The young entrepreneurs also expressed their gratitude to Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along for encouraging them with the Self Reliant Programme.

The MK Innovations is perhaps the only company to manufacture automated hand sanitizer in the whole of North-East and the only one in the country to even give a warranty of one year for their machines. MK Innovations has offered to replace all the earlier machines supplied to Nagaland House, New Delhi with their new and improved versions.

**REPORT ON INTER-STATE MOVEMENT OF STRANDED PERSONS RELEASED**

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS released the Report on the Inter-State Movement of Stranded Persons on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Abhijit Sinha congratulated the Working Group headed by Commissioner & Secretary Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Dinesh Kumar, IAS who was also the Chief Nodal Officer for Inter-State Movement of Stranded Persons, for successfully conducting the exercise assigned to them. He stated that a lot of effort was put in to bring back the stranded persons from outside the State and appreciated the team for documentation of the process. He observed that the State Government had managed to bring back most of the stranded persons who wanted to return back to Nagaland and added that that was a sense of satisfaction within the officers and staff for the efforts put out to help the people.

Commissioner & Secretary and Chief Nodal Officer for Inter-State Movement of Stranded Persons, Dinesh Kumar, IAS while giving a brief introduction on the Report, said that tremendous amount of effort has gone into the facilitation of the inter-state movement of persons of Nagaland

stranded in other states and persons of other states stranded in Nagaland wishing to return back to their home states. The documentation is an attempt to place on paper the journey of the Working Group set up by the Government of Nagaland to alleviate the issues faced by the stranded persons and facilitate their movement back to their homes safely, he added.

Dinesh Kumar said that the four additional zones were created to aid in the inter-state movement. He stated that 34 special buses, 12 Shramik special trains covering 1,02,555 Km in 28 days managed to bring back 13,594 returnees to Nagaland. He added that around 14,600 calls were made to stranded persons by the zonal teams in order to facilitate inter-state movements. He also informed that Nagaland has created history by arranging the Shramik special trains covering the longest train route covering 4,322 Km in India during that period.

The Working Group, led by Dinesh Kumar, IAS and his team also presented a copy of the Report on the Inter-State Movement of Stranded Persons to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Jan E Alam, IAS in his office chamber.

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON NEP, 2020 HELD AT KOHIMA**

Panel discussion on National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 organised by Nagaland Education Association (NEA) in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education, Nagaland was held at the Directorate of School Education, Nagaland, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

In the keynote address, Dr. Bweyhunle Khing, Vice President, NEA mentioned that the panel discussion on NEP 2020 is the right platform as it includes all the renowned, and professional educationists who are the torchbearers. She mentioned that NEP 2020 drafted and approved by the Central Government, was amended to bring changes for the entire structure of Indian education system and to reform the structure of educational policy.

Dr. Khing also highlighted some of the important objectives of NEP 2020, the main vision being to enable all the learners by providing high quality education and to explore and make our nation a global leadership in the field of economic growth, scientific advancement, cultural preservation, social justice, equality and learners to avail by giving opportunity to choose their own courses for students from school to university level, and at the same time, by giving due exposure to vocational education and also to recognise and identify the unique capabilities of each student and encourage them to have holistic approach in both academic and non-academic sector.

The panelist included Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS, former

Director, State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), Vipralhou Kesiezie, Professor, Department of Education, Nagaland University, Professor Buno Liegise, Advisor, All Nagaland Private School Association, Pheluopfelig Kesiezie, Professor and Head of the Department of Education, Nagaland University, Professor Rakesh Rai, Chairman, Nagaland Board of School Education, Asano Sekhose.

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS said that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban India. The policy envisages a new curricular and pedagogical structure for school education which is responsive and relevant to the needs and interests of learners at different stages of their development. This policy aims to shape an education system that benefits all. He said that one of the main focus has to be more on content and results which will now pave way that aims to encourage cognition and creativity.

On the question raised by one of the participants on the eligibility test for recruitment, Shanavas said that basing on the new policy, Large Teacher Eligibility Tests will be strengthened, to include to reflect a score that will be taken into consideration during recruitment. A minimum of 50 hours of participation in such CPD is required in a year. Assessment and other methods will be put in to measure the student learning and understanding. Shanavas acknowledged that the panel discussion is to sort out how to implement the policy and to have more ideas whether it will suit our State

Former Director, SCERT, Vipralhou stated that the new education system is meant to build a future citizen to fit into the social, cultural, and economic processes of the nation. The main focus in the policy is on tracking performance based on learning outcomes. The tests will be on core concepts and knowledge, higher-order skills. NEP-2020 has envisioned making the examinations easier to test core capabilities and competencies. The policy will transform the assessment system by reorienting teachers. The boards of the future have to be different than the way they are functioning today, focus should move from formative, rote learning to a system of skills and competencies, the policy envisages assessment to undergo a transformation by emphasising continuous tracking of learning. He added that the National Testing Agency (NTA) will offer high quality common aptitude tests, and the self and peer assessment methods are a healthy sign which will help to reflect the progress and uniqueness of the learner's cognitive capabilities.

Professor Rakesh Rai added that holistic and multidisciplinary education will help students to learn and allows students with a flexibility to combine multi-disciplinary subjects along with integration of vocational courses. The new element is that students will be given 'multiple exit options' and appropriate 'certification' will be given to them within their graduation tenure. He mentioned that the Government is also taking steps towards establishment of Multi-disciplinary Education and Research Universities and a National Research Foundation is in the pipeline to be created for fostering research and other development activities

### **NAGALAND CELEBRATES WORLD SOIL DAY**

Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organisation, United Nations organised an event to celebrate World Soil Day with the theme, "Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity" on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima.

Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining and NSMDC, V. Kashiho

Sangtam in his speech said the theme has urged all to focus our attention on workers below the ground, from the tiny bacteria to the slimy earthworm which contributes to processes that are indispensable to life on earth since biodiversity loss has affected the soil. He said the Department of Soil & Water Conservation has been a forerunner in conservation of natural resources since its inception and said that





in order to sustain and manage the environment and to enhance agricultural productivity, proper assessment of natural resources for its capacity is of paramount importance. Therefore, he said to achieve these goals, the government has implemented Soil Health Management Scheme across the State on a mission under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare which aims at promoting crop specific nutrient management and its judicious use. The Minister also called upon the Department and all the Agri and Allied departments and officials to make use of the Health Management through the Soil Testing Laboratory which have been set up in all the districts.

Agricultural Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS speaking on the occasion stated that it is now time for us as humans to stop being selfish and start taking care of the soil. He stressed on the importance of all the Agri and Allied departments to come together as one and work for the betterment of the State. The APC also spoke about the upcoming project Naga Model Integrated Settle Farming under which all Agri-Allied departments would work in a single cluster of 50 hectare land which would eventually benefit the farmers of the State.

Addressing the gathering, Director, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Zhekheto Awomi emphasized on the importance of having the knowledge of the various macro and micro essential elements and nutrients present in the soil to evaluate the most suitable type of crop to be planted. He also stressed on the important role the bureaucracy, legislative and executive plays in imparting such valuable knowledge and awareness to the farmers' community in the State. Awomi concluded by appreciating the Central Ministry and State Government for establishing Soil Testing Labs in all the districts of the State and welcomed all Agri-Allied officers to work together and use the facility.

Theme Speaker of the event, Principal Scientist (Soil Science) & Head Division of NRM, ICAR-RC NEH, Umiam, Meghalaya, Dr. Samarendra Hazarika took part at the event through online video

conference. He stated that the objective of the event is to create awareness for the protection and preservation of the health of the soil. He enlightened the gathering with various technicalities of the types of soil components with special focus on the North East especially Nagaland. He stressed on the challenges of over exploitation of soil over the years and concluded by stating, "Use but do not abuse."

Additional Director & State Nodal Officer, Soil Health Management, K. Khekiho Shohe while highlighting the Soil Health Management Scheme and Challenges in the State and North East India, said the Government of India has provided many schemes and facilities for Soil Health Management and organic farming practices for the State and he encouraged farmers across the State to avail these facilities which are free of cost. He also mentioned that the State Government has handed over the responsibility for Soil Health Management to the Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland in 2019 and since then, the department has taken up the initiative of setting up Bio Organic Quality Control Lab, Soil Testing Laboratory and Fertilizer Quality Control Lab in all the districts of the State. He also said that three mobile vans are also in service for testing of soil for places in remote areas and informed that the Referral Soil Testing Laboratory at the Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima would be upgraded with Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP) which can also be used for food testing, food poisoning, etc. and could be of help for Health & Family Welfare Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Police Department, etc.

The gathering also witnessed a short video clip on the theme, "Keep soil alive, protect biodiversity" and the release of a brochure on Soil Health Management Scheme which would be translated in all local languages of the State.

The event was chaired by Commissioner & Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation, Vikeyie Kenya, IAS and the vote of thanks was delivered by Deputy Director (SS&LUP), Soil & Water Conservation, Rongsenlemzung. AHOds and HOds of various Agri-Allied departments also attended the event.



**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 ON 5<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER 2020 FOR NAGALAND BY  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME**

The Principal Secretary, Home informed that as on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the total number of COVID-19 detected cases stands at 11,340.

Out of the 11,340 positive cases, the total recoveries so far are 10,649. The active cases are 511 and there have been 58 deaths. As per the severity of symptoms, 447 active cases are asymptomatic, 41 active cases are mild, 15 active cases are moderate on oxygen, 1 active case is severe on oxygen, 6 active cases are critical without oxygen and 1 active case is on ventilator.

Further, out of 11,340 positive cases, the distribution across various categories of people are: 4,574 cases of Armed Forces/Police, 1,784 cases of Returnees, 4,435 cases of Traced Contacts and 547 cases of Frontline Workers.

A total of 69,946 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and results of 69,887 samples have been received. In addition, a total 36,155 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat and results of 36,149 samples have been received. Through Rapid Antigen Test 8,381 samples have been tested.

**STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON ETHNOGRAPHY AND  
VISUAL DOCUMENTATION HELD AT KSC, JOTSOMA**

A three day state level workshop on Ethnography and Visual Documentation under the theme 'Techniques of Visual Imagery' was organized by the Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College (Autonomous), Jotsoma from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The workshop was sponsored by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

The workshop was organized keeping in mind the need to educate and equip the younger generation with certain skill sets on the subject of ethnography and the various technical aspects related with visual documentation which is a vital part of ethnography. Ethnographic documentation is relevant because it focuses on investing in an effort to preserve cultures especially those in danger of disappearing. The workshop aimed at acquainting the participants with theory on visual ethnography and its methods as well as the practice of filmmaking and photography.

The three day state level workshop kicked off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 with a short inaugural programme which was chaired by Moasangla Jamir, Convener and HoD of the Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College, Jotsoma. Dr. Lily Sema, Principal of Kohima Science College

(Autonomous), Jotsoma delivered the welcome address, followed by the keynote address by Dr. I. Anungla Aier (Retired) Director, Higher Education. Professor, Sibnath Deb, Director (RGNIYD), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India delivered the inaugural address live from Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Aier in her keynote address stated that the strength of ethnography lies in the use of more than one method where photography, motion picture, sketches and art are used to capture the social realities of people. She stressed that ethnography and visual documentation can collaborate actively for the better transmission of knowledge and practical solution to modern social issues.

The resource persons for the workshop were Kivini Shohe (filmmaker), Sophy Lasuh Kesiezie (filmmaker), Kekhriezhazo Miachieo (freelance photographer and part time filmmaker) and Thejanguzo Titus Pienyü (freelance filmmaker and storyteller) - all accomplished personalities in different areas of visual imagery and well recognized for their works.

