



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy CM, Y. Patton, Ministers and other dignitaries during the inauguration of the Astro Turf Football Pitch at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 28th January 2019.

A view of the newly inaugurated Astro Turf Football Pitch at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima.



Former Indian Football Team Captain, Bhaichung Bhutia with the Governor and Chief Minister of Nagaland, and other dignitaries during the memorial lecture which was held in commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of Dr. T. Ao at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 28th January 2019.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom addressing the inaugural program of the District Hospital upgradation at Phek on 30th January 2019.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

TALI TEMJEN TOY, IAS APPOINTED AS NAGALAND CHIEF SECRETARY

The Government of Nagaland has appointed Tali Temjen Toy IAS (NL: 89), Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner as Chief Secretary, Nagaland with immediate effect vice R. Binchilo Thong IAS, Chief Secretary, transferred and posted as Director General, Administrative Training Institute, Kohima.

Tali Temjen Toy IAS, Chief Secretary shall hold additional charge of Finance Commissioner till further orders.

STATE GOVERNMENT BANS ILLEGAL MINING

In pursuance of the Cabinet decision during the Cabinet meeting held on 7th January 2019, the Government has banned illegal coal mining across the State of Nagaland and also imposed a provisional mining ban on all Firms/Companies which have been issued with mining licenses.

This shall come into force with immediate effect and until further orders.

POWER DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

Chief Engineer (D&R) Power, Er. Khose Sale in a notification has stated that cables, wires, pipes etc. strung between poles poses hazards to persons involved in repair/maintenance works of the lines besides hindering line maintenance/repair works, increasing the probability of accidents/fatalities. Working with electricity is inherently risky, so to reduce the added risk, stringing of any type of cables, wires, pipes etc. between electric poles will not be permitted within Town Limits hereafter. Section 53 sub-sections 1(a) & 1(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 also provides for mitigating such risks, as excerpted below:

53(1). The Authority may in consultation with the State Government, specify suitable measures for:

- a. Protecting the public (including the persons engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution or trading) from dangers arising from the generation, transmission, distribution or trading of electricity, or use of electricity supplied or installation, maintenance or use of any electric line or electrical plant
- b. Eliminating or reducing the risks of personal injury to any person, or damage to property of any person or interference with use of such property.

Therefore, it is brought to the notice of all concerned that any type of cables, wires, pipes etc. strung between electric poles within any Town Jurisdictions should be removed within 3 (three) months from the date of this notification.

CM INAUGURATES MON INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND EXPO

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Mon International Trade Fair and Expo on 7th January 2019 at Mon Local Ground under the theme, 'Exploring new market opportunities and expanding sales network.'

During the inaugural function, Rio stated that such trade expo gives opportunities to the entrepreneurs and manufacturers to showcase their products to prospective customers. Mon is one of the most important strategic districts of Nagaland with boundaries of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Myanmar, and known as the Land of Anghs as well as the Handicraft District, for its unique handicraft and art forms. This Trade Fair and Expo will help the entrepreneurs of the district to have opportunities which will help in building partnership and access network, he added.

Rio stated that the state government is trying for promoting growth of trade and business as facilitators, support and to maintain peaceful atmosphere. He said that it is heartening and commendable that this Expo is being held in Mon which is outside the usual venues of Dimapur and Kohima and this is just a beginning, for which he appreciated the District Administration of Mon headed by the Deputy Commissioner and all the organisers. Rio also exhorted the gathering to start banking culture to get loan from the bank for business, farming and entrepreneurs for business.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Ministers Metsubo Jamir and Paiwang Konyak and Advisors Longrineken, Imnatiba, Noke Wangnao, Pohwang Konyak, Bongkhao Konyak and MLAs Thongwang Konyak and Eshak Konyak.

NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES POANG LUM MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL AT TUENSANG

The Chang Community celebrated its premier festival Poang Lum Mini Hornbill Festival on 10th January 2019 at Loyem Memorial Ground Tuensang. The festivity was organized by Chang Khulei Setshang and sponsored by Government of Nagaland under the theme 'Propelling cultural values.'

Advisor, Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang inaugurated the festival as special guest while Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, C. M. Chang was the host of the program. Ngoun Khiamniungan, President, Khiamniungan Tribal Council was the tribal guest while Lempoksang Lemtur, Additional SP



Advisor, Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang speaking at the Poang Lum Mini Hornbill Festival 2019 at Loyem Memorial Ground Tuensang on 10th January 2019.

Tuensang was the co-host of the event. Sangkhum Chang, Head GB C/Khel Tuensang Village and Rev. Achu Chang, Executive Secretary CBLT initiated the herald of the celebration.

In his speech, Namri Nchang lauded the Government of Nagaland for giving opportunity to all the tribes of Nagaland to organize such events to retrieve the culture and tradition of the tribals of Nagaland. The idea of the Government is to run the Hornbill Festival throughout the year with respective tribes of Nagaland which will contribute towards evolvement of more entrepreneurs amongst the educated youths along with cultural and traditional revival of the tribes, he stated.

The Advisor also inaugurated the stalls which were followed by presentation of cultural items by Khiamniungan Cultural Troupe, Tuensang Village Cultural Troupe, Pangan Chia, Hakchang Cultural

Troupe, X-Chia Nakshou Cultural Troupe, Chongli Chia, Haak Cultural Troupe, Lo Chia and Chingmei Cultural Troupe.

On the second day, the special guest of the program was Secretary, Tourism, T. Mhabemo Yanthan, while the tribal guest was T. Seopi, President United USLP.

On 12th January 2019, the festival concluded with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio exhorting the people to preserve and promote the rich heritage. He said tourism is the world's biggest industry and the Nagas are blessed to generate economy by focusing on the sector. There should be peace, proper communication and good infrastructure to boost tourism where locals need to come forward along with the agenda of the government, he said. Trongso Yimchunger, President Yimchunger Tribal Council was the tribal guest.

Consumer Rights Organisation launched at Dimapur

A launching ceremony of Consumer Rights Organisation was held on 7th January 2019 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur with Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Pukhayi Assumi as special guest.

Assumi talked about the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 which is an Act of the Parliament of India to protect the interest of the consumers in India, and makes councils and other authorities for the settlement of consumers. The Department of Consumer Affairs is one of the two departments under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. It was constituted as a separate department in June 1997 to give a fillip to the nascent consumer movement in the country, he added.

State President, Consumer Rights Organisation Nagaland, James Jungio while giving a briefing of the organization, said that it is a non-profitable, non-political, self founded reform of the Consumer Protection Act to prevent consumers from being exploited and harmed. The aims and objectives are protection against hazards to health and

safety; protection against deceptive, unfair and unconscionable sales acts and practices; provision of information and education to facilitate and choice and the proper exercise of rights by the consumers; provision of adequate rights and means of redress; and involvement of consumer representatives in the formulation of social and economic policies.

Consumers can dial Nagaland Consumer Helpline 1800-345-3701 and avail the services offered.

SUKRUNYE MINI HORNBILL INAUGURATED AT PHEK

Sukrunye 2019 Mini Hornbill Festival started at Phek Town on 15th January 2019 with Deputy Chief Minister and Minister, Home and National Highways, Y. Patton as the Sukrunye guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Home Minister stated that the main objective of organising the festival is to give a boost to tourism and to give equal opportunities to all Naga tribes of Nagaland and to

benefit local entrepreneurs, showcasing of the beautiful and rich cultural heritage. He called upon the people to lend support and co-operation towards development activities taken up by the government.

The Home Minister also highlighted on the activities at the festival like boating, rafting, zip lining, water zorbing etc. He called upon the people to celebrate it as a purification of the present society in order to foster more unity and brotherhood among neighbourhoods.

Minister for Planning & Coordination and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu, who was the chief host stated that the government is focussing on the development of our people and called upon all to give their best co-operation in this venture.

The inaugural program was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Phek, Orenthung Lotha; pronouncement of Sukrunye blessing was given by Zhetoi Lohe; a special presentation was also given by Chakhesang Cultural Research Institute, Chetheba (CCRIC), and significance of Sukrunye was presented by CPO President, Zapami village.



MP Rajya Sabha, K. G. Kenye speaking on the second day of the Sukrunye festival at Phek town on 16th January 2019.

The second day of the Sukrunye festival was graced by special guest K. G. Kenye, MP Rajya Sabha on 16th January 2019. The festival concluded on 17th January 2019 with MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu as the guest of honour.

Training program for Nodal Officers of Departments and Directorates on VAF held at Kohima

The training program for Nodal officers of Departments and Directorates by State Level Master Trainers for launching of Voter Awareness Forum (VAF) was held on 15th January 2019 at Hotel Japfü, Kohima.

Briefing the participants, Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said that election is the most important thing in a democracy which should be ethical and informed that the ECI has decided that every organisation (government or private) should have VAF under the chairmanship of Departmental Head, one Nodal Officer with five to six Executive Members,

an informal forum for generating discussions and awareness around the electoral process with an aim to spread voter awareness and facilitate voter's education. He added that the campaign is christened as Voters Verification and Information Programme (VVIP) where verification of names in Photo Electoral Roll (PER) will be an important activity of the VAF.

Abhijit informed the voters to go on National Voters Services Portal (www.nsvp.in) to check their electoral details of names and EPIC etc. and to call Toll Free 1950 for election related issues. He also said that an EPIC holder will be entitled to vote in an

election, only if his name exists in the current electoral roll and urged the electors to apply for registration in the electoral roll for exercising voting rights.

Additional Chief Electoral Officer, N. Moa Aier and Deputy CEO, Vekho Vero highlighted the Calendar of Activities, Voter Verification and Information

Program and the role and responsibilities of the VAF. The master trainers were Associate Professor Kohima College, Keneileisa and Wozamo, Research Associate SCERT. Programmer Kitoka delivered a powerpoint presentation on 'Registration and Name Check.'

MIMKUT MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Day one of the 8th State Level Mimkut Mini Hornbill Festival was held on 15th January 2019 at Ahthibung town, Peren with Namri Nchang, Advisor for Water Resources Department gracing the inaugural function as special guest.

In his address, Namri Nchang reminded the gathering that Mimkut (post-harvest festival) is to thank and praise God for the previous rich harvest showered upon the Kuki community for which all should be grateful. He added that today we are living in a global village and even if one is equipped with wisdom and technology, if one is without his/her traditions, customs and cultures, he has lost his identity.

On the second day, the inauguration of Lt. Lengjang Kuki Memorial Park at the entrance of Ahthibung town

near Forest Gate was made by H. Khehovi Yephthomi, Advisor Tourism, Art & Culture on 16th January 2019. Release of Biography of Lt. Lengjang Kuki was done by L.L. Kuki, President Kuki INPI. Highlights of the day's program were presentation of cultural dances by Chakhro Cultural Troupe, Western Sumi Cultural Troupe, Zeliang Cultural Troupe from Tening, Peren and Kuki Cultural Troupes.

The third day programme of the festival was graced by Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, who was accompanied by Kashiho, Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining; Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor CAWD; Dr. Longrineken, Advisor Treasures & Accounts and Border Affairs; H. Haiying, Advisor Printing & Stationery; Namri Nchang, Advisor Water Resources Department.

TSUNGKAMNEO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED



DC Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol addressing the gathering during the Tsungkamneo Festival at Dimapur District Sports Complex on 16th January 2019.

The Yimchunger Union Dimapur celebrated Tsungkamneo Festival at Dimapur District Sports Complex with Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol as special guest and Director NEC, Energy Pvt. Ltd. Sapu Bhattacharyya as guest of honour on 16th January 2019.

Addressing the gathering, the DC called on the Yimchungers to be preservers, conservators and the protector of nature and the resources they are blessed with. Terming the people as fortunate to have Likimro Hydro Project and Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary in their area, the DC urged the people to act as facilitators to those projects and to be hospitable to those who are involved in such projects. He said that if the people

neglect their area and do not tap its resources wisely, the area will become just a forest.

Guest of honour, Bhattacharyya said that every festival is related to pre or post-harvest and a time for peace and reconciliation and therefore called upon the Yimchunger people to unite as one community.

Short speeches were also delivered by Vice President, Yimchungru Tribal Council, Kiumuhean; Ex-MLA, R Tohanba; Judicial Secretary, Western Sumi Hoho, Hekhevi Achumi, and President Naga Council Dimapur, Bangerloba Longkumer.

Other highlights of the program included welcome address by Convenor, Organising Committee, Akumba Yim; significance of Tsungkamneo by R Shitipong; Solo of Tender Bud by Pougue Lily; folk songs by Tsunrun Cultural Club Dimapur and Khungriso Cultural Troupe, and showcasing of traditional costumes. The formal program was followed by indigenous games, folk dances and feast.

State Contingent's participation in the 6th NE Youth Festival 2018

The State Contingent participated in the 6th North East Youth Festival conducted at Agartala, Tripura from 15th-18th November 2018. In the Guitar Recital, Neitseilie Liniu secured the third position, and in the Painting Competition, Lipokmanen Longkumer secured the third position.

A total contingent of 17 participated in the said event which was led by N. Vineikholie, Youth Resources Officer Phek and Bijim PIS.

T&A bids farewell to Principal Director Tiayanger Tzudir

The Department of Treasuries & Accounts (T&A) bade farewell to its outgoing Principal Director, K. Tiayanger Tzudir on 18th January 2019 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of T&A.

Outgoing Principal Director, K. Tiayanger Tzudir while delivering his farewell speech mentioned that



Outgoing Principal Director, Treasuries & Accounts, K. Tiayanger Tzudir receiving department's memento and certificate from Commissioner & Secretary, Finance, Kikheto Sema, IAS during the farewell program held in his honour at the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts on 18th January 2019.

he joined the department of T&A as STO in December 1983. Tzudir said he is retiring with satisfaction and great happiness and mentioned the department has expanded greatly in terms of both activities and responsibilities over a period of time. As such, he urged the officers and staff of the department to put concerted efforts in their duties with sincerity and dedication. He also mentioned that there were only 38 officers in the department when he first joined, but now it has been expanded to more than 200 officers and 100 more in the pipeline, he stated.

Commissioner & Secretary, Finance, Kikheto Sema, IAS while delivering a short speech, termed the service of the outgoing officer as 'positive' and said he was an officer whose remarkable achievements and contributions for the welfare and wellbeing of the department has created an asset rather than a liability.

Incoming Principal Director, R. N. Lotha, who spoke on behalf of the department, pointed out the

remarkable achievements and contributions of the outgoing officer to the department saying that he was an officer who strongly advocated and took active role in the upliftment of the department, particularly in creation of new posts, cadre review, service rules and computerisation of treasury offices.

Director, T&A, Vahine Thisa, Additional Director, T&A, R. N. Lama, OSD Finance, Taliremba, Director & IGP Vigilance Commission, I. Meyionen Jamir, C. T. Jamir, Senior AO NF & ASA, Temsu Longkumer, Senior TO, Kekhaho Aye on behalf of District Treasuries, Senior AO, Amenla on behalf of Accounts Officers also spoke on the occasion.

CM LAUNCHES FOCUS PROJECT IN DIMAPUR

Launching program of Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming system in North East FOCUS-Nagaland was held at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 19th January 2019 with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as chief patron.

Speaking on the occasion, Rio said the project is important because it addresses 'improvement of jhum' rather than the standard 'run of the mill' program to find alternative to shifting cultivation. Describing Nagas as hardworking people, Rio said the farmers need proper training and good guidance so as to produce sufficiently and market the excess.

Rio also called upon the government departments, agencies and civil society organisations working for the farmers to come together under the guidance of IFAD and work for the economic growth of the people living in rural areas. The Chief Minister assured full cooperation and support from the government towards the successful implementation of the project.

Minister of Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye in his keynote address pointed out that since the formation of statehood, agriculture has no externally aided project in the state. He was optimistic that IFAD funded project would boost the agriculture economy of the state and agriculture economy will achieve

agriculture revolution in the state and the FOCUS project will be a major contribution towards the end.

IFAD partnership with Government of Nagaland was presented by IFAD India representative, Rasha Omar. 'Scope of convergence with Agri Allied Sectors' was presented by APC & Mission Director, FOCUS, T. Imkonglemba Ao IAS. SPD, FOCUS Nagaland, Angelina Tajen highlighted about FOCUS project.

10 Day Master Art Workshop for Budding Artists at Kohima

The launching program of the 10 day Master Art Workshop, organised by Rattle and Hum Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Art & Culture was held on 22nd January 2019 at the Heritage, Kohima. The function was graced by H. Khehovi Yephthomi, Advisor, Art & Culture, Tourism and the master trainer for the workshop was Viveek Sharma.

In his speech, Advisor Khehovi encouraged the participants to learn something new and to sharpen their skills, mentioning that it should be taken as an opportunity to establish connection with people from other parts of the world. He also acknowledged the young participants to have an open mind and to extract the best out of what the workshop has to offer as it would help them to look at art from a new and different perspective.