The workshop was conducted putting much emphasis on the technical aspects of visual documentation and the resource persons delved



into great details regarding a number of important subjects, namely aspects of documentaries, visual ethnography, photography and cinematography. The entire workshop was monitored live from RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

On the third and final day of the workshop, respective group projects were screened and displayed in the last technical session. The workshop concluded with a valedictory session chaired by Kevilhunino Nagi, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Professor Training, RGNIYD, live from Tamil Nadu. The valedictory session officially ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. David Tetso, Assistant Professor,

Department of Anthropology.

The three day State level workshop on ethnography and visual documentation may have been a new concept to many in the State but one cannot deny its importance and relevance in today's modern world with so much technological advancement. The value of images in research processes is rooted in its permeated role in our imaginations, technologies, texts, and conversations and more directly in how they inform individual personalities, narratives, lifestyles, cultures, and societies. Visual ethnography is a research methodology and describes photography, drawing, film, and web-based media as methods of data gathering.

### **HOME GUARDS, CIVIL DEFENCE & SDRF OBSERVES 58<sup>th</sup> RAISING DAY**

The Nagaland Home Guards, Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) observed its 58<sup>th</sup> Raising Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at its Headquarters in Kohima.

The formal programme was chaired by Isaac Semy, Staff Officer (Headquarter). Medozhalie Pienyu, DCG gave the introductory address wherein he mentioned in short about the history and formation of the Home Guards Department in the State and how it has evolved over the years. He highlighted the various activities of the department and the vital role it plays in aiding the State Police in maintaining law and order and protection of important institutions. He further acknowledged the selfless sacrifice and hard work of the SDRF personnel in the fight against COVID-19, who till today continue to be one of the most dedicated and hardworking frontline workers. He also paid tribute to the lone SDRF personnel who succumbed to COVID-19 complications while in the line of duty and expressed that every Naga is indebted to him for his ultimate sacrifice.

S. R. Saravanan, IPS, ADG speaking at the formal programme commended the Department for the excellent work it has been doing in aiding the State Police in maintaining law and order as well as regulating traffic and most importantly as first responders during times of calamities and disasters,

be it natural or man-made. He lauded the SDRF for their unending sacrifice and hard work in the fight against COVID-19. He admitted that it has been a tough year for the personnel but was happy that the SDRF has risen to the occasion and has done an excellent job, performing much better than other states.

The programme also witnessed a brief demonstration by SDRF personnel on different rescue techniques during emergencies.

The Civil Defence in Nagaland preceded the Home Guards Organization. The Nagaland Home Guards Organization was formally established on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1988 by an ordinance of 1987 under the Home Department with the then Home Commissioner as ex-officio Commandant General. A Deputy Commandant General headed the organisation at the headquarter level. This arrangement continued till October 1991 when a regular officer was posted from the IPS with S. Akang Jamir, IPS, as the first Director General and Lt. Sithou, IPS as the first Commandant General,

The Nagaland Home Guards Act of 1988 was passed by the State Legislature on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1988. Both Civil Defence and Home Guards Organization complement each other and co-exist under a common Head of Office. While Civil Defence deals with incidences arising out of



external aggression to the country in general, the Home Guards deal with incidences arising out of internal security, natural calamities like landslides, earthquake, fire, strikes, communal disharmony, socio-economic and welfare activities.

Mokokchung also observed the annual Raising Day at the District Office premises on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020. A brief programme was observed under the chairmanship of Imlimatsung, Company Commander. Messages on the occasion by the President of India, Prime Minister, Union Home Minister, Governor, Chief Minister, Advisor (Department of Social Welfare and Department of

Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF), Union Home Secretary and Director General, Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards, New Delhi were read out. A short speech about the significance of the occasion and of the organization was delivered by Mulai Lamniah, District Commandant. This was followed by demonstration on basic life support and patient assessment under Medical First Responder (MFR) by SDRF personnel and announcement of DG's Commendation Certificate to the serving HGs/WHG personnel from the district establishment. The programme culminated with the closing remark by the Chairman.

## WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAINED ON 'OFFICE PROCEDURE'



The Water Resources Department (WRD) organised training on 'Office Procedure' for LDAs of Water Resources Department at Conference Hall, Chief Engineer's Office, WRD, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Under Secretary, Justice & Law Department, Andreas Ezung was the resource person for the training.

Chief Engineer, WRD, Er. Hotovi Ayemi

speaking at the introductory session, said that the LDAs acts as an important pillar of the Department and the training is conducted to equip the staff with necessary knowledge of office procedures. Er. Hotovi exhorted the trainees to learn their work, be sincere and not to hesitate from asking help from their seniors.

Executive Engineer, Er. Wapangnaro



Imchen encouraging the trainees to learn from the training, said that knowledge of office procedures, file handling, drafting is essential for their day to day work, especially for newcomers.

Altogether 18 trainees from the Water Resources Department were imparted training on office procedures (file management, noting and drafting, forms of communication), establishment and administration matters (service matters, confirmation of service, seniority, resignation) and

personal matters (maintenance of APAR).

A one day training was also conducted for UDAs and above of Head Office on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the Conference Hall, Chief Engineer's Office, WRD, Kohima. Delivering the keynote address, Superintending Engineer, Er. K. Hutoi Sema urged the participants to make full use of the training in order to improve knowledge and working system so as to create a better working environment. The programme was split into three sessions.

### NAGALAND POLICE ISSUES CRIME REPORT

Stepping up its proactive efforts to combat illegal activities, prevention and detection of crime across the State, Nagaland Police affected several arrests, recovery

of stolen vehicles and seizures of contraband drugs, IMFLS, foreign made cigarettes, banned tobacco products, etc. during the period 03.11.2020 to 17.11.2020.

Sl.	Items	Particulars
1.	Seizure of stolen vehicles	1. One i-20 B/R No.NL07H 3356 2. One M/Bike B/R NO.NL02E4287
2.	Seizure of narcotic drugs, liquor, tobacco products	1. 593 Litres of assorted IMFL 2. 10 Kilogram of Ganja 3. 69 Gram of Brown sugar 4. 739 No. of Spasmo-Proxyvon Tablets and others assorted drugs 5. 15000 packets of illegal foreign made cigarettes and 400 packets of banned tobacco products

In this connection, a total of 24 persons have been arrested and action initiated against them as per legal provisions.

### ADVISOR MEDO YHOKHA EXHORTS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Introductory programme in honour of Medo Yhokha, Advisor to Chief Minister for Technical Education and Election Departments was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in the Directorate of Technical Education, Kohima.

Medo Yhokha, Advisor asserted that the subject matter of Technical Education deals with the career of the youth and hence the future of our State, as such, the career of our future generation should not be compromised under any

circumstance. Further, he also stressed on the importance of skill development of the youth referring to the Government of India policy, 'Skill India.'

Imjung M, Panger, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary for Higher & Technical Education in his speech, highlighted the position of staff and officers in the Secretariat as well as in the Directorate of Technical Education. He also stressed on streamlining the Department in order to

place things in the right perspective so that it will reduce the problems faced by the Department.

Er. Khrieketoulie Rupreo, Deputy Director

gave a powerpoint presentation on the main activities of the Department and also highlighted priority works which needs immediate attention.

## **NSSA CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE**

The Nagaland Secretariat Service Association (NSSA) celebrated Golden Jubilee with the theme "Braced to excel" at Secretariat Park, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Y. Patton as the Special Guest.

On the occasion, Patton congratulated the Association for attaining 50 years of its inception. Over the years, the Association has always maintained high standards of professional ethics and values in the governance thereby considered as a premier Association. It is also being housed in the nerve centre and working relentlessly with successive policy makers of the State Government. Patton also reminded that Jubilee is an occasion to remember the pioneers and leaders through whose sacrifices and visions the Association has come thus far. He urged all the members to commit themselves and work with renewed vigour for the smooth functioning and development of the State.

President, NSSA, Chubasangla Longkumer in her welcome address, stated that NSSA is the first ever cadre service association in the State of Nagaland, which originated from 1960s and adopted under the chairmanship of late R. M. Dharr, Deputy Secretary, Planning Department in November 1970, wherein late N. L. Murry was inducted as the first interim president along with nine others as interim executive members. She expressed gratitude to the members both retired and in-service who have made significant contribution over the years towards the growth of the association so far. With the motto

'Committed to serve,' the Association stands firm to resolve in the conduct and discharge of public service for higher level of performance and henceforth, with the pandemic, the Association shouldered responsibility for everyone to stay safe through various acts and deeds in the Secretariat and will continue to keep the spirit of camaraderie in work place.

On the occasion, Longkumer thanked the State Government for allowing the NSSA to adopt and maintain the Secretariat Park. This park will be an ideal site for visitors and Secretariat employees to relax and work free from stress, she added. Further, she acknowledged everyone who has contributed towards the upgradation of the park and encouraged every member to re-align and re-commit oneself to excel in their work and render positive and constructive service to the Government and the people of the State.

The Special Guest also released the Jubilee Souvenir and launched the NSS Blazer on the occasion. Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire launched a book of NSSA (Who's Who - Volume 1) on the occasion. The Association also passed the Golden Jubilee Resolution and sealing of time capsule for the Platinum Jubilee in 2045.

Some of the highlights of the programme were Jubilee Blessings by President, Kohima Baptist Pastors' Fellowship, Dr. Kevichalie Metha, a special number titled 'Find us faithful' by Zares Meripeni Ngullie.

## **NOA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) held its Annual General Meeting with the affiliated associations on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the Banquet Hall, State Guest House, Kohima. The meeting was chaired by Meren Paul, Senior Vice President, NOA

and the welcome address was delivered by K. Kire, Vice President.

Abu Metha, the Secretary General of the Association gave a presentation wherein he spoke about the history of the association and its recent





activities. He said that the NOA was established in 1987. However, it got affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association only in 2004 through the collective efforts of various people such as Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Er. Lanu Toy, the founding president of the NOA. He stressed on the lack of proper sports infrastructures in the State, adding that the Indira Gandhi Stadium at Kohima and the Cricket Ground at Sovima are the only two infrastructures in the State with proper and standard facilities. He called for streamlining of various sports associations and strengthening them. Metha also proposed for reservation of posts for sportspersons in various fields.

The Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) in its presentation, informed the gathering about the various activities taken up by the Association. The Association also informed that affiliation to the NWA is open to any district or tribe. The Nagaland Athletic Association (NAA) also gave a presentation at the function where it highlighted the various goals and

targets.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, who is also the President of the NOA, in his presidential address talked about the various challenges faced in the State. He said that the Nagas are still indisciplined, poor, backward and a minority, however a lot has been learnt over the years. He also said that there are many talents in the State, but they are not getting the required opportunity due to the lack of facilities, funds and other resources. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many activities are on halt, however, he urged that people must move forward and learn to live with it, as it is the new way of life. He also suggested setting up of an office complex for the NOA, which would be functional throughout the year.

The website of the Nagaland Athletics Association was launched by Neiphiu Rio during the meeting. Various agenda were also taken up in the house for approval during the annual meeting. The vote of thanks was proposed by Neivikuolie Khatsu, Assistant General Secretary.

## **NAGALAND LEGISLATORS CELEBRATE ADVENT CHRISTMAS**

Nagaland Legislators celebrated Advent Christmas with Kethoser Kevichüsa as the speaker at State Banquet Hall (New), CMRC, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

While speaking on the occasion, Kevichüsa said that peace is one thing which everyone is longing for at this juncture, peace will never come to us unless we first forgive and make peace with the Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. He urged the gathering to forgive others in the name of the Lord Saviour Jesus Christ and let peace be in our midst taking the advantage of forthcoming Christmas.