Viveek Sharma, an artist and master trainer of the workshop pointed out that there is no shortcut in life, and to achieve anything requires struggles and determination. Mentioning that everyone is born with creative minds, and that it is up to the individual to introspect into oneself and to bring out the best, he encouraged the young participants to keep going no matter what the struggles are. He said that Nagas have a lot of talent and potential but most of these are untapped. On this point, he further encouraged the participants to have a positive attitude towards their priorities, to never blame others for the failures that they face, and to keep believing in themselves.

Viveek Sharma has exhibited his works



Inaugural program of the 10 day Master Art Workshop, organised by Rattle and Hum Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Art & Culture was held on 22nd January 2019 at the Heritage, Kohima.

extensively in various Indian metros as well as international galleries at Dusseldorf, Zurich and New York.

The other collaborators of the 10 day workshop are SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) Hongkong and the Himalaya Fine Art, Mumbai.

GOVERNOR TAKES PART IN SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN NE STATES IN DIBRUGARH

The Governor of Nagaland and National Brand Ambassador for Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), P. B. Acharya took part in a Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Dibrugarh town on 22nd January 2019 along with the brand Ambassadors of North East NAMASTE States Swachh Bharat Mission Committee.

Addressing the program, Governor Acharya stated that cleanliness should begin at home and every household should have proper toilets and called for an end of open defecation. He emphasised on the importance of



Governor of Nagaland and National Brand Ambassador for Swachh Bharat Mission, P.B. Acharya taking part in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Dibrugarh town on 22nd January 2019.

having clean surroundings and proper sanitation at home.

The Governor stated that SBM, launched by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on 2nd October 2014, is the biggest cleanliness drive where government employees, school students and college students of the country are participating.

A social work in the vicinity led by the Governor and his wife was also conducted after the end of the formal programme. The program was organised by the North East NAMASTE States Swachh Bharat Mission Committee led by its Convener, Sotai Kri of Arunachal Pradesh.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

MON:

Mon celebrated National Girl Child Day at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall on 24th January 2019.

Bonnie, Vice President KNSK in her keynote address said that giving opportunities and empowerment to girls should begin at home and added that if women are involved in decision making, big changes will definitely come.

During the occasion, the District Administration felicitated the top three girl students who scored highest marks in HSLC 2018 result under Mon district. The awardees are N. Zamyum K, St. John Higher Secondary School, Mon; Rasna Begam H, Christ King High School, Mon and Ngapka L. Tahkaishu, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Mon. Thavaseelan K. IAS, DC Mon and Imnalensa IPS, SP Mon gave away the certificates and cash money to the awardees.

The program was organised as part of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign by the District Administration Mon.

WOKHA:

Wokha celebrated National Girl Child Day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at the Town Hall on 24th January 2019.

ADC Wokha, Mhathung Tsanglao said that the district is celebrating the occasion in a befitting manner as the district has been conferred with the recognition as one amongst the best districts in the country in the implementation of BBBP project. He also said that the

district has launched various projects for the girl child by conducting advocacy and skill development with the assistance of all the stakeholders in the district including various departments, NGOs and SHGs to uplift the status of womenfolk in the district. In 2018, within two and a half months, the district conducted more than eighty (80) workshops.

CHUKITONG:

Chukitong Block Task Force for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) held a program on 24th January 2019 at Chukitong Area Baptist Mission School in celebration of National Girl Child Day. Two girl children, Mhonbeni B Kikon and Arhoni Kikon, who performed well in their respective fields were chosen to be Block Level Local Champions and were felicitated.

PFUTSERO:

The opening ceremony on celebration of National Girl Child Day and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Week under the theme "Empower the girl child by educating her" was observed at GHSS Pfutserso on 21st January 2019 with SDPO Pfutserso, Aotula Imchen IPS and Director CWWS, Vechulou Kanuo as the theme speakers.

Speaking on the theme 'Empower the girl child by educating her,' Aotula Imchen said our Naga society, when it comes to respecting men and women, in many sense is equal, and that our Naga society is performing better compared to others. She added that irrespective of being a girl child or a boy child, if

we want to make an impact in the society or achieve anything in life, the basic start is education which makes one self confident, raises our self esteem, improves communication skills, gives courage to face society, helps in health and family welfare and also improves economic standing of the family.

Vechulou Kanuo speaking on the topic 'Promoting gender equality in the family and society,' said that gender equality is the stage of equal access of resources and opportunities regardless of gender such as economic participation, participation in decision making and valuing different behaviors. She also said that gender equality is not human rights but it is a foundation for peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. She emphasised that gender equality does not mean that men and women should always be treated the same.

BHANDARI:

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the National Girl Child Day 2019 on 24th January 2019, under the flagship program Beti Bachao Bedi Badhao (BBBP) at the Town Hall, under the theme "Save the girl child, educate the girl child."

The special guest of the program, Watichuchang, Deputy Commandant 7th NAP Bn. Bhandari, while

addressing the gathering, stated that the flagship program of BBBP will help to uplift womenfolk economically, financially and educationally as equal stakeholders in the society. He also called on the menfolk to give due respect to women and treat girls without biased mentality by giving equal opportunity to their daughters and set examples for others to follow.

PEREN:

Peren celebrated National Girl Child Day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) program with the theme "Empowering girls for a brighter tomorrow" at Jalukie Town Hall on 24th January 2019 with Additional Deputy Commissioner Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang gracing the function as special guest.

In his address, Dr. Tinojongshi appealed to the gathering to uphold the spirit of equality in society in terms of boys and girls education, without discrimination so as to enable equal status for all.

Dr. Rev. Fr. Francis, Principal, St. Xavier College also spoke on the occasion, encouraging the participants to change their mindset for speedy transformation of society.

Social Welfare Department officials from Peren, Jalukie, Tening, Nsong and Ahthibung along

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the National Girl Child Day 2019 at the Town Hall on 24th January 2019.



with Anganwadi workers from Jalukie attended the function. Special song "We are the world" was presented by Bamile Pame. ADC Jalukie, Tinojongshi Chang carried out the honour of felicitating Peiheitei from Tesen village, who participated in the Khel India Youth Games.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang celebrated National Girl Child Day 2019 at CKS Hall on 24th January 2019 which was organised in collaboration with the District Administration, Social Welfare Department and Health & Family Welfare. Baby Show Competition was also held on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha in his speech mentioned that such program will help in improving the girl sex ratio which is very low as compared to that of 2011 census. Also, quality life of girl child can be checked by organizing and educating such programs, he said.

Senior Gynaecologist, DH Tuensang, Dr. Yanrenthung delivering the keynote address, highlighted to the parents present in the program,

about the motive of the government in organizing such programs, and also gave a detailed statistics on decreasing sex ratio of girls between zero to six years of age.

PHEK:

National Girl Child Day was observed at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall on 24th January 2019 which was organised by Phek District Administration. DC Phek, Orenthung Lotha delivering the keynote address, said that organising such programs is important as it will empower the girl child to do better in life, and also, children can exhibit their talent.

All the students who had passed out in various capacities were awarded prizes along with citation. District Education Officer Phek, Nuvosayi Hoshi spoke on the topic "Educate the girls and empower the nation" and special presentation "I know he lived" was presented by Police Baptist Church Sunday School children, and word of appreciation was delivered by All Wards Vice Chairman, Phek Town, Thupukhruyi Venuh.

9TH NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

The 9th National Voters' Day 2019 under the theme "No voter to be left behind" was celebrated at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 25th January 2019 with Sentianger Imchen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner as the chief guest.

Sentianger Imchen, IAS, in his speech, said every eligible citizen of the country has the right to vote and appealed to all young voters, registered voters and the disabled to exercise their voting rights with a clear and clean mind and not to vote for money, religion etc. He also called upon the Election Commission, BLOs and the District Administration to see that no genuine voters' names are deleted from the list, to check proxy voting, booth capturing and

violence in polling booths which turns away voters. He also administered the National Voters' Day Pledge.

Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said National Voters' Day came into existence in our country on 25th January 2011 to mark the first day of election held in our country i.e 25th January 1950. He further said on this day, the Commission spreads awareness to young voters who have received their EPIC through activities and messages and also aims to reach out to all students. The CEO also said the Commission is preparing special arrangements for the disabled and the senior citizens so that no voter is left behind in the 2019 Lok Sabha.

Hekani Jakhalu, Chairman, Youth Net in her speech on "My vision for a clean election," highlighted



ACS and Development Commissioner, Sentianger Imchen, IAS and other officials with the winners of the art and painting competition at the state and district level (college and higher secondary school level) and essay writing competition (university level) during the 9th National Voters' Day celebrations at Kohima on 25th January 2019.

the underlying corruption and the vulgar display of money politics in the present election system in the state. She further stressed on the need to help the young people of the state to grow in a society which is free from corruption and all forms of electoral malpractices, and also to educate them about the entire electoral system and the importance of their votes in electing responsible leaders who can in turn take the society forward, thus ensuring a bright future for generations to come.

Thejakhrienuo Nakhro, District Icon, Kohima also gave a short speech on the "Role of youth in clean election," wherein she mentioned the importance and the power of young voters in a country where 50 per cent of the population is below the age of 25 years.

Message from the Chief Election Commissioner, Sunil Arora and flash mob videos on clean election and a few short films by Election Commission of India were also screened during the program.

EPICs and National Voters' Day badges were also presented to new voters from all the constituencies under Kohima District by Abhijit Sinha IAS, CEO, Nagaland.

part in cleaning the e-roll and ensure that only eligible voters can vote and that electoral is clean which leads to a free, fair and transparent election.

A message by Chief Election Commissioner was displayed. Presentation of awards to Booth Level Officers and felicitation of new voters was done by the special guest. Administration of Voters' Pledge was done by ADC Dimapur, Albert Ezung.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 9th National Voters' Day at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall under the theme "No voter to be left behind" on 25th January 2019.

While delivering the welcome address, DC and DEO Zunheboto, Shanavas C, IAS explained the code and conduct of election and encouraged the officials to be sincere in carrying out their duties for clean and peaceful election. He further explained that a voter can press the None of the Above (NOTA) button in the EVM, if he/she does not want to vote for any candidate. The District Icon, Aghali H Assumi spoke on the theme "No voter to be left behind."

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur district celebrated National Voters' Day at the Conference Hall of Commissioner of Taxes Office on 25th January 2019 with Commissioner of Taxes, Kesonyu Yhome IAS as special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Yhome mentioned about the achievements in the neighbouring states and said our state has very few success stories which show the picture of the state. He urged everyone to cut down on electoral malpractices and to start doing their own

The highlights of the program were awards presented to BLOs and prize distribution to winners of various competitions that were conducted by AEO Toshimongba. The DC led the pledge taking.

KIPHIRE:

Celebration of 9th National Voters' Day 2019 was observed on 25th January 2019 in Kiphire district under the theme "No voter to be left behind" at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall with M. Shayung Phom as the special guest.

ADC and ERO, Kiphire, Reny Wilfred while delivering the keynote address, mentioned that every individual has the right to cast their vote on attaining the age of 18. He encouraged all the voters to use their vote in the right way because one vote counts and matters a lot. Short speeches were also delivered by Kepenshi, Kiphire ICON and Thrisela, Campus Ambassador.

Prizes were given to the winners of essay writing competition, painting competition, ELC members and Best BLOs. After the felicitation, program pledge was administered by the DC.

PHEK:

The 9th National Voters' Day was held on 25th January 2019 at the Phek DPDB's Conference Hall with government officials and NGOs taking the NVD pledge for promotion of democratic electoral participation.

Khriesangoyi Dozo requested the officials of the departments to help the disabled persons so that everybody can exercise the right to vote and choose the right leaders. He also called upon the people not to sell their votes as it is not ethical and against the rules and conduct of election.

Deputy Commissioner, Orenthung Lotha called upon the voters to vote for the right candidates who can lead our people in the right direction. He called upon the people to disseminate learning of electoral literacy and awareness message on Voters' right and responsibility to all the sections of the society which

will facilitate in taking corrective measures.

During the felicitation, awards were presented for Best BLO to BAC Phek, Khrusayi Lasuh, Surveyor LRSO. In essay competition, the first prize was awarded to Khroto-u of Pfutsero College, the second prize went to Lemningthang Kipgen of Christian Mission Higher Secondary School Phek and the third prize went to Vieyo Rose of Phek Government College.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 9th National Voters' Day was observed under the theme "No voter to be left behind" at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall on 25th January 2019 with DC Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam as special guest.

John Tsulise Sangtam appealed to the gathering to reaffirm their responsibility as good citizens of a democratic country and to realize the importance of right to vote for effective democratic system. He asserted that it is not only the right to vote but a responsibility to exercise our franchise to elect a responsible and right leader to lead our nation. John also pointed out that in order to have a clean electoral roll for clean elections, no bogus voters should be



DC Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam speaking on the occasion of the 9th National Voter's Day celebrations held at the DC's Office, Longleng on 25th January 2019.

enrolled and at the same time, no genuine voters should be left out.

ADC and ERO Longleng, Temsuwati Longkumer administrated the program pledge and Longleng District Icon, Moile Longkongly exhorted the gathering.

The highlights of the program were special number by EU Government Yingli College Longleng, awards and felicitation to Best BLO, winners of essay competition and felicitation of young girl voters under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

MOKOKCHUNG:

National Voters' Day program under the theme "No voter to be left behind" was observed at Community Hall, Penli Ward, Mokokchung with special guest and theme speaker, T. Imlitoshi Walling in the presence of Deputy Commissioner and DEO Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS.

While speaking at the program, Walling called on the youth and encouraged them to get enrolled in the electoral roll and get involved in the democratic process of nation building.

The DC conducted felicitation of enrolled voters and administered the Voters' Pledge and gave away the presentation to the Best BLO award, winner of essay and debate competition.

TUENSANG:

District Election Office Tuensang organized the 9th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2019 at CKS Hall Tuensang with a theme "No voter to be left behind." The program was attended by the District Administrative Officers, Dobhasis and Gaonburas, political parties, students and newly enrolled voters. Nungsanglemba Chang, President Chang Khulei Setshang was the chief guest of the program.

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha in his welcome speech introduced the toll free number 1950 for election related queries,

The chief guest encouraged using the right to franchise and said it should be the responsibility and duty of the citizens to get their names enrolled. He also

exhorted the students and the newly enrolled voters to take every right and participate in the franchise.

District Icon, PwDs spoke on the responsibilities of every citizen irrespective of abilities or disabilities, and said every eligible voter should participate in the election process and avail one's right, especially the young voters,

Loyem Memorial College Tuensang demonstrated the current scenario of the voters in action in the form of a skit.

NVD pledge was initiated by M. Chaitanya Prasad IAS, ADC and ERO Tuensang and EVM demonstration was conducted by EAC Tuensang.

MON:

9th National Voters' Day program was held on 25th January 2019 at Council Hall, Mon.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mon Thavaseelan K, IAS stated that National Voters' Day is very important and significant where the young voters who are newly enrolled in the e-roll will become a part of the electoral process. He encouraged the young voters to ensure responsible votes during election. Mon district helpline for election related enquiries is 03869-1950, he added.

The DC also gave away the certificates and award to the winners of college debate, school essay competition, marathon run and assembly constituency wise Best BLO during the occasion. He also led the undertaking of Voters' Pledge during the program.

Dharam Raj, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, Mon who also spoke on the occasion advised the young voters to be agents of change and to choose their leaders wisely and vote ethically during election.

Easter Konyak, District Icon and Miss Mon 2018 and Nangpa Konyak, District Icon PwDs, Mon also delivered short speeches.

PEREN:

The 9th National Voters' Day was celebrated on 25th January 2019 at Town Council Hall, Peren town with SDO (Civil) Peren, Rahul IAS as special guest.



SDO (Civil) Peren, Rahul IAS felicitating a newly enrolled voter on the occasion of the 9th National Voter's Day at Town Council Hall, Peren on 25th January 2019.

Addressing the function, Rahul encouraged the students to participate so as to enhance the quality of our democracy.

During the function, Thongkojang from 6-Tening AC and Keyiningle from 7-Peren A/C were awarded the Best BLOs in the district. PwDs Icon Peren, Agumbe Nta and Ipungchule Ndang presented special number.

WOKHA:

9th National Voters' Day was observed at Wokha district under the theme "No voter to be left behind" at Town Hall on 25th January 2019.

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Electoral Registration Officer Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao said that National Voters' Day was instituted to increase the number of voters all around the country, especially the young voters, to spread awareness regarding the effective participation in the electoral process among the voters. He said that India is a democratic country; every citizen has the basic right to vote and elect a leader who is capable to lead the nation, solve the problems of the common people, bring about changes etc.

Miss Wokha and 1st Runner's up, Miss Nagaland 2018, Grace W Ezung, the District Icon, in her short speech said that voters have the right to choose leaders by actively participating in the electoral process and as a citizen of the country, it is important to exercise their franchise to shape the destiny of our country.