Participating in the Nagaland Legislators Christian Fellowship Pre-Christmas celebrations, Nagaland Governor, R. N. Ravi hailed Mahatma Gandhi as one of the greatest disciples of Jesus and recalled how the Sermons on the Mount touched Gandhi's heart and awakened in him the purity and power of truth and non-violence which became the cardinal principle of his personal and

public life and liberated India from the colonial rule. The Governor reminded the legislators that they were the chosen people and exhorted them to be conscious of their responsibility of bringing enduring peace to the suffering people of Nagaland in true Christian spirit of truth and non-violence and be the blessed peacemaker. He emphasised on the eventual invincibility of truth which could be temporarily eclipsed by the lies of vested interests but never extinguished.

Christmas greetings was delivered by Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along while Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire presented a special number. Legislators along with their wives presented a special number. Harmonic Voices and MAK also presented special numbers during the service. State Chaplain, Reverend T. W. Yamyap Konyak was the leader and Khyochano TCK was the pianist during the service.



## 'BEYOND THE LINE' BOOK RELEASED

Director, Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland, K. Zhekheto Awomi on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 released a book titled 'Beyond The Line - The Voice of Hope and Change' at Made in Nagaland Building, Kohima. Speaking at the release, Zhekheto stated that the book is a mixture of inspiration from God and venturing into the service of his people. He hoped that the book reaches people and inspire them for the better.

Author of the book, Awoto Awomi stated that the release of his book is a fulfilment of his childhood prophetic dream. He stated that the book was inscribed by the wisdom and power of God through him, and he dedicated everything unto God.

The event was chaired by Vitoka Yeptho. Invocation prayer was done by Youth Pastor, SBCK, Kito Shohe and benediction by Assistant Pastor, SBCK, Kashito Aye.

## CENTRAL TEAM VISITS KOHIMA TO REVIEW PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES AND CLINICAL MANAGEMENT FOR COVID-19



Central team from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PH Division) during their visit to Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

A central team from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PH Division) visited Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to assist State Health Department in review of public health measures and clinical management for COVID-19.

The team included Sanjay Kumar, AS & FA, Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (Nodal Officer); Dr. S. R. Karmakar, Senior Public Health, Kolkata and Dr. Mohd. Jamil, Associate Professor, Medicine, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS).

The team reviewed overall COVID-19 related activities in regard to containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and

control measures, clinical management protocol for COVID-19 in the district.

On their visit at NHAK, the Managing Director, Dr. Thorhusie Katiry gave a powerpoint presentation on status of COVID-19 activities at NHAK from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 till 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. He informed that the NHAK has collected a total sample of 24,806, which included 17,308 from BSL-3 and 7,498 from TrueNat as on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Out of 24,806 sample collected, a total of 2,759 were detected as positive cases while 21,925 were negative cases and 122 are awaited. Positive cases admitted in NHAK was 339 where 263 were discharged, 21 deaths and 43 were shifted to Meriema COVID Care Centre (MCCC), other hospitals and home isolation.



Dr. Thorhusie also informed on the NHAK COVID-19 Ward arrangements, where he stated that NHAK has three wards, which included Transition Ward, COVID-19 Isolation Ward and COVID-19 ICU. He further highlighted on the status report of COVID-19 NHAK in regard to availability of beds, status of confirmed cases in COVID-19 Hospital and clinical status of current cases.

Dr. Aseno, DSO, Kohima also presented on the overall COVID-19 testing status of Kohima district, which included BSL-3 Lab, RT-PCR, NHAK TrueNat, private hospitals, CMO Office and BSF

where she informed that a total of 34,607 were tested, out of which 3,615 were tested positive and 29,998 were negative as on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Out of 3,615 positive cases in the district, Dr. Aseno informed that 778 were detected from Army/Security Forces, 489 returnees, 172 frontline workers, 130 home makers, 398 students, 22 taxi drivers, 166 unemployed, 272 children, 7 pregnant mothers and 1,181 working population/persons. She also highlighted on various COVID-19 related activities carried out at quarantine centres, check-gates and CMO Mobile Team in the district.

### FIRST STF MEETING ON COVID-19 VACCINE

The first State Task Force (STF) meeting on COVID-19 vaccine was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW). Senior officers from Directorate of H&FW, Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), WCD and Social Welfare Department attended the meeting along with state level development partners from WHO, UNICEF and UNDP.

The STF deliberated on the rollout of COVID-19 for the first phase and the role of all stakeholders in the statewide campaign. There will be regular monitoring of the database in the CoWIN dashboard so that no health units and beneficiaries are left out in the first phase. State will ensure healthcare worker data is validated. DC and CMOs will ensure 100 percent registration. A line list of all cold chain points with current storage capacity, storage used by RI vaccines and storage for COVID-19 vaccine/shortage of space will be highlighted as per population or beneficiaries. The next STF meeting will have a presentation on district wise status of cold chain points.

Monitoring and supervision of cold chain points in addition to the CoWIN dashboard will be done by State and District level officers. Joint Directors in-charge of districts will be deputed for the same. The supervisors, cold chain technicians and other managers will ensure NCCMIS portal, S4i app is used during supportive supervision and NCCMIS

portal is updated monthly.

Specific roles of all departments/stakeholders were also discussed wherein it was decided that IEC Wing from the H&FW will coordinate with DIPR for appropriate awareness and IEC activities. Social Welfare Department will be part of the vaccination team. CDPOs, other supervisors, and Anganwadis will be designated specific roles for the same. AWW will specially be needed in urban areas where there are no ASHAs. School teachers from School Education Department will be designated roles in the vaccination or supervision teams. NRLM, Rural Development Department will actively support in mobilisation and arrangement of necessary logistics as and when needed and will be part of vaccination teams. Municipal bodies, NGOs, FBOs will be actively involved for mobilisation and awareness activities as and when required.

The following broad guidelines will be followed for the first phase vaccination of healthcare workers:

- a. Session sites will be clubbed as per line list of beneficiaries. PHCs with low beneficiaries can be clubbed accordingly to minimise wastage, taking into account cost and feasibility of transport.
- b. The first phase will be planned in health units with cold chain points (fixed session sites). In urban areas with high case load, sites without cold chain can also be included to avoid crowding.





*World Soil Day with the theme, "Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity" was observed at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020, organised by the Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland in coordination with the Food & Agriculture Organisation, United Nations.*



*The Nagaland Olympic Association held its Annual General Meeting with the affiliated associations at the Banquet Hall, State Guest House, Kohima on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*A three day state level workshop on Ethnography and Visual Documentation was organized by the Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College (Autonomous), Jotsoma from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*Nagaland Legislators and their wives presenting a special number during the Advent Christmas programme held at the State Banquet Hall (New), CMRC, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*Model AWC-cum-distribution of relief to the fire victims was held at AWC-A Wakching village, Mon on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020*



*Girls Football Coaching Camp 2020 was held at Phek Town Local Ground on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.*



*Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi inaugurating the upgraded 2×100 MVA Power Sub-Station, Nagarjan, Dimapur on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye inaugurating the Organic AC Market at NSAMB Complex at Agri Expo Site, Dimapur on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

- c. All districts will submit line list of all session sites with beneficiaries and names of five vaccinators for all sites on or before 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The excel sheet will be

prepared at the State level.

The next STF is to have participation of all stakeholders including Home Department, School Education, civil bodies, FBOs, etc.

### **H&FW HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON COVID-19**

On account of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and with a view to contain the risk of spread of COVID-19 during the winter season which coincides with flu season coupled with the ensuing festive season, the Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) held a consultative meeting with church organizations, civil society organisations, representatives of District Administration and Municipal Council was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020. During the meeting the following were resolved:

1. To reiterate the necessity of observance of preventive measures especially with regard to 'COVID-19 appropriate behaviours' issued through SOP for all residents of the State.
2. To involve actively in creating awareness in sensitizing people on prevention of COVID-19.
3. Strict enforcement of SOP, and to take action for violation of the SOP as per legal provisions against the offenders.
4. Appeal to all concerned:
  - (a) To avoid mobile carolling in groups and processions, picnics, partying, merrymaking and other entertainment events that involve crowding.
  - (b) To defer or postpone conferences, jubilees, convocations, etc. scheduled during the festive season.
  - (c) Weddings to follow SOP and preventive measures at all times.
  - (d) Christmas and New Year Community feasts may be avoided or if unavoidable, may be served in take-away packages and to follow all social distancing measures and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour at all times.

- (e) To avoid travelling to other places particularly from towns to villages to attend social events. If unavoidable, to follow preventive measures at all times.
- (f) Devotional services should be staggered to minimize crowding and to follow preventive measures at all times.
- (g) Food vendors should observe SOP and not entertain customers without wearing face mask and ensure that there is no crowding around the stalls, and to serve the food in take-away packages.
- (h) People with flu-like symptoms should isolate themselves and come forward for testing as timely testing, detection and early treatment can prevent debilitating complications and reduce mortalities.
- (i) Public transport operators to adhere with the SOP and authorized enforcing agencies to take strict action for violation of the SOP as per legal provisions against the offenders.
5. Let it be known to all young people that COVID-19 complications does not discriminate but affects all age groups. Maximum confirmed cases are between the age of 20-40 years and even if they don't develop complications, may spread the disease and become super-spreaders endangering the community particularly the elderly and people with co-morbidities. Further, symptomatic cases are also increasing. It is therefore of utmost importance that the SOP are followed by everyone.





## STATE WELL PREPARED FOR COVID -19 VACCINATION DRIVE



*Mission Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru addressing the media to highlight the status of COVID-19 vaccine preparedness in the State at the Directorate of H&FW on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

Mission Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru called on a press conference to highlight the status of COVID-19 vaccine preparedness in the State at the Directorate of H&FW, Conference Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Addressing the media, Dr. Medikhru highlighting about the COVID-19 vaccination drive in the State, said the State is well prepared and waiting for the rollout of the vaccine from the Centre. He said that the first wave of COVID-19 vaccination will cover 30 crore Indians including Nagaland. He stated that the vaccination will be in phase wise and the 1<sup>st</sup> phase will be for the healthcare workers, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be for frontline workers followed by above 50 and the last phase will be below age 50 with co-morbidities.

Dr. Medikhru informed that the data

collection for the health workers in health facility in the State is completed and that 19,654 beneficiaries have been listed in the portal. He remarked that the vaccine will not be provided in sub-centres but will be available in district hospitals, CHC and PHC. He also stated that the State is well prepared for COVID-19 immunization process and the Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) and further added that the vaccination will be free of cost. He said that though the vaccination will not be compulsory for the beneficiaries, the Government insists that every beneficiary will be vaccinated. The other exercises to follow are the data collection for frontline workers and above 50 plus beneficiaries list which he said is a huge task ahead for the Department.

## DECLARATION OF NSCN (KHAPLANG) AS UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION

With reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. 3350(E) dated 28.09.2020 declaring National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) as Unlawful Association under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the Home Department, Nagaland has issued the following notification from

the Ministry, the full text of which is as follows:

“Whereas, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [here in referred to as NSCN (K)], has its professed aim to create a sovereign Nagaland incorporating the Naga inhabited areas of Indo-Myanmar region by secession from the Indian Union in alliance with other armed secessionist



organisations of Nagaland and North Eastern region;

And whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that the NSCN (K), is continuously:

- i. Aiming to create a sovereign Nagaland incorporating the Naga inhabited areas of Indo-Myanmar region by secession from the Indian Union;
- ii. Engaging in unlawful and violent activities thereby undermining the authority of the Government of India and the Governments of Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh and spreading terror and panic among the people;
- iii. Aligning itself with other unlawful association like the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), Meitei organisations of Manipur;
- iv. Indulging in kidnapping for ransom and extortion of money from businessmen, government officials and other civilians;
- v. Embarking on a drive for recruitment of cadres to continue its terrorist activities;
- vi. Establishing camps and hideouts across the international borders;
- vii. Obtaining assistance from anti-India forces in other countries to procure arms and other assistance.
- viii. Indulging in unlawful and violent activities intended to disrupt, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India in furtherance of its objective of achieving a separate State.