Other highlights of the program include short speech by Chairman Lotha Hoho, Mhondamo Ovung and District Icon for PwDs, Rhonjamo Lotha; short drama on clean

election and how to get enrolled in the electoral process by students of Mt. Tiyi College; felicitation of the newly enrolled voters, reading and signing of pledge by the newly enrolled voters. The district also conducted essay writing competition for the college level students and slogan writing competition for the school level students.

CIVIL SECRETARIAT:

National Voters' Day was observed in Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 25th January 2019 where a pledge taking program was held on account of the event. The program was chaired by the Home Commissioner, Ramakrishnan, IAS who administered the pledge to the officers and staff.

Secretary, Home Department Rovilatuo Mor, IAS said that National Voters' Day is observed every year to spread awareness on the importance of voting by every citizen, proper exercise of franchise by every citizen etc.

The 9th National Voters' Day was also celebrated in Pughoboto sub-division, Noklak sub-division, Medziphema sub-division, Bhandari sub-division, Pftusero sub-division, Tening, Aboi, etc.

State Government Remits Sentences of Prisoners

In commemoration of the ensuing Anniversary of Republic Day 2019, the State Government has decided to remit the sentences against certain categories of prisoners who have been convicted by the courts (other than Court Martial) having criminal jurisdiction in the State of Nagaland and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment.

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

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

<i>Category</i>	<i>Scale of Remission</i>
1. Prisoners sentenced to 10 years and above - 30 (Thirty) days	
2. Prisoners sentenced to 5 years to 10 years - 20 (Twenty) days	
3. Prisoners sentenced to 1 year to 5 years - 10 (Ten) days	

4. Prisoners sentenced up to 1 year - 5 (Five) days
Further, the aforesaid remission granted under the order shall not be admissible to the following categories of prisoners:

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

The Remission Order will take effect from 26th January 2019.

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING 70th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT KOHIMA

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Joseph Hesso, IPS received the award of the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service as announced on Republic Day 2018.

Assistant Office Superintendent Prison HQ, Kohima, T. Bendangsenla received the award of President's Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service as announced on Republic Day 2017.

The following were awarded Governor's Commendation Certificates on the occasion of Republic Day, 26th January 2019:

1. Michael Angami, Typist, PHQ, Kohima
2. Vikashe H. Murumi, Sub-Inspector, V&AC, Kohima
3. Zevikuo Liezietsu, Superintendent, Directorate of School Education
4. Pagai Ndong, Section Officer, Nagaland Legislative

Assembly Secretariat, Kohima

5. National Informatics Centre, Nagaland

The following were the recipients of Governor's Gold Medal:

1. N. Chumdamo Jamio NPS, AIGP (OPS), PHQ
2. Peter Shuya, UBI, OC Traffic, Dimapur
3. H. Tokihe Sema, UBC, DEF, Kohima
4. Chonpenthung Ezung NCS, SDO (C), Wokha
5. Longdiba L. Sangtam NCS, SDO (C), HQ Kiphire
6. Rajesh Soundararajan IAS, DC, Kohima
7. Er. L. Akumtoshi, Junior Engineer (Electrical), Dimapur
8. Er. Lengminlal Singsong, SDO (Electrical) Kohima
9. Er. Longzochang, Superintending Engineer (Design) PWD, Housing

70th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Addressing the gathering at the 70th Republic Day celebrations held at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2019, Governor P. B. Acharya stated that the State Government is of the view that the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 is not applicable to Nagaland and that we stand protected under the provisions of Article 371 (A) of Constitution of India and the Inner Line Permit mechanism as per Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 which was reaffirmed as Clause 16 of the 16 Point Agreement. The Governor appealed to the Government of India to have wider consultations with all North Eastern States to ensure that the rights of the indigenous people are fully protected.

The Governor mentioned that the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) was set up on 8th March 2018 to address the Naga political issue, and on 11th May 2018, the State Government reconstituted the Joint Legislators Forum (JLF) to further address the issue.

The Governor lauded Major Imliakum Keitzar of 4th Gorkha Rifles who has been honoured with Shaurya Chakra for successfully leading Operation Rekha in Keran Sector of Kupuwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on 9th June 2018 and, Wing Commander S. Akheto Jakhalu who has been awarded the prestigious Vishishth Sewa Medal for dedication, extraordinary contribution and recognition of his distinguished meritorious service career of the highest order.

To ensure Good Governance and Development in the state, the Government has updated websites of the Government Departments - The CM Dashboard gives the real-time status of all major schemes and programs and was recently awarded by the Indian Express Group as one of the best use of technological applications.

The State Government has banned all single use plastics below 50 microns with effect from 1st December 2018 and is taking measures to make Nagaland plastic-free.

On the Law and Order front, Tourist Police was launched on 26th November 2018 and made a mark in ensuring an incident free Hornbill Festival. Nagaland became the second state in the country and the first state in the North East to have the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) in place when it was launched by Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh on 1st December 2018. Police Department also launched the Police Ki Pathshala - Community Policing Programme for involving the community in policing. Today, all districts in Nagaland have Women Police stations and this has ensured that Nagaland remains one of the safest states for women in the country.

Acharya stated that in the Education sector, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has released an amount of Rs. 47.16 crore for payment of Post Matric Scholarship to ST students of the state. Also, under the Ex-Gratia scheme for students

studying outside the state, an amount of Rs. 5 lakh will be given as financial assistance to the family of the deceased student. SCERT and Department of School Education have introduced Nagaland Heritage Studies (NHS) text book for classes 1 to 5.

In the field of Sports, Dimapur hosted the first ever Ranji Trophy Match for Nagaland and Nagaland cricket team made a record by winning their first ever match. Dr. T. Ao Centenary Year is also being observed and work on Dr. T. Ao Football Academy at Dimapur is being initiated. The prestigious Dr. T. Ao North East Football Tournament will be hosted in 2019. Sports infrastructure facilities have been augmented by construction of outdoor stadiums at Pughoboto and Mon. With installation of Astro Turf at I.G. Stadium, Kohima, the capital is ready to host national and international matches and tournaments.

The Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) was set up to facilitate investment in the Hydro Power sector.

The Governor pointed that, to boost entrepreneurship and economic activities, the first ever Entrepreneurs Meet and Buyer Seller Meet was organised. The Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre Dimapur has been upgraded with new streams for Vocational Training of the youth. Nagaland Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Society (NSDES) has been formed and MoUs signed with 12 Training Partners for ensuring skill training and upgradation.

In the Health Sector, the State Government has signed a MoU with Gol for establishment of a National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Branch at Dimapur. The Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign achieved 97% of the target due to coordinated efforts of the Health Department personnel and positive support of the public and institutions. The upgraded new hospital at Kiphire was inaugurated on 9th November 2018. A new AYUSH Hospital was inaugurated at Noklak on 18th December 2018. The construction of Medical College at Kohima is also initiated and work order has already been issued. The State Government has launched the Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance

Scheme which provides cashless health insurance of Rs. 5 lakh to almost 2.33 lakh beneficiary families in the state.

The Governor highlighted that under MGNREGS, the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has approved 127 lakh person days for the state of Nagaland amounting to Rs. 315 crore. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission has been taken up in 639 villages under 43 Blocks in 9 districts. 4545 Self Help Groups are actively engaged in income generating activities covering 42,200 households. Administrative fund for Rs. 35 lakh has been released for preparation of Integrated Cluster Action Plan (ICAP). A total of 8481 houses are proposed to be constructed during 2018-19 under Prime Minister Awas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G). Under Swachh Bharat, the State has done remarkably well with funds received from Government of India and Rural Nagaland has already been declared ODF.

Nagaland was recently awarded the Best Horticulture State at the 11th Global Agriculture Leadership Award, 2018 for using innovative ideas to transform the horticultural activities in the state. On 19th January 2019, FOCUS – Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Agriculture System Project was launched in association with International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) with the objective of improving farming in the State. Coffee has been exported to Cape Town, South Africa through “Naga Coffee,” a subsidiary of Noble Cause Company Pvt. Ltd. Cape Town.

With special focus on economic development in the Eastern Nagaland region, the DUDA Department has established Anghya Market Linkage Hubs in all the District HQs of Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire and created the “ANGHYA” brand and labels for packaging/marketing and linkages with outlets in and outside the state which is under process. Special Tutorial Centres are introduced for Class X students/ Sainik School entrance test. Following the model of the Aspiration District of Kiphire, the State Government has decided to identify one Aspirational Block in each

of the remaining 10 districts. A corpus of Rs. 1 crore has also been set up for taking up projects to meet developmental gaps of Kiphire district.