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that since 28.9.2015, NSCN (K) has

been involved in 104 violence incidents resulting in killings of 7 security forces personnel and 6 civilians and abduction of 75 civilians.

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the NSCN (K) are detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India and that it is an unlawful association;

And whereas, the Central Government is also of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb and control of unlawful activities of the NSCN (K), the organisation may make fresh recruitment, indulge in violent, terrorist and secessionist activities, collect funds and endanger the lives of innocent citizens and security forces personnel; and therefore, circumstances do exist which render it necessary to declare the NSCN (K) as an unlawful association with immediate effect;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) the Central Government hereby declares the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang), NSCN (K) along with all its factions, wings and front organisations as an unlawful association.

Whereas, the Central Government having regard to the above circumstances, is of the firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the NSCN (K) along with all its factions, wings and front organisation as an unlawful association with immediate effect; and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect from that date of its publication in the Official Gazette."





## DEPARTMENTS BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING BUREAUCRAT

The combined farewell programme of the Directorates of Higher Education and Technical Education in honour of Imjung M. Panger, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Higher Education and Technical Education was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the Conference Hall of Technical Education, Kohima.

Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along congratulated the outgoing Commissioner & Secretary after his illustrious career as bureaucrat in which he has given a good governance to the department and appreciated his simplicity and truthfulness.

Advisor to Chief Minister for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha also shared some of the good qualities about Imjung M Panger and encouraged the members to emulate such qualities in one's service career. Further, he said that it should not be an endeavour to undo his good

works.

Commissioner & Secretary, Imjung M Panger, IAS said that it was a privilege for him to be in the government service and serve the public in which the magnanimous government provides the best service conditions. He encouraged the members to renew one's pledge to serve the public. His successful completion of service career was due to constant moral support and prayers from family members and cooperation from his subordinates and officers while serving under different capacities.

Dr. Apeni Lotha, Director, Higher Education, Er. Vipulhou Lhoungu, Joint Director, Technical Education and Warren Holohon Yephthomi, Deputy Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, spoke on behalf of Higher Education, Technical Education and administrative office respectively. Representatives from Geology & Mining and NPG Board also participated.

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAMME HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG



International Day of Persons with Disabilities programme was held at Ongpangkong Salang Hall, Mokokchung on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities programme was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at Ongpangkong Salang Hall, Mokokchung under the theme, 'Not all disabilities are visible' with S.E. (PHED), Mokokchung Circle, Er. T. Bendang as Special Guest. The programme was organized by Mokokchung District Disabled Forum (MDDF) in collaboration with Care and Support Society and District Election Office, Mokokchung.

Er. T. Bendang called upon all to spread public awareness and acceptance of the disabilities or

differently abled persons in our society. We all should celebrate the achievements and contributions made by the disabled persons to our society, he said and called for support for the differently abled.

Zerutso, EAC, Mokokchung, Nodal Officer, SVEEP, Mokokchung called upon the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), those who have attained 18 years of age, to enrol in the electoral roll and take part in election process by casting their vote.

Special gifts were distributed to all the PwDs who attended the programme.

### KOHIMA DTF MEETING HELD

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held its meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Mohammad Ali Shihab A, IAS in his office chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The meeting was convened basically to discuss and familiarise with the revised SOP issued on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and special notification issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Chairing the meeting, the DC informed that the vaccination is expected in the month of January 2021, and expressed his optimism that the team has already started working in this connection for implementation of the exercise in the district. He also informed that a District Level Committee will be constituted in this regard.

Deliberating on the day's agenda, the meeting decided to include the President of AKMWP

as member in the Kohima DTF on COVID-19. Proposal for exit plan of K. Badze Quarantine Centre for returnees, and Quarantine Centres for healthcare workers after duties were also discussed, however the matter was deferred to next meeting for further decision. On the

implementation of wearing masks, Additional Superintendent of Police, Talisunep Imchen informed the Board that challan has been issued in this regard and delegated the power to respective officer-in-charge of Police Stations for further implementation.

## SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER RELEASES VISION MOKOKCHUNG 2040



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer releasing the Vision Mokokchung 2040 at ADC Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer released the Vision Mokokchung 2040 at ADC Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The document was prepared and published by Mokokchung District Art & Culture Council (MDACC) and Mayangnokcha Award Trust (MAT), a collaboration between the Mokokchung Town Quasiquicentennial Planning and Organizing Committee and the citizens of Mokokchung.

The Speaker said that Mokokchung has produced some of the finest personalities and forerunners and pioneered in many fields. In order to continue the trend, he called upon all to have a

dream/vision which is rightly documented in the book Vision Mokokchung 2040. 'We cannot remain stagnant in one place only in this digitalized generation, this is our soil and country, let us all uplift our land,' he added.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir called upon all the citizens for their involvement because without the active participation of the citizens, the vision will be a failure, he said.

The programme was chaired by Sentilong Ozukum, EAC, Mokokchung Headquarter. A brief introduction of Vision Mokokchung 2040 was given by I. Temsu Jamir, Vice President, MDACC.

## SVEEP AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD AT PHEK

Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) awareness campaign was held at Phek Headquarter on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 where half-marathon race was held from Phek Clock Tower to Phek Local Ground with the theme 'Awareness on clean electoral roll and clean

election.'

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS flagged-off the race. Speaking at the Phek Local Ground, he spoke on the importance of electoral roll where every citizen should enrol after attaining the age of

18 years. He stressed on summary revision and called upon the people to avail the opportunity.

Additional Deputy Commissioner and ERO, Tsuktimar Jamir in his short speech spoke on voter education which we need to impart to one

and all.

Oldest participant was Vesupra Vero, 46 years and youngest was Saba, 8 years old. The programme was chaired by Wetscho Lasushe, EAC, Phek Headquarter.

### **PEREN DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES OCCUPATION OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS**

The monthly Peren District Planning and Developmental Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

The Board deliberated on the issues of non-availability of government quarters in the district wherein, the DC mentioned that an exercise was initiated in past months for clearance of government offices which are illegally occupied by government employees or individuals. In this regard, the DC said proper assessment and sitting would be held for allotment of government quarters to government employees.

The Board also approved the registration of

society - Peren District Common Service Centre Village Level Entrepreneur in the meeting.

The Board further discussed on the agenda of DC's Office staff bus services plying from Peren town to district headquarter and on the agenda of taxi service which was agreed to be provided by the Taxi Union from Peren town to district headquarter. Regarding this, the DC said one of his subordinate officers will be assigned to tie up with all the departments to have a discussion.

Later, after the meeting, a short formal service was held wherein, Christmas message was shared by Jalukie Town Baptist Church Associate, Pastor, Ihusing Liegise.

### **WOKHA DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING**

On detection of five positive cases of COVID-19 in the district, the Wokha District Task Force (DTF) held a review meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The meeting was chaired by DC and Chairman, DTF for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha.

Addressing the DTF members, Orenthung Lotha said that Wokha has been in green zone for some time but now, contact tracing process has to be activated in order to avoid any surge in positive cases. Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe briefed the DTF members on the COVID-19 status in the district. He also informed that the surveillance team is doing their part in contact tracing.

Pathologist, District Hospital Wokha, Dr. Nzanthung Ngullie stated that both TrueNat and Rapid Antigen Tests are available in the district for suspected cases.

The DC further noted on the increasing number of social events such as weddings in Wokha town during the past few weeks and mentioned that the organizers of such social events have to inform the District Administration beforehand with a list of all the attendees and follow the COVID-19 guidelines, he added. Dr. Mhonchan Kithan, Quarantine Officer, Wokha informed that registration of returnees is still going on at Wokha Town Hall and so far none of the persons advised for home quarantine has any symptoms.



**DTF WOKHA FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING ON VACCINATION**

Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 Vaccination, Routine Immunization and IPPI 2020 held a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall.

DC and Chairman, DTF, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting where headcount of beneficiaries for COVID-19 and routine immunization were discussed. He said that for the successful implementation of the immunization campaign, all the stakeholders, NGOs, all frontal organization, churches, village councils and public has to come forward and assist the DTF for successful conduct of the campaign.

District Planning Officer (DPO), RCH/VIP, Member Secretary, DTFI, Wokha, Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, said that the Govt has started preparation for introduction of COVID-19 vaccine and as per the guidelines, the vaccine will be first prioritized

for healthcare workers followed by other frontline workers and age groups. She said in order to carry out COVID-19 vaccination campaign successfully, proper enumeration of beneficiaries list is essential and for this, our State as well as the district has started collecting the bio-data of HCWs, facility sites, logistics for vaccine storage equipments. She added that at the district level, one main challenge is to go house to house headcount survey by ASHAs in every village and AWWs in urban areas. The timeline for this exercise is December 2020 and January 2021. On Routine Immunization (RI), she stated that for improving RI in our district, a very accurate headcount of beneficiaries (0-2) years is needed, along with COVID-19 headcount RI micro plan has been initiated as there are many dropouts and leftouts and refusal groups.

**ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON  
POLICE STATION UPGRADATION**

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting at Zunheboto district was held at Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Peter Lichamo.

The main agenda discussed at the meeting was upgradation of outpost police station to full-fledged police station at Atoizü town. The

Board deliberated that Atoizü being ADC headquarter and also keeping in mind the law and order situation coming up occasionally in the areas spreading to Asukuto town and other parts of the area, Atoizü deserves the upgradation proposed by the respective administrative head. The proposal was approved and recommended for further procedure.

**QUIZ COMPETITION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELD AT MON**

Inter-School Quiz Competition (Mon) on 'Substance Abuse' was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Mon. The competition was organised by District Level Committee for Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, Mon, to create awareness on the ill effects of substance abuse.

DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS encouraged all the participants to be ambassadors of substance abuse free society in their respective schools and

the community.

First prize was won by Yingmei M. Konyak and Lemngang Konyak of St. Mary High School, Mon. Second prize was won by Niangmai Konyak, and Yingkhao of St. John Higher Secondary School, Mon and the third prize was won by Peter Leezushu and Yanboh of Kongjong Higher Secondary School, Mon.

The same quiz competition is being held in all the ADC Headquarters of the district which will culminate with the district level competition.

## GIRLS FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP 2020 HELD AT PHEK

Girls Football Coaching Camp 2020 was held at Phek Town Local Ground on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), organised and supported by Phek District Administration, DLCW-Mahila Shakti Kendra, Nagaland Football Coaches Association (NFCA) and DEF, Phek.

Guest of Honour, Colo Mero, Director, Life Ministries and Vice-President, Nagaland Football Association (NFA) thanked the Superintendent of Police, Phek for his active support and also the winners of the last season. Games and sports play an important role and there are avenues and scope in the industry of games and sports, however,

education needs to be maintained, he added. He encouraged the young sportspersons to give their best efforts in the field of games and sports as it has become one of the biggest industries.

Vesupra Kezo, Superintendent of Police, Phek said that physical and mental development is a must to compete with the rest of the world. He further called upon all sections of the people in this venture for betterment of the future generation.

N. Bhavani Sri, IAS, SDO (C) and Nodal Officer, BBBP, Phek was the moderator. Special song was sung by Hobito Swuro, words of encouragement was given by Special Guest, Shefiili Pfithu, Miss Phek, Phek BBBP campaigner.

## KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD



Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam chairing the Kiphire monthly DPDB meeting at the Conference Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The Kiphire monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, at Conference Hall, Kiphire, with the newly elected MLA under the chairmanship of Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam.

Welcoming the newly elected MLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam, the Minister thanked all the Heads of Offices for attending the DPDB meeting without fail and urged all the DPDB members to be more sincere and dedicated in their work even in days to come.

T. Yangseo Sangtam, MLA expressed his gratitude to the people of Kiphire for electing him in the recent bye-election and assured that he will work for the upliftment of the district. While discussing

about the LADP schemes, he urged all the contractors not to misuse the fund but to wisely use it so as to benefit the people as well the district, especially in health and education sector.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS informed all the Heads of Offices that with the implementation of online attendance management system from next year, all the Head of Offices are to attend the training without fail. He said that attendance will be very strict and urged all the officers to be more sincere and punctual in their work.

Agenda discussed in the meeting included recasting of LADP schemes and projects for 2020-2021 of Pungro-Kiphire, proposal for setting up of SBI Branch at Seyochung Headquarter.

## DPRO DIMAPUR LAUNCHES MASK DISTRIBUTION INITIATED BY TIR YIMYIM



DPRO, Dimapur, Lolano Patton launching the mask distribution programme to the masses in the streets of Dimapur at Super Market, Dimapur on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

District Public Relations Officer, Dimapur, Lolano Patton formally launched the mask distribution programme to the masses in the streets of Dimapur, which was initiated by Tir Yimyim, a leading Ao vernacular paper from Nagaland, on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Super Market, Dimapur.

Speaking on the occasion, Patton lauded Tir Yimyim family led by its Editor and publisher, K. Temjen Jamir for taking the lead in taking the extra initiative for the cause of humanity, besides educating the people about COVID-19 through its print coverage. She further mentioned that COVID-19 would be there for a long time until a proper vaccine is found and said as responsible citizens, we should keep on reminding the masses not to be

complacent but to compulsorily follow the three golden rules to stay away from COVID-19 for the safety of oneself as well as for the safety of others.

Editor and Publisher, Tir Yimyim said that the mask distribution programme could be initiated through the contribution of the readers and well-wishers. He said that the washable cotton masks stitched by the differently abled persons would be distributed in the streets of Dimapur covering Super Market, G. S. Market, Church Road and New Market. Masks would be distributed to the people walking in the streets without masks and also to those who are using disposable masks, he added. Youth Pastor, DABA, invoked God's blessings during the programme.

## WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha.

Vice Chairman, DPDB and DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting welcomed the following new board members, DPO (Social Welfare) Imtitongzuk and BDO, Chukitong, Vikheto Kits.

Principal, Mt. Tiya College, Dr. Liban Ngullie

who presented the proposal for introduction of science stream in Mt. Tiya College said that the college was established in the year 1974 as a private college and Nagaland State Government took over in the year 1987, and it is the only premier institution of higher education for the last 46 years. The college offers only arts stream, moreover for Wokha district, there is no science college and the less privileged students cannot effort to study outside, so in order to facilitate the problem faced by the district, the

Principal forwarded the proposal. The Board discussed the merit of introduction of the stream and forwarded to the Government for approval. The opening of science stream will also enhance NAAC accreditation grading for the college.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan who is also the Chairman of Wokha DPDB in his opening remark said he will do his level best to introduce science stream and further urged all the stakeholders of the district to appeal to the State Government for consideration to facilitate the students who want to pursue science stream.

Principal, Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Wokha, Vunthungo Kikon presented a powerpoint on the academic

performance of the school.

The Board also recommended and forwarded to the Government for approval of registration of Nzhuran Farmers Welfare Society, Phiro village.

Advisor, Mhathung after reviewing dismal performance of the past few years of the academic results of GHSS, appealed to the school authority to give their best efforts to bring good result, he also urged them to conduct special efforts such as special tuition and urged the teachers to adapt students to produce good result. The Advisor appealed to all the stakeholders of the district to chip-in for improvement of the school infrastructure which is in a rundown condition.

### MULTI-SKILLED TRAINING CONCLUDES AT CHANGTONGYA

Closing function programme for Multi-Skilled Handyman organised by Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Zynorique Initiative Society, was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Town Hall, Changtongya town.

The programme was chaired by Atsie Kenneth, DEO, Mokochung. Exhortation was given by Youth Moulding Centre, Changtongya and vote of thanks was delivered by Er. T. Imlisunep Ao, Principal Government, ITI, Mokochung.

### MOTOR CYCLE RALLY HELD AT TUENSANG



*The Sakhi-One Stop Centre and Mahila Shakti Kendra organized a Motor Cycle rally in collaboration with Frontier Royal Enfield En-Blok (FREE) Club as an awareness campaign for violence against women at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

The Sakhi-One Stop Centre and Mahila Shakti Kendra organized a Motor Cycle rally in collaboration with Frontier Royal Enfield En-Blok (FREE) Club as an awareness campaign for violence against women at Parade Ground,

Tuensang on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The rally was organized with the theme 'Leave no one behind, end violence against women and girls.'

Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang flagged off the rally.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that whether we like it or not, violence does exist in society and spreading messages against violence is very important. He also encouraged the club members to spread the message wherever they go.

Chulongla, District Administrator, Sakhi

One Stop Centre also said that domestic violence is not to be taken as family problems or normal but it is a crime. She also said that to end violence against women, it should start at home and it should be protected. Spreading of message to end the violence should not end today but rather, it should be kept spreading, she added.

### LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall.

Addressing the members, Pangnyu Phom congratulated and extended his appreciation to all the frontline workers, the District Administration, Police and Security Force, government officials, PBCA, NGOs and civil societies of the district for working relentlessly to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 under the dynamic leadership of the DC. He appealed to the DPDB members and frontline workers to continue to educate and create awareness on COVID-19 to control the spread of corona virus. The Minister also invited all the officers and members to come forward to share

any problems and grievances with the elected members directly for the development of Longleng.

On behalf of the DPDB, DC, M. Shayung Phom apprised the Minister for construction of quarter for ADC Headquarter, modification of DPDB Hall, GA Guest House and posting of DEO (Education), J. E. (CAWD), DFO (Fishery), UDO (Urban) and E. E. Power for smooth functioning of developmental works in the district.

The proposal for construction of water reservoir tank submitted by the OC, Fire & Emergency Services, Longleng was discussed and approved for allotment. In this regard, the Board entrusted DC and PPC for allotment of suitable site for construction of water reservoir tank. However, it was decided that the concerned department shall execute the work.

### ADVISOR, HORTICULTURE AND BORDER AFFAIRS VISITS SUNGRO RANGE

Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan visited Aree Old and New village on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 along with Heads of Offices of various government departments in the district. At Aree Old, which is the Aspirational Village under his constituency, the Advisor held series of meeting with villagers to take stock of the status of implementation of various developmental programmes. He also visited various projects sites in the village before leaving for Aree New to have a similar meeting.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the team led by

the Advisor visited Okotso village and inaugurated Horticultural Link Road, Rural Market and the Village Community Hall. He also attended the inaugural programme of the 30<sup>th</sup> Edition of Sungro Range Youth Sports Association Meet 2020 as the Special Guest and declared the meet open. The Advisor and the visiting officials and team also undertook a trip to Hayili area under Pangti village for better understanding of the area vast potential and also visited the old abandoned irrigation project. The village elders present at the site made fervent appeal to help them revive cultivation by

providing necessary facilities, to which the visiting team assured them of all possible support for

reclamation of the abandoned fields and for productive utilization of the entire area.

### **COVID-19 AWARENESS ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN TUENSANG DPDB MEETING**

Tuensang District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang. The meeting was chaired by DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The members discussed on proposal for construction of toilet at Kiusam, EAC Office and agreed to forward for approval by the Government. The proposal for the registration of societies, namely Eastern Nagaland Agri Allied Farmers Association Headquarter, Tuensang and Welfare Society for Disabilities (WSD), Tuensang was discussed and the Board decided to forward it to the respective

department for verification before further necessary procedures.

The members were also informed by DC, Tuensang for the COVID-19 awareness campaign activities. The proposal for installation of 500 KV transformer at EAC, Chari was also discussed and decided to send to the concerned department for verification before sending to government for approval.

The proposal for financial assistance for painting of Badminton Stadium was also discussed. The Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) presented the departmental activities to the Board.

### **TUENSANG DTF COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION PLANNING MEETING HELD**

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for administration planning for COVID-19 vaccination meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC), Conference Hall, Tuensang. The meeting was chaired by Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Tuensang.

DC, Tuensang was of the view that vaccination for COVID-19 in the district is going to be a huge task for which involvement of civil societies will be of great importance for successful implementation of the vaccination processes. He encouraged all the members to give full cooperation

and be prepared so that there will not be any problem in the implementation process.

Thungchamberi, DIO, Tuensang highlighted on the preparatory phase for the administration of the vaccination process. She also highlighted that the first phase for the vaccine beneficiary will be purely based on the frontline workers and the rest will follow suit. She also explained the details of challenges and problems for the implementation of the full vaccine administration process and explained the details of the micro planning for the same.

### **RELIEF DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME AT WAKCHING VILLAGE**

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, fire broke out in Wakching village AW, Centre-A area, where four houses were completely burned down and 16 houses were destroyed. In the process of containing the spread of fire in the adjoining areas, 17 AW beneficiaries (women and children) were affected.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, on the initiative of Renchano Odyuo, CDPO (ICDS), a dedication of Model AWC-cum-distribution of relief to the fire

victims was held at AWC-A Wakching village.

Renchano Odyuo, CDPO (ICDS), on behalf of the beneficiaries, thanked the officers and well-wishers from SPMU, Poshan Abhiyaan, Nagaland and Social Welfare Department for donating money and rice to the victims for immediate relief.

The welcome address was delivered by Ngonteih Konyak, Supervisor. The dedication of Model AWC upgradation was carried out by Menton, Pastor, WBC.



## TRAINING ON OYSTER MUSHROOM CULTIVATION HELD AT KOHIMA



ATMA, Kohima district conducted a training programme on Oyster Mushroom Cultivation through Paddy Straw, under STRY scheme at Perizie Colony, Kohima from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

ATMA, Kohima district conducted training programme on Oyster Mushroom Cultivation through Paddy Straw, under Skill Training for Rural Youth (STRY) Scheme under the Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) of National Mission on Agricultural Extension Technology (NMAET) of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare,

Government of India from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Perizie Colony, Kohima. Mhathung Tsopoe, Horticulture Inspector and Team Member, Nagaland Bee Keeping & Honey Mission was the resource person. Trainees were introduced with medicinal, nutritional and its economic benefits. A total number of 18 participants were trained.

### ERO VISITS LONGLENG AND MON

Electoral Roll Observer (ERO) for Longleng and Mon, Kikheto Sema, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland visited Longleng on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and held a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Longleng in connection with Summary Revision of Electoral Roll for the year 2020. The meeting was chaired by M. Shayung Phom, DC and DEO, Longleng.

The ERO briefly highlighted the importance of democracy stating that election is its pillar and referring to Article 324 and 325, he said that the revision process is based on equality and does not discriminate any person, and that, all eligible citizens irrespective of sex, race, caste, religion, etc. must enrol themselves as a voter to exercise their

franchise. Therefore, he appealed to the political parties to have clean electoral roll for clean election. He also asserted that when it comes to clean election, Nagaland must learn a lot from the neighbouring Christian states like Mizoram and Meghalaya. He also urged the churches to include clean election campaign and spread the message of 'Clean Election' through church platforms and he was also of the opinion that it should be included in the elementary education.