Governor Acharya stated that to promote State Tourism, the Mini Hornbill Festival coinciding with respective tribal festivals, the Dzukou Valley Festival, Amur Falcon Conservation Week and Festival at Doyang, the People's Festival at Khezhakeno etc. were held. Hornbill Festival 2018 witnessed a footfall of 37,397 domestic and 2702 foreign tourists.

In the field of Science & Technology, Information Technology, an Innovation Hub and Space Education Centre and Planetarium was inaugurated on 28th September 2018 at Dimapur. Innovation Hub and Digital Planetarium at Kohima is scheduled to be launched by March 2019. BPO Centre at Kohima is now capable of handling International Business Process. Our State Common Service Centres (CSCs) has been awarded distinction in various services.

To boost socio-economic development of the state, special thrust is directed on improvement of Road Communication infrastructures through Special Road Programmes, NABARD-RIDE, PMGSY and GOI funding under Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

In the Power sector, upgradation of existing 100 MVA to 200 MVA at Dimapur was taken up and laying of 220KV D/C Transmission line from Dimapur – Zhadima is in good progress. 100% Household electrification in rural and urban areas under Saubhagya Scheme was completed in December 2018. Augmentation of water supply to Wokha town, New Peren District HQ has been commissioned.

In a first of its kind in the state, city Buses in Dimapur and Kohima along with Pink Buses for women, senior citizens and the disabled were introduced. The Government is committed to making Nagaland more accessible and ensuring that the rights of the differently abled are protected in letter and spirit.

Governor Acharya said that under the Poshan Abhiyaan, holistic nourishment action plan are taken up for children 0-6 years, pregnant women, lactating

mothers and adolescent girls, and under PMMVY, first time pregnant women are granted incentives of Rs. 5000. To enhance capacity building, construction of Women Resource Centre at Chozuba was inaugurated in June 2018 for imparting skills and vocational trainings. Training-cum-Production Centre at Dimapur was launched in May 2018.

The Republic Day celebrations at the state capital Kohima witnessed the participation of 13 parade contingents, led by Parade Commander Denyong, Deputy Commandant, 4th NAP Bn. and Parade Commander 2 I/C Lucy Yhome, Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP Bn.

The participating contingents were 3rd Assam Rifles, D.E.F Kohima, 4th NAP Thizama, 10th NAP (IR) Bn. Zhadima, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn. Chumukedima, Nagaland Police Central Brass Band, PTS Chumukedima, 3rd (IR) Bn. Arunachal Pradesh, Home Guards & Civil Defence Kohima, 9th Assam Rifles Pipe Band, Village Guards, Tourist Police Nagaland, Ex-Servicemen, and 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn. Pipe Band. Riisoma Cultural Troupe, Rengma Cultural Troupe, Yachummaro cultural group from Lotha tribe and Konyak Cultural Troupe performed on the occasion.

A mock demonstration on Emergency Response System by the Police Department was conducted. The ERSS is a Pan-India single number (112) based on emergency response system for citizens requiring emergency assistance from the Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Health & Family Welfare etc.

Governor P. B. Acharya inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by 17 departments. In the evening program, exhibition football match was played between Secretariat Football Club and Nagaland Police, followed by band display by the Nagaland Police Brass Band, 9th Assam Rifles Pipe Band and Mahila Pipe Band which was followed by beating of the retreat.

The prizes for the march past contingents for different categories were given away by the Home Commissioner, Ramakrishnan IAS. In the Armed Category, 1st and 2nd positions were secured by 15th IR

Mahila and 10 IR Zhadima respectively. In the Unarmed Category, 1st and 2nd positions were secured by Tourist Police (Mahila) and Ex-Servicemen respectively. In the exhibition show, Land Resources Department, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department and DUDA secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur celebrated the 70th Republic Day celebrations at DDSC Stadium on 26th January 2019 with Minister, Urban Development, Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir as special guest who unfurled the national flag and took salute from eight parade contingents.

Delivering the Republic Day speech, the Minister called for the need of setting up of more infrastructural facilities, creating employment opportunities for the people to be economically self-reliant and emphasised on the need to have a sense of ownership and responsibility and working collectively towards achieving the goals.

He also made a special appeal to all educated youths to strengthen village economy and contribute to make Nagaland a vibrant economically self sufficient, prosperous and golden Nagaland.

Among other dignitaries who attended the program included former Chief Minister and Governor, Dr S. C. Jamir. Highlights of the morning celebration included cultural dance presented by Dimasa Kachari Cultural Club and inauguration of exhibition stalls by the special guest.

Afternoon program included exhibition football match between Dobashis, Dimapur District and Gaonburas Union Dimapur, prize distribution and beating of retreat by 5 Assam Rifles, Dimapur.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 70th Republic Day was celebrated with Tongpang Ozukum, Minister, Public Works Department as the special guest on 26th January 2019 at Local Football Ground.

The Minister unfurled the national flag, took

salute from four contingents comprising of the DEF Longleng and three other Village Guards contingents, and delivered the Republic Day speech.

The other highlights of the program included tug of war played between Dobashis and Gaonburas, exhibition volleyball match and inspection of stalls by the special guest.

PHEK:

Phek celebrated the 70th Republic Day at Local Ground on 26th January 2019 with Minister for Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi gracing the occasion as the special guest. He unfurled national flag, took salute from the parade contingents comprising of 22nd AR Phek, DEF Phek, 5th NAP, Home Guards and Pipe Piper Band from 22nd AR Phek, and delivered the Republic Day speech.

Highlights of the program included folk dance by Kutsapo Village Cultural Troupe, folk song by Hebron-1 colony youth and Pochury Mothers Union Phek Town, and a special presentation was given by Grace.

The special guest inaugurated the exhibition stalls and organic bazaar put up by Agriculture Department, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Rural Development Department, Sericulture Department, Election Department, Phek Government College, Horticulture Department and Legal Services Authority. Officers Club visited District Jail inmates and District Hospital.

In the evening program, tug of war competition was held, followed by beating of retreat by 22nd Assam Rifles Bn. Phek.

PEREN:

Peren celebrated the 70th Republic Day with Minister for Agriculture and Co-operation, G. Kaito Aye at Multi-Disciplinary Outdoor Complex on 26th January 2019.

The Minister unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech. Assistant Commandant, K. Soriso led the parade contingents comprising of DEF Peren, 9 (IR)B,

Sainik School Punglwa and 36 Assam Rifles Jalukie. Highlights of the function were Band Display by 36 Assam Rifles Pipe Band, Peren District Music Society, and cultural dance by New Jalukie, Inbung Village Cultural Troupe and Kejanglwa Choir.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 at the Parade Ground with Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue as the special guest.

Parade review was done by SP Tuensang with a total of six contingents and two pipe bands, namely DEF, 3rd NAP, VG Ngangpong, VG Kuthur, Home Guards and Civil Defence and Ex- Servicemen along with 3rd NAP Pipe Band and Hauhyang Choba Pipe Band, led by Parade Commander Repjan Yangba, Assistant Commandant 3rd NAP and Yangchori, ABSI as second-in-command.

District Commendation Awards were presented to nine recipients, and the Cleanest Ward Competition 2018 for Tuensang town were bagged by Officers Ward in the first position, Bazaar-A and St. John-B in the second and third positions respectively.

For the year 2018-19, the following persons/groups were selected by ATMA for their outstanding performance in various farming enterprise - Women Society SHG Longkhim Block for vegetable farming, Shobe Agri and Allied Co-operative Society for mixed farming on group category, N. Sipong Chang for cardamom cultivation, Changsomba for fish farming, Z. Nangcho for cardamom cultivation and Hojungse Sangtam for integrated farming.

Chang Cultural Troupe, Khiamniungan Cultural Troupe, Sangtam Cultural Troupe, Yimchunger Cultural Troupe and Heri Cultural Troupe performed on the occasion. The chief guest also inspected the departmental stalls put up at the parade ground.

WOKHA:

In Wokha, the 70th Republic Day was celebrated at Local Ground with Minister for Health & Family

Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom as the chief guest.

Altogether four parade contingents, DEF, 7th NAP Bn, Civil Defence & Home Guards, Ex-Servicemen and 28 Assam Rifles Pipe Band took part in the march past. Other highlights of the celebration included folk song and folk dance by Wokha Town Eloie Eramoe Cultural Troupe and Lotha Naga Society Wokha Village Unit.

Exhibition cricket match was also played between DPDB members and Sr. Noble Klan.

MON:

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam hoisted the national flag at Local Ground, Mon Hq on 26th January 2019 during the 70th Republic Day celebrations.