Later, the ERO along with the District Administration led by the DC visited some polling stations in Longleng town and neighbouring villages. The meeting was attended by AROs, District Administrative Officers and political parties

of the district.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Kikheto Sema also visited Mon and held a meeting chaired by Thavaseelan K, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon and attended by ERO, AEROs, administrative officers, political parties. He urged the officers and political party representatives to sensitize people

about the ethical approach during enrolment and electioneering processes so that the masses do not leave the responsibilities to the election machinery alone. The ERO accompanied by district officials also visited polling stations under 43-Tapi and 46-Mon Town Assembly Constituencies.

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SVEEP HELD AT TUENSANG**

Awareness programme on SVEEP Campaign in collaboration with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BPPP) and District Administration, Tuensang was held at Town Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

H. P. Gupta, GT, Government Higher Secondary School, Thangjam was the resource person of the SVEEP awareness campaign. Speaking on the occasion, he explained on the foundation of the SVEEP and its objectives in the Indian democratic set up. He also discussed on the qualifying years of the young voters and cited the importance of female voters and their contribution in the election process of the nation. The Government of India has a keen interest in uplifting the female voters so that the female section of the population can play a vital role in electing their leaders, he added. Electoral registration should be a collective effort so that no eligible citizen can be left out, he added.

Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner in his speech said that India is a

democratic country and voting right is a democratic right of every citizen which cannot be deprived. He was also of the view that we always keep on complaining about the developmental activities of the State but it is us who elects our leaders so we should choose responsibly. We can also be an agent of change by spreading such awareness message without breaking the chain so everyone can be reached to act responsibly in nation building process, he said.

Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, ADC, Tuensang said that every citizen who has attained 18 years of age is the voter citizen of our country and should take it as a responsibility and should contribute in nation building process. He also said that the BBBP is very relevant, looking into the lesser participation in every field.

Brief highlight on BBBP was also addressed by Naimkoi, District Coordinator, MSK who mentioned a brief history of the origin of the BBBP scheme and its importance and objectives.

### **PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD**

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and SDPDB, Pughoboto Chairman, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

ADC, Pughoboto and SDPDB, Vice Chairman, Thungchanbemo Tungoe reviewed the previous meeting agenda regarding road maintenance under Pughoboto sub-division. The MLA reminded the Department to give priority to the

roads which is the lifeline of the people.

SDO, Soil & Water Conservation, Pughoboto highlighted some of the activities implemented under Pughoboto sub-division like Rashtriya Krishi Yojana (RKVY) and Integrated Land Development Project (ILDP)-NABARD like development of Bench Terraces (BT), vermicomposting, development of Water Harvesting Ponds (WHP) and counter trenching. Functional Manager, Hojeto Sheqi also presented the department's activities.





## FOUR SCHOOLS AND TWO VILLAGES DECLARED FREE TOBACCO AREA AT WOKHA

Wokha District Tobacco Control Cell, District Level coordination Committee and District Level Enforcement Squad, NTCP, Wokha held its quarterly meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the official Chamber of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha. EAC, I. Yentinougbo chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, four schools namely, Fernbrook, Libemo Memorial, Government School Sector A, Little Angel School and Longsachung village and Niroyo village were declared free tobacco schools and villages respectively. With this declaration, the district now has 23 free tobacco schools and four free tobacco villages. The certificates were handed over by Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe who urged them to maintain the criteria and standards for effective implementation of the law.

Dr. Daisy Ovung, DNO, NTCP, Wokha while presenting the quarterly reports of DTCC, said the team had visited shops selling tobacco products from Niropen colony to NST colony covering around 100 shops on COTPA Section 6, where shops owners were directed to display board with specified warning indicating that 'Selling of any tobacco products to and by any person below 18 years of age is a punishable offence.' She also informed that enforcement drive was also conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 comprising of COTPA Flying

Squad, members from NTCP and Dobashis, and the team visited 40 hotels and restaurants within the town to ensure prohibition of smoking in public places.

The team directed the owners/in-charge to display 'No Smoking' signage and its specification in form of IEC were also distributed. The team during the raid penalized four defaulters for violation of COTPA Section 4. Training and awareness for Sunday School teachers, PRI on tobacco control at schools, villages, hospital staff, youth, churches and tobacco users were also conducted during the period from October to December 2020, and besides that, total number of 33 tobacco users were counselled and 14 were given free pharmacological support.

The members also deliberated to strengthen the enforcement of COTPA law and to conduct enforcement activities once every month, where District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Dr. Daisy appealed to all the members to extend co-operation for effective implementation of the law. She also said that since Tobacco Control Committee has been constituted in every school and village, she urged them to put more effort and to frequently review tobacco related activities and report/submit the activities. The members also reviewed the past activities and upcoming activities to be conducted.

## AWARENESS ON LIVELIHOOD GENERATION AND EDUCATION HELD AT WOKHA

In continuation with the 'Beauty with a Purpose Project Phase-2' of Miss Nagaland 2019, Wokha District Administration and DLCW-MSK under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with Beauty and Aesthetic Society of Nagaland organized an awareness programme on Livelihood Generation and Education on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

Speaking at the event, Miss Nagaland

2019, Vikunuo Sachü shared her experiences of working with the local farmers especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She talked on the demands of local product by the people of Nagaland and how she felt like taking up the profession of farming because of the returns in terms of self-satisfaction and financial gain. Keeping aside the positive aspect of farming, she also emphasized on the hardship faced by local





*Miss Nagaland, 2019, Vikunuo Sachu along with the participants during the awareness programme on Livelihood Generation and Education at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

farmers especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. She encouraged the participants to buy locally produced product to motivate them to carry on with their farming as without farmers to feed us, the nation will not be able to survive.

Arhonbeni Ezung, EAC (P) encouraged the

participants to continue with their good work and spread their message of positivity to the people and youth of Wokha district. Staff of Entrepreneurs Associates of Nagaland, Limasenla appraised the participants on the various projects and outcome of their association.

### MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Mon district was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon.

Various agenda including proposal for Sub-Treasury Office at Tizit and change of school name

of St. Xavier School at Changlanshu to Holy Vineyard School. The said agenda were discussed and approved by the Board, implementation of which will take effect at the earliest. The meeting was chaired by 46-Mon, MLA, Thongwang, Chairman of DPDB, Mon.

### DISTRICT LEVEL WORKSHOP ON SUMAN HELD AT KOHIMA

District level workshop on Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Emphasizing on SUMAN scheme and checklist, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said that SUMAN is an initiative for zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths with a vision to create a responsive healthcare system which strives to achieve zero maternal and infant deaths through quality care provided with dignity and respect. She informed that the beneficiaries under this scheme includes all pregnant women, all mothers up to 6 months post-delivery and all sick infants. She also sought co-operation and support of District Administration

and other line departments to work together for the dignified and quality service to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

Medical Superintendent, NHAK, Dr. Visasieü Kire also highlighted on District Hospital Maternal and Newborn Health indicators based on HMIS data for the last three years, status - admission, death rate, facility and community follow-up, maternal and child death review status, stillbirth rate, etc. Senior OBG, NHAK, Dr. Abei Angami presented a powerpoint presentation on the update of LaQshya programme certification status, bottlenecks pertaining to specific check points, and LaQshya monthly indicators.

The workshop was organised by NHAK in collaboration with Kohima District Administration.

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZES BIBLE RECITATION COMPETITION UNDER BBBP

In commemoration of World Sunday School Day 2020, Wokha District Administration, DLCW-MSK under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) organized an Online Bible Verse Recitation competition on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

EAC (Headquarter), Wokha, I. Yentinougbou, addressing the participants

congratulated them and also urged to give their best in whatever they do and urged them to make proper use of their God gifted talents.

Jemimah Tsingtao, Shentiza T. Yanthan and Mhachoni K. Humtsoe bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. Women Welfare Officer-DLCW-MSK, Dr. Wonchano Enny chaired the function.

## B/173 BN, CRPF ORGANIZES CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME IN MOKOKCHUNG



Commandant 173 BN, CRPF, Vishnu Goutam and other officials with the beneficiaries during the Civic Action Programme organized by B/173 BN, CRPF at Mokokchung on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

In continuance with the Civic Action Programme (CAP) the B/173 BN, CRPF organized a Water Storage Tank distribution programme on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Mokokchung.

Commandant 173 BN, CRPF, Vishnu Goutam gave away the water tank to the beneficiaries in the presence of 2<sup>nd</sup> IC, W. Somananda, Chairman and Village Council member of Chuchuyimpang, Principal and students of Fazl Ali College. Altogether 28 water storage tanks were distributed to the beneficiaries from Chuchuyimpang

and Mokokchung village and Fazl Ali College.

Delivering a short speech, the Commandant reiterated that para-military forces are carrying out Civic Action Programmes so as to foster better understanding and co-operation with the public.

In his keynote address, Assistant Commandant, Vandemo Ovung said the idea to distribute water storage tank came up taking into consideration the water scarcity during dry season and the need to have proper water storage.

**NOKLAK DPDB MEETING APPROVES VARIOUS AGENDA**

*The monthly Noklak DPDB meeting was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

The monthly Noklak District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Chairman, DPDB, Noklak and Advisor, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying requested all the departmental officers to work sincerely and co-operate with one another in all the developmental activities in order to develop the new district. Stating that in the absence of departmental officers, the district cannot progress, he requested all the DPDB members to be present in the next month meeting and to be in station.

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics L.Khumo requested the landowners to willingly give their lands whenever the Government requires for developmental activities, be it for office building or any other projects, so that the district will develop properly. In order to have a proper education system, he requested the department, administration,

teachers and the community to find out the problems and try to solve it in order to get a quality education of the students.

DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS while welcoming the new DPDB members, appreciated the officers who are working hard and giving extra efforts for the progress of the district.

The Board approved the collection of kiwi, cardamom and honey production, Incubation Lab, Rural Common Incubation Facility, Sankalp and also recommended for MSME SFURTI. The Board also discussed construction of new GMS, Noklak Station School building and re-instatement of GHS, Panso which is approved and recommended to the concerned department. The meeting also deliberated on acquisition of land for Noklak town extension from the existing location. In this regard, further necessary action shall be initiated by the concerned committee for early settlement as approved by the Board.

**DISTRICT ADVISORY YOUTH PROGRAMME MEETING HELD AT KOHIMA**

A meeting of the District Advisory Youth Programme (DACYP) was held in the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Chairing the meeting, ADC, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa lauded the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) for their activities towards promoting and building the Youth Clubs of the district and also appreciated the services rendered by the NYK volunteers in assisting the District Administration in the management and distribution of relief materials

to the stranded people who have been directly affected during the lockdown period.

In the meeting, District Youth Co-ordinator, NYK, Kohima, John Makhabo said that the activities carried out under NYK were mostly of capacity building with some sports activities to encourage the Youth Club and to channelize their potential towards nation building. He highlighted the activities and achievements made during the year 2019-2020.

Cumulative report of activities conducted by NYK field functionaries, NYV and Youth Club





members for prevention and mitigation of COVID-19 as on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were also highlighted by the District Youth Co-ordinator. He informed that activities on popularising, educating and motivating families for making face masks at home and training of youth leaders and volunteers on 04 Modules (including Dos and Don'ts for prevention and mitigation of COVID-19) were also conducted through social media platforms besides other

activities.

The District Youth Co-ordinator also presented the NYK Sangathan Core Programmes Annual Action Plan 2020-2021 to the Advisory Board members for approval and suggestions. The meeting decided to propose for enhancement of budget and further approved the programme, activity and scheme distribution within the blocks for implementation under the district.

### **Y. PATTON GRACES NRSU GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Deputy Chief Minister, Home, Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton graced the Golden Jubilee celebration of the New Riphym Students' Union (NRSU) as the Special Guest which was held at New Riphym village on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Addressing the gathering, Patton said jubilee in itself is a milestone achievement and we are reminded of the sacrifices and hardships rendered by the pioneers and under whose leadership and guidance the Union has attained 50 glorious years. This momentous event also reminds us that the growth and achievements made by the student community of New Riphym thus far are the fruits and visions of the leaders of yesteryears, he stated.

Patton also stated that with the world becoming a global village, the present younger generation is passing through a very trying and disturbing time with information technology advancement which takes away substantial time for study, thereby students have become victims of these modern technology and gadgets. He urged the student community in particular to make right use of these modern gadgets beneficially rather than to

ruin one's future. He pointed out that educated youth of Nagaland must venture out in other viable self reliance activities preferably in agro-based sectors and other business activities for survival and to achieve this one should pursue skill oriented career rather than merely obtaining degrees. Patton assured to award a cash amount of Rs.10 lakh and Rs. 5 lakh to whoever clear or pass IAS/IPS and EAC/NPS respectively from New Riphym village.

Earlier the Deputy Chief Minister unveiled the jubilee memorial monolith.

Guest of Honour, Mhonrao Odyuo (Retired) PA to DC, the first President of NRSU said because of hard work and dedication, the Union has come thus far and called upon the younger generation to put more effort to take the union forward. He also called for preservation of our cultural heritage to keep our tradition alive.

Thunghomo Odyuo, Senior SDEO (Retired), President, Lotha Students' Union, Ashanthung Humtsoe, Chairman, New Riphym Council, Nyimtsemo Odyuo, President, NRSU, Adeno Odyuo also spoke on the occasion.

### **JOINT OPERATION ON TRAFFICKING OF PHARMA DRUGS**

The Wokha District Administration along with the Police and the Drug Inspector conducted joint operation on trafficking of pharma drugs within Wokha town on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The operation was done in response to the call of Narcotic Control Bureau, MHA to observe Anti-

Drug Drive week, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> December to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

During the drive, several bottles of cough syrup containing codeine phosphate were seized from different pharmacies. Accordingly, the defaulters have been forwarded to the competent authority for further necessary action.



## DC'S BUNGALOW INAUGURATED

**PHEK:**

Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Bungalow, Phek was inaugurated by Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at Phek Headquarter.

Speaking on the occasion, Kinimi said that the DC's Bungalow has been the most important place for the people of Phek district in particular and the State as a whole for taking care of the people.

Commissioner, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS in his short speech said that the DC's Bungalow is not only for Phek district alone but for all sections of the people. Thanking the government for allotting fund to construct the magnificent building, he also called upon all to have a sense of belongingness and maintain the public property.

The function was chaired by Imliakum Sanglir, EAC, Phek Headquarter. Welcome address was delivered by DC, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS. Technical report was given by Er. Sungtiba Amer, Executive Engineer, CAWD.

**WOKHA:**

Nagaland State Government presented a new Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Bungalow as a Christmas gift to the people of Wokha district on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Inaugurating the new bungalow, Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi stated that the bungalow has become the public property of entire Wokha, the upkeep of which is in the hands of public of Wokha and the concerned DC. The Advisor thanked the State Government led by the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister for their upfront support in providing the fund for timely completion of this majestic bungalow. Kinimi also thanked the contractors, M/S ACE Constructions for timely completions and for the job well done.

Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS extended word of gratitude to the State Government as well as the CAWD Department for coming up with the bungalow, which is a basic requirement for a district to have such an



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infrastructure. He urged the public to make efforts to protect and safeguard and make good use of the bungalow as it has now become public property.

Executive Engineer, CAWD, Er. Sungtiba Amer, while delivering the technical report said that the building was conceptualized during 2014-2015, which was done during the time of the present Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, the then DC, Wokha. The building has a total of 15 rooms and the estimated cost of construction is Rs. 278.48 lakh, and the stipulated time of completion is 24 months. He added that it is indeed a proud moment for the State and the district in particular that this building has become a reality, which was a long felt need of the citizens of Wokha district.

DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the programme, thanked the Government, the CAWD Department as well as the Contractor for completing the building, incorporating all requirements.

The Advisor along with his entourage had an interaction with the Wokha District Disaster Management Authority (WDDMA). DC, Wokha, who is also the Chairman of WDDMA, briefed on the preparation and activities of the said unit in the district. The Advisor accompanied by the Nagaland Commissioner, EE, CAWD along with Wokha District Administration also inspected the new site for the DC's complex.

**KIPHIRE:**

Newly constructed Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Bungalow was inaugurated at Kiphire on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 by Advisor, NSDMA and CAWD, Kazheto Kinimi.

Advisor, Kinimi in his speech said that it is a Christmas gift from the State Government for the people of Kiphire. He mentioned that the CAWD Department may have constructed the DC's Bungalow, but the building has now become the public property of Kiphire district, so the upkeep of the building is in the hands of the public of Kiphire and the concerned DC.

Executive Engineer, CAWD, Er. Sungtiba Amer in his technical report said that the building was conceptualized during 2014-2015. The estimated cost of the building is Rs. 360 lakh and the stipulated time of completion is 24 months.

Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS in his short speech expressed his appreciation to the Advisor for giving priority in completing the half

done DC's Bungalow in four districts. He urged the public to continue to uphold, sustain and to maintain the image and dignity of the DC's Bungalow and Office in the interest of the whole district.

Short Speech was also delivered by V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister and T. Yangseo Sangtam, MLA, Pungro-Kiphire. He requested the CAWD Department that they expect more from the Department even in the days to come. He mentioned that the official quarters of Heads of Offices in Pungro, ADC, Seyochung, and many other offices and quarters are in deplorable conditions, and urged them to look into the matter. He also appealed all the Heads of Offices posted in Kiphire to be more sincere in discharging their duties.

The programme was chaired by Chumbenthung Murry, EAC, Kiphire, welcome address was delivered by DC, Kiphire, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS, dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Dr. Apise and vote of thanks was delivered by James T. Khulu, SDO (C), Kiphire.

**SOKHRIEZIE PARK, MARKET AND WASTE DISPOSAL VEHICLE INAUGURATED**

'Sokhriezie,' a centrally located lake in Kohima is popular for its utility. In the days of yore, water from this lake was salty in nature (what we commonly call Keziedzii-iodine salt). This salt was available in abundance in this lake. Hence, this special salt water was collected and used in cooking for community's guests and beloved friends in those days.

It is also said that the Khel community used to observe 'genna' every year by bringing an unblemished and healthy cock to this lake (Sokhriezie), invoking blessings for good fortune and health upon the Tsutuonuoia clan. Etymologically, the word Sokhriezie is derived from the words 'Sokhrie' meaning 'beloved guests' and 'zie' meaning 'lake.' It was named as such because the water of this lake was reserved only for special people - Khel's guests and beloved friends. As a matter of fact, Sokhriezie was and is still a very important place for Tsutuonuoia Khel in varied ways. History proves that ancestors attached great importance to

this place and had protected this historical lake with great care.

Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir inaugurated Sokhriezie Park at Kohima on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. In his speech, he expressed happiness at the completion of the park and expressed gratitude to the T. Khel members for their generosity so that various developmental activities could be taken up. The Minister stressed on the various hurdles faced in the development of Kohima town and suggested for proper planning, adding that mental development and infrastructure development should go side by side. Jamir added that all developmental activities must strive for sustainability so as to secure the future of the future generations

Chairman, T. Khel, Thepfulvie Suohu mentioned that the park is a long cherished dream plan to preserve, beautify and contribute to the people of Nagaland and with the intervention of Rural Development Department, this structure and

design could be completed. On behalf of the elders, he blessed and wished this foundation a fruitful beginning.

Later, the Special Guest inaugurated the Waste Disposal Vehicle and Sokhriezie Market. The event was compered by Vireizeu Solo and Visasielie Suohu; Development Committee Report was given

by K. Neibou Sekhose, Vice-Chairman Planning, T. Khel Council; Special song presented by Vidisenuo Belho and Nourhengunuo Zatsu; Invocation was pronounced by Atuo Whuorie, Pastor, Baptist Mission Church and word of appreciation was delivered by Helievi-o Solo, Vice-Chairman (Adm), T. Khel Council.

### **MINISTER KAITO AYE INAUGURATES ORGANIC AC MARKET AT DIMAPUR**

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye inaugurated the Organic AC Market at Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board Complex, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Agri Expo Site, Dimapur on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Delivering his speech, Minister G. Kaito Aye stated that the inauguration of AC Market and Cold Storage is just the beginning of a new vision to promote farmers and to lift the farmer community. He urged the Agri & Allied departments to link with NSMB for the success of the market and for the benefit of all sections of the people. He also called upon the departments to be active and take the advantage of the facilities and increase production, encourage the farmers so that we will be self-sufficient.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema said that employment opportunities

could be generated through the facilities and benefit all sections of the people. He also informed about the project of farmers' hostel which will be starting soon and also mentioned about the Government's plan to bring all Agri & Allied Offices to Agri Expo Site for the convenience of the farming community, and also to have better coordination. He appealed to all the Agri & Allied departments to come together and focus on one mission that is sustainability of our people so that we can be self-sufficient.

Invocation was pronounced by Associate Pastor Youth, ABCD, Talimoa Jamir. Welcome address was delivered by Director of Agriculture, Ben Yanthan who also chaired the programme. Construction Report was delivered by Chief Executive Officer, NSAMB, G. Ikuto Zhimomi and vote of thanks was delivered by Executive Officer, NSAMB, Benri Mozhui.

### **ADVISOR, HORTICULTURE INAUGURATES HERBAL SOAP MANUFACTURING UNIT AT WOKHA**

Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, MhathungYanthan on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inaugurated Tongphi Herbal Soap Manufacturing Unit at Rachan Colony, Wokha town.

The Advisor, while speaking at the programme said that irrespective of age, dedicated farmers are the friends of the Horticulture Department. He further called upon all to take farming as an enterprise and become an entrepreneur. He encouraged all to work hard with sincerity and dedication in the field of farming with innovative ideas, so also to take up venture for enabling a job provider instead of seeking government jobs alone.

Director, Horticulture, Dr. Elihung Lotha said that horticulture has a lot of options, from fragrance to taste, and all required nutrients and immunity boost produced from plants and crops are undertaken and initiated by the Department for which one needs to promote all such horticulture related farming in a larger scale. He also asked all farmers and workers to get organized to keep their unit growing.

Mhathung Yanthan unveiled the stone which was dedicated by Rev. S. Thungrio Khuvung, Pastor, Longjung Baptist Church, Vankhosung. The inauguration programme was chaired by Medemshiba, District Horticulture Officer, Wokha.

**MLA KENEIZHAKHO NAKHRO INAUGURATES JOTSOMA VILLAGE GATE**

MLA, 8<sup>th</sup> Western Angami Assembly Constituency, Keneizhakho Nakhro inaugurated the Jotsoma Village Gate, along the Bypass Road, Jotsoma on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Village Gate was built by the 'Thejavakhrie Tshü,' (a social group comprising of villagers from Jotsoma village in the age group between 60 to 65 years).

MLA Nakhro during the inauguration stated that the construction of the Village Gate is significant as it acts as a demarcation of Jotsoma village with the adjoining village, and also to have a clear boundary and avoid misunderstanding on boundary

issues later on. Nakhro applauded the 'Thejavakhrie' group for taking the task of building the gate for the village, and added that their exemplary work will be a guiding light for the village.

During the inauguration of the Jotsoma Village Gate, Village Council, Vice-Chairman, Kepelhukho Senotsu, Head GB, Jotsoma village, shared about the history, meaning and significance of building village gates. Thejavakhrie group members, Kekoseto Nakhro, Kekhrieseto Peseyie, Reverend Savito Nagi and Kekongulhu Sano also shared about the history and activities of the group.