The chief guest took salute from 6th NAP Bn, DEF Mon, Women Police DEF Mon, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen and Band Party 6th NAP Bn. He also inaugurated the department stalls.

S. Tiamongba Ao, Assistant Commandant 6th NAP Bn. Was the Parade Commander, ABI Ngampong DEF Mon as Parade second-in-command, Havildar Tankai DEF Mon as Parade CHM.

In the evening session, Thavaseelan K, IAS Deputy Commissioner Mon was the special guest. Other highlights of the occasion included exhibition football match between District Sports Council Mon and Officers Club, Mon which was followed by prize distribution. 6th NAP Pipe Band displayed beating of the retreat.

KIPHIRE:

In Kiphire, the 70th Republic Day was celebrated at Kiphire Local Ground, on 26th January 2019 with Temjen Imna Along, Minister, Higher & Technical Education as the special guest.

Altogether five parade contingents took part in the march past including 7th Assam Rifles, DEF Kiphire, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen and Kisetong Village Guard Band party. The special guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by 10 different

departments under Kiphire district.

In the evening, exhibition football match was played between Kiphire XI and Veteran Football Club XI. The daylong celebration ended with the beating of retreat by DEF Kiphire.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at the Public Ground with Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home and National Highways, Y. Patton gracing the occasion as the special guest.

Four contingents participated in the ceremonial parade, namely DEF Zunheboto, 8th NAP Bn, Home Guards and Ex-Servicemen. Other highlights of the occasion included special number by 8th NAP Naltoqa Orchestra, tug of war by Gaonburas and Dobashis.

The Deputy CM also inaugurated and visited the various stalls set up by different departments under Kiphire district.

MOKOKCHUNG:

In Mokokchung, the 70th Republic Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, with Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak as the special guest. The Minister after the ceremonial unfurling of the national flag delivered the Republic Day speech.

Other highlights of the program included dog show by Takowati, Inspector NAP (Retd.), cultural dance by Khensa Cultural Troupe, cultural songs by Naga Wadir Club, Ungma and dance by Gorkha Union, Mokokchung.

After the program, the chief guest inaugurated the district exhibition stalls organized by Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Mokokchung in collaboration with DRDA, PHED, PWD (Housing), Agri and Allied Departments and District Administration.

Altogether five contingents participated during the march past with Deputy SP, Lipoktems, DEF Mokokchung as the Parade Commander.

NOKLAK:

Noklak Hq. celebrated the 70th Republic Day at Public Ground on 26th January 2019 with Advisor, Information Technology, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon as the special guest who unfurled the national flag and took salute from three parade contingents including 3rd NAP, VG Yempang village, and VG Kingniu village. The national anthem was sung by Kuthongshe Club Thangnokyan.

The special guest read out the Republic Day speech highlighting government achievements and the policies to be implemented. He also urged the people of Nagaland to come forward and join hands with the government for all round successful development.

Other highlights of the day included special song by Frolic Band, war dance by Village Guards, arm display by 45th Assam Rifles Noklak, exhibition stalls were put up by Agriculture department and SHG Noklak. Medical checkup and free distribution of medicines was also carried out by the Integrated AYUSH Hospital Noklak. The program culminated with beating of the retreat by 3rd NAP Bn. Noklak.

WOZHURO:

Wozhuro range under Wokha district celebrated the 70th Republic Day by hoisting the national flag in the government institutions within Wozhuro range to mark the celebration. The function was held at EAC's Office, Wozhuro.

ABOI:

The 70th Republic Day at Aboi under Mon district was celebrated on 26th January 2019 at Local Ground with Hito Sema, ADC Aboi as special guest, who unfurled the national flag and took salute from the parade contingent.

National anthem was sung by NP Aboi station, march past by Mohong Village Guards. All Heads of Offices, GBs and DBs attended the program. All the Dobashis, Gaonburas and all Heads of Offices under Aboi attended the program.

BHANDARI:

Bhandari sub-division under Wokha district celebrated the 70th Republic Day 2019 at the Local Ground with Mhathung Yanthan, Advisor, Horticulture as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag, delivered the Republic Day speech and took salute from the parade contingents of 7th NAP Bn. Bhandari, which was led by ABSI 7th NAP Rabenthung Lotha.

Highlights of the program included presentation of folk songs by Lishung Cultural Group, Bhandari.



Mhathung Yanthan, Advisor, Horticulture taking salute during the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Bhandari sub-division on 26th January 2019.

MELURI:

Meluri sub-division under Phek district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at the Local Ground on 26th January 2019 with Rhosietho Ngouri, Additional Deputy Commissioner Meluri gracing the function as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from five parade contingents consisting of 5th NAP Bn. Meluri and four contingents from Village Guards including a Bag Piper Band. The chief guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by the

Assam Rifles and two stalls by Self Help Groups of Meluri sub-division.

The highlights of the day included cultural dance by Meluri Village Women Society and Village Guards of Phoyisha sector.

CHOZUBA:

Chozuba town under Phek district celebrated the 70th Republic Day with Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor, Skill Development, Labour and Employment, CAWD as the chief guest who unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. Dignitaries, Heads of Offices, GBs and public leaders attended the function.

Parade inspection was done by OC, PS Chozuba town. Other highlights included special song by Transcend Voice, Chozuba village and folk song by Ruzazhomi Welfare Union Chozuba town.



Advisor, Skill Development, Labour and Employment, CAWD, Kazheto Kinimi delivering the Republic Day speech at Chozuba on 26th January 2019.

SEYOCHUNG:

Seyochung under Kiphire district observed the 70th Republic Day with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Japheth Woch as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag and took the salute

from the Village Guards of Yangzitong village. National anthem was sung by Sumi-Sangtam and catholic youth.

The special guest delivered the Republic Day speech which was followed by special presentation by Sumi Women Community, dance by Sangtam Women Community and Sumi-Sangtam Joint Community Seyochung. The program was attended by government officials, staff, Gaonburas, Dobashis, NGOs and public from the sub-division.

JALUKIE:

Delivering the Republic Day speech, the chief guest highlighted some of the key achievements made in various fields. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from DEF Peren. National anthem was sung by the students of JNV Jalukie. Cultural dance presentations were performed by Mpai Cultural Troupe and Rongmei Cultural Troupe Samziuram. The chief guest also visited stalls put up by various Self Help Groups.

LONGKHIM:

Longkhim town under Tuensang district celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 at Public Ground with N. Bongkhao, Advisor,

Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA) as the chief guest. After unfurling the national flag, the chief guest read out the speech and took salute from three parade contingents.

After the program, the chief guest inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by the Agriculture Department and NGOs selling organic products and handicrafts, and weapons display by the 32 Assam Rifles.



Advisor, Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA), N. Bongkhao addressing the 70th Republic Day function at Longkhim town on 26th January 2019.

Advisor for Rural Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire taking salute on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Jalukie sub-division on 26th January 2019.



CHANGTONGYA:

Changtongya under Mokochung district celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 at SDO (Civil) Office complex, with Moakumzuk Tzudir, SDO (Civil) as the special guest. Tzudir unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. National flag was also hoisted in all government and private institutes.

All Heads of Offices, Ward Chairmen, Gaonburas and public leaders attended the function.

WAKCHING:

Wakching sub-division under Mon district observed the the 70th Republic Day at SDO (C) Office, with Relise Sangtam SDO (C) hoisting the national flag to mark the occasion.

TIZIT:

In Tizit (under Mon district), the 70th Republic Day was celebrated with Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak hoisting the national flag at Local Ground on 26th January 2019. Pohwang received salute from 6th NAP Bn. Tizit and Village Guards of Lapa village contingents.



Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak delivering the 70th Republic Day speech at Tizit on 26th January 2019.

JAKHAMA:

Jakhama sub-division under Kohima district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at the Sub-Division Officer (C) Office on 26th January 2019. SDO(C) Jakhama, Alemyapang Longchar unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech.

Alemyapang Longchar said Jakhama sub-division has seen a lot of progress with the Community Health Centre, Viswema being adjudged the best in the state and Village Development Board, Kigwema winning the Best VDB Award under Kohima district. These have been achieved through the co-operation and participation of the villages. He further said that a lot more needs to be done. The Jakhama sub-division does not have a Sub-Division Education Officer (SDEO), it lacks higher secondary in science stream, requires SDO Power and SDO Supply offices. In these regard, Longchar appealed to all the leaders of the villages under the Southern Angami area to continue to extend their help and co-operation with the government and administration for further development of the sub-division.

The program was attended by Gaonburas, Dobashis, government officials and staff of SDO (C) Office, Jakhama.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

Chiephobozou ADC Hq. (under Kohima district) celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 at the ADC Office premises with Advisor for Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang as the special guest.

Chiephobozou Women Society presented a folk song during the celebration. Government officials, village elders, Gaonburas and the public attended the program.

THONOKNYU:

At Thonoknyu sub-division (under Tuensang district), the national flag was hoisted by Head Dobashi Tuchithong Tikhir on 26th January 2019 at SDO (Civil) Office premises.

All the Dobashis, Gaonburas, Police, Village Guards and Heads of Offices under the sub-division attended the program.

RALAN:

The 70th Republic Day at Ralan under Wokha district was celebrated at SDO (C) Office premises with SDO (C) Ralan, Meyazungba Jamir as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from the parade contingents.

Other highlights of the function included presentation of special number by Tsenbemo Ovung. Gaonburas, Village Council Chairmen, VDB members and government officials attended the celebration. Exhibition football match was also played between SDO (C) staff and OC Ralan team, and SSB and Old Ralan village.

TENING:

In Tening (under Peren district), the 70th Republic day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's official residence on 26th January 2019.

Chubatemjen, ADC Tening read out the Republic Day speech, and unfurled the national flag. Hoisting of national flag in the institutions and government offices marked the day. Government officials and public leaders attended the program.

CHEN:

Chen Hq. under Mon district celebrated the 70th Republic Day by hoisting the national flag at Mini SDO (Civil) Complex on 26th January 2019. Government officials, Dobashis, Village Guards from Chen town attended the program.

PFUTSERO:

Pfutsero sub-division under Phek district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at the Town Sports Complex with Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, NSDMA, Pukhayi as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and also took salute from the parade contingents led by UBSI Kulhi Khape.



Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, NSDMA, Pukhayi unfurling the national flag on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Pfutsero sub-division on 26th January 2019.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto under Zunheboto district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at the Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office Pughoboto premises on 26th January 2019 with the ADC Pughoboto, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag, took salute and read out the Republic Day speech. The celebration was attended by government officials.

TSEMINYU:

The 70th Republic Day celebration at Tseminyu sub-division under Kohima district was held at RSA Ground on 26th January 2019. R. Khing, Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development unfurled the national flag,

delivered the Republic Day speech and took salute from parade contingents led by ABSI Sonyelo Seb.

National anthem was sung by AG Church Tseminyu. Other highlights of the program during the celebration included folk songs presented by Tseminyu village, Tseminyu Town GB, Khandinu Amizi, and tug of war competition between Dobashis/Gaonburas and SDPDB members.

All government officials, GBs of Tseminyu town and its neighbouring villages and public attended the celebration.



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing addressing the 70th Republic Day function at Tseminyu sub-division on 26th January 2019.

NIULAND:

Niuland sub-division under Dimapur district celebrated the 70th Republic Day on 26th January 2019 at the Public Ground with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying as the special guest.

Marking the day, traditional folk dance was presented by Nikheku village men and womenfolk

from Kuhoxu village. Maongla from BDO Office Aghunaqa presented a special number. Tug of war match was played between Niuland officers, Dobashis and Police.

After the formal program, the chief guest inaugurated the stalls put up by various departments and Self Help Groups. Evening program was followed by prize distribution and beating of retreat by 1st NAP coy.



Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying taking salute on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Niuland sub-division on 26th January 2019.

MEDZIPHEMA:

The 70th Republic Day celebration at Medziphema sub-division under Dimapur district was held at the Local Ground on 26th January 2019 with Advisor for Justice & Law, Border Affairs, Treasuries & Accounts, Dr. Longrineken gracing the occasion as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took the salute from 11th IR NAP led by Parade Commander, Sunep Ao, ABI, 11th IR NAP.

To commemorate the occasion, an exhibition football match was played between ADC XI and Ward Chairmen/GBs XI. The program was attended by

government servants, GBs, NGOs and public leaders.

Other highlights of the program included cultural dance by Medziphema Village Youth Organisation and tug of war match between Mechu Krotho and Medziphema Town Youth Organisation.



Advisor, Justice & Law, Border Affairs, Treasuries & Accounts, Dr. Longrineken taking salute after unfurling the national flag during the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Medziphema sub-division on 26th January 2019.

AGHUNATO:

Aghunato under Zunheboto district observed the 70th Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office complex. The function was graced by Kusa Fithu, ADC Aghunato as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from 8th NAP 'C' Company Aghunato followed by national anthem presented by Gaonburas. Special number was given by Toly Yeptho. The function was attended by Gaonburas, Dobashis, ATCMs, government servants and general public.

TULI:

In Tuli (under Mokochung district), the 70th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2019 with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale

Neikha as the special guest. Er. Zale unfurled the national flag, took salute from the parade contingents and also read out the Republic Day message.



Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha taking salute from the parade contingents during the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Tuli on 26th January 2019.

ATOIZU:

Atoizu Hq under Zunheboto district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office premises on 26th January 2019 with ADC Atoizu unfurling the national flag.

TOBU:

Tobu under Mon district observed the 70th Republic Day celebration with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tobu, Mudongoyi Chuzho as special guest who unfurled the national flag, read out the Republic Day speech and took salute from four parade contingents.

NAGINIMORA:

Naginimora under Mon district celebrated the 70th Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's

Office premises. ADC Naginimora, Renabomo Odyuo as the special guest unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech followed by guard

of honour by 6th NAP 'A Coy.' Government employees, Gaonburas, Dobashis and public leaders attended the function.

Tongpang surveys construction of Pongshei Bridge

Minister for PWD (R&B) Tongpang Ozukum and Chairman, PDA and President NDPP, Chingwang Konyak along with a host of NGOs, civil societies, public leaders from Mon and Longleng districts and party workers made a survey for construction of Pongshei Bridge on 26th January 2019.

Speaking to a large gathering at the survey program at Lainyu Field, Minister Tongpang said the huge turnout of people from both the districts signified the urgency and importance of the bridge that would promote social, economic and better connection between Longleng and Mon districts. Asserting that he would not make any assurance without feasibility report of the technicians and engineers, Tongpang said since construction of the bridge has become a priority need of the people, he would apprise the

Chief Minister for early construction of the bridge to fulfill the needs and desire of the people. Tongpang also appealed to the people to maintain peace and tranquility with their neighbors and praised the unity and cordial relationship shared by the people of Mon and Longleng.

Chairman, PDA and President NDPP, Chingwang Konyak, President PPC and Ex-MLA N. Metpong Phom also spoke at the function. In their speeches, they shared and highlighted the background and history of the road and bridge connecting the two district headquarters at the shortest distance. They also pointed out that construction of the bridge was neglected in the past due to politicizing of development projects by the political parties.

'Tsüngchi Samanir Ka' Biography of I. Lanu Toy launched

The launching of 'Tsüngchi Samanir Ka' Biography of I. Lanu Toy was held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 27th January 2019.

The author of the book, Repalemzung Longkumer, who is also the Editor of 'Lenjeter' an Ao vernacular monthly magazine described Lanu Toy as a man of his words, truthful, hard working, dedicated and a very punctual person.

I. Lanu Toy (who served as Chief Engineer) in his speech said it is God's will that a biography about his life was launched, which he takes it as an opportunity. He added that his biography is the truth of his life, his work experiences and testimonies of his life to all the readers.

The book 'Tsüngchi Samanir Ka' Biography of I. Lanu Toy was launched by Executive Secretary,

ABAM, Dr. Mar Atsongchanger, while the program was chaired by Director, IPR, Limawati Longchar.

Bishu-Mini Hornbill Festival at Dimapur

The inaugural program of Bishu-Mini Hornbill Festival was held on 27th January 2019 at Urban Haat Dimapur with Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yephthomi as special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the special guest stated that the State Government has two primary reasons for according importance to mini hornbill festival, namely the need to strengthen and disseminate culture of diverse community living in Nagaland, and to foster peace, love and unity among different tribes. Emphasising on the importance of preserving

cultural heritage of different tribes in Nagaland, he called upon those present to educate the younger generation about the culture of their ancestors and also to speak and preserve the local languages.

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol in his short speech advised the Kachari community to work harder and to take their festival to all parts of the state.

Other highlights of the program included traditional Bishu prayer by President, Sibrai Bismai

Bosong John Jeedung; Bishu greetings by President, Dimasa Public Organisation Nagaland, K. Naben; traditional welcome dance by Dimasa Kachari Cultural Club Bamunpukhuri; display of traditional games (Remin Nelaiyaba) by Dimasa; cultural dance by Burkhong Cultural Society, Dimapur; unity dance by Dimasa Kachari, Kuki, Gorkha, Sumi, Karbi