**UPGRADED SUB-STATION INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR**

The upgraded 2×100 MVA Power Sub-Station, Nagarjan, Dimapur which caters to entire Dimapur and Peren districts was formally inaugurated by Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Addressing the inaugural programme, the Advisor thanked the engineers and all the people for their support to enable the Government to fulfil the vision of providing uninterrupted power supply all over Nagaland. He was convinced that with the upgradation of 132/66/33 KV Sub-Station to 2×100 MVA at Nagarjan, the socio-economic condition of the people will also improve. He urged all the officers and staff of the Power Department to work tirelessly with utmost dedication for overall improvement of the society and to create a better tomorrow for future generation. He also sought the support of the people to extend fullest cooperation especially in payment of electricity bill.

Principal Secretary, Power, Er. K. D. Vizo, who also spoke at the function said that the domestic consumption constitutes about 85% of the total consumption and the trend over the last 10 years has shown an increase of 7-10% in the normal demand annually, and by 2021, the power demand of 200MW is expected from industrial initiatives in the State, and by 2021, the State power demand will touch 450MW.

Vizo also maintained that the present installed generation capacity of the State from small

hydro project is 26.74 MW and the bulk of State power requirement is being purchased from the Central PSU generating units operating in the North Eastern Region and Eastern Region. However, due to shortfall of hydro power generation in Eastern Region, the Department is rationing the supply of electricity throughout the State on a rational basis and there is now tremendous pressure to have our own hydro power generation stations, he said and further appealed to the general public to extend cooperation in places where hydro power stations are coming up.

Engineer-in-Chief, Power, Er. Shikato Sema, in his technical report mentioned that DoNER sanctioned Rs. 17.05 crore which could install only one 100MVA, 132/66KV transformer in March 2015 which provided some relief for some time but with rapid load growth, the transformer got overloaded. Further, at the voltage level of 66/33kv, 20MVA transformer got overloaded and one transformer got damaged on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and to mitigate the power crisis, the State Government sanctioned Rs. 14.96 crore from the State resources and the installation of 100MVA, 132/33kv transformer was completed.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Chief Engineer (D&R), Er. Moa Aier while vote of thanks was proposed by Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. N. Mozhui.

## PUBLIC GROUND, NST STAFF QUARTER INAUGURATED AT PANSO

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economic & Statistics, L. Khumo inaugurated Panso Public Ground on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The Advisor also donated an ambulance towards Primary Health Centre, Panso which was handed over through Panso Area GBs Union.

Meanwhile, Divisional Manager, NST, Tuensang, Andrew P Tikhir also inaugurated NST Staff Quarter-cum-Booking Counter at Panso.

The Advisor was accompanied by SP, Noklak, EAC, Panso, BDO, Panso, MO, Noklak, and other officials.

## DEPUTY CM INAUGURATES CLOCK TOWER AT WOKHA



*Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home, Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton inaugurated the Clock Tower, Wokha on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

Deputy Chief Minister, Home and Roads & Bridges (R&B), Y. Patton inaugurated the Clock Tower, Wokha on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Minister, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Jacob Zhimomi thanked Y. Patton for generously constructing from his own resources to construct the clock tower for the love of his community. He appealed to the other three legislative members from the district to come forward and extend co-operation to the Deputy Chief Minister for the betterment of the Lotha community in particular and for the Nagas in general.

Jacob while speaking on the water supply for Wokha town, which he inaugurated last year at Vankhosung main reservoir, assured that the Department will try its best to give at least basic requirement of water supply from the said reservoir before next year monsoon. He also said the Department could not augment adequate water storage due to some technical problem which will be

rectified soon. He also stressed on the importance of free will donation from the public for the successful implementation of any government projects, adding that there should not be any hindrance on the land issue, and called on the public has to sacrifice to bring development in our State.

Lotha Hoho, Mhondamo Lotha thanked the Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister, Y. Patton for constructing the Clock Tower on his own initiative. He also appealed to the Minister of Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi to strengthen and renovate the Wokha town water supply from Engorotchu main reservoir from Vankhosung, since the water supply is not being satisfactorily delivered for adequate public service. Phyoemo Tungoe supervised the construction.

Benediction prayer for the inauguration of the Clock Tower was pronounced by Executive Secretary, LBCA, Reverend L. Tsanso. The programme was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha.

**'CASH FOR TRASH SCHEME' LAUNCHED AT KIPHIRE**

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS, inaugurated the Kiphire Town Council's (KTC) bailing machine unit and commissioned a new dumper and bolero pick-up on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Old NST, Kiphire.

In his inaugural address, the DC emphasised that the bailing unit is for the benefit of the public and encouraged them to make optimal use of the facility. He also requested the civil society and church leaders alike to help generate awareness regarding segregation of waste at the household level itself and safe disposal of wastes.

Dedicatory prayer was offered by President, USBLA, Pastor, Alison. He also lauded the efforts of the KTC and District Administration and reiterated that it is indeed a step towards not only cleaner environment but has scope of local job generation and assured complete cooperation towards this effort.

While the single use of plastic ban is in place, the safe disposal of other forms of plastic is a point of concern. The KTC therefore launched the 'Cash for Trash Scheme' where the public are encouraged to sell their plastics every Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Old NST, Kiphire.

**WOKHA INSTALLS ADDITIONAL 5 MVA FOR ADEQUATE POWER SUPPLY**

The Department of Power, Electrical Division, Wokha, installed additional 5 MVA which was commissioned on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020, in the presence of Chairman, Lotha Hoho, Mhondamo Ovung and invoking God's blessing, Reverend Abemo Jungio dedicated the installation.

Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Wokha, Er. Chonrothung Ezung said over the past 15 years, the power demand/consumption has increased, yet on the other side, the power transformer capacity has not been upgraded or augmented, thereby the existing 5 MVA power transformer is fully overloaded and poses a great

threat for breakdown any moment. The existing 33/11 K 5MVA power transformer was installed at Power House, Wokha in the year 2005. With the installation of additional 5 MVA, the district will now have 10 MVA. Ezung expressed his optimism that Wokha district will have adequate power supply for at least 10 to 20 years and added that in view of the power transformer constraint and impending risk, the Wokha division requested and apprised the situation to the Chief Engineer (D&R), Nagaland to allot additional 5 MVA power transformer, which the Department allotted on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**MARKETING-CUM-COMMON FACILITY INAUGURATED AT PUGHOBOTO**

*MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu inaugurated the marketing-cum-common facility under LADP Iconic Project, 2019- 2020 constructed near the Local Ground, Pughoboto on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*

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The MLA thanked the Government for giving

the project to farmers to sell their agricultural products. He informed the neighbouring villagers under Pughoboto sub-division to avail the Marketing Centre, adding that one room with gas stove and bed has been provided for farmers to halt for the night if

## CM INAUGURATES NEW KIGWEMA VILLAGE COUNCIL HALL



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking at the inauguration of the new Kigwema Village Council Hall building at Kigwema village on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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Rio highlighted the unique role the Village Councils play in the Naga context, and said that the Indian Constitution respecting the Naga customary laws, exempted the State from Panchayati Raj Institution. He emphasized on the need to protect, uphold and practice the unique customary laws and traditions of the Nagas, and reminded that in Village Council System, leaders are not elected but nominated based on consent of Village Council members. He deplored the conflicts and discords within the Councils and Village Development Board, which he said leads to stalling of projects and dispersal of funds at the village level. Rio further asked the Village Councils to work in unity and avoid litigation of disputes in High Court.

Rio also shared about the difficulties faced by the State Government in planning due to incorrect data and discrepancies in tabulating the Census in the past, which he said has given rise to a number of problems such as excess teachers appointment and also setting up of government schools with disproportionate student-teacher

ratio. He said that schools with zero pass percentage in the last three-four years and schools with no students will be combined with other schools. Similarly in the election process, he said Aadhaar based biometric system need to be used to avoid frauds in voting.

Rio emphasized on the importance of self-sufficiency in food production and need for modern farming method, and encouraged the youth to venture into agriculture and allied sectors. Rio, acknowledging the importance of education in development, promised to look into the matter forwarded by the Kigwema village for upgrading the Government High School, Kigwema to higher secondary level, science stream.

Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zhale Neikha, dignitaries, representatives from Southern Angami villages, organisations, village elders and others were present during the inauguration of the new Village Council Hall. Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha chaired the programme.

## Y. PATTON INAUGURATES TWO RCC GIRDER BRIDGES AT DIMAPUR

Deputy Chief Minister, also in-charge of Home and Roads & Bridges (R&B), Y. Patton, inaugurated the RCC Girder Bridge on River Chathe,

Diphupar 'A' behind Referral Hospital, Dimapur and also the RCC Girder Bridge on River Dhansari at Nagarjan, Dimapur on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.



Unveiling the plaque of the two bridges on behalf of the Government of Nagaland, his colleagues, and Public Works Department (R&B) Department, Patton expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister, Nagaland for his gracious support by giving additional fund to ensure that the bridges becomes functional before Christmas. He also thanked the legislators of Dimapur district and also the Contractor, Rokolhou Angami for their constant help and support thereby allowing the Government to inaugurate the bridges for the welfare of the people. Patton also expressed his appreciation to the surrounding villages, area leaders, public, leaders and youth for rendering their full support for successful completion of the respective bridges. On the occasion, he reminded the Department to take note of his notification, for keeping signboards with the name of the contractor in all the roads and bridges that are constructed under R&B Department. The Deputy CM also announced for allowing commuters to commute in the Ballijan bridge starting from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, though not officially inaugurated.

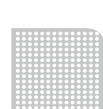
Commissioner & Secretary, Works & Housing, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS in his introductory remark informed that the project for construction of RCC Girder Bridge over Chathe at Diphupar 'A' was sanctioned by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during July 2015 for an amount of Rs. 37.66 crore and work awarded to M/S NaagaamiInfratech Pvt. Ltd. during 2016. The bridge layout was given during October 2017, after

dismantling the old bridge and work commenced, he informed.

Also giving a report of the RCC Girder Bridge over Dhansiri at Nagarjan, Dimapur, Mor informed that the project was sanctioned by the same Ministry during July 2015 amounting to Rs. 37.95 crore and work was also awarded to the same firm. Informing that the existing Nagarjan Bridge was constructed by the British Government, though no official records are available, it was opined to keep the bridge as a heritage structure. In view of this, the construction of new bridge was relocated at the adjacent land and for which the landowners agreed to provide the land under the initiative of the contractor. The bridge layout was given during October 2017 and with the tireless effort of the contractor, the bridge could be successfully completed, Mor added.

The inauguration of the two RCC bridges was witnessed by several Ministers and Advisors including Jacob Zhimomi, Pangnyu Phom, Neiba Kronu, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Tovihoto Ayemi, Kazheto Kinimi, Kashiho Sangtam, Zhaleo Rio besides other legislators. Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS, Engineer-in-Chief, Limatongdang, Chief Engineer, Limanaro, Superintending Engineer, Ahoto, EE, R&B, Dimapur, Talitemsu, respective area Village Council members and a host of dignitaries also attended the inaugural programme. Dedicatory prayer was offered by Reverend Dr. Dozo.

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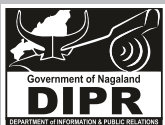
*Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi inaugurated the new Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow of Wokha district on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*The Working Group led by Chief Nodal Officer for Inter-State Movement of Stranded People, Dinesh Kumar, IAS presented a copy of the Report on the Inter-State Movement of Stranded Persons to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Jan E Alam, IAS in his office chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir speaking during the inauguration of Sokhriezie Park at Kohima on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



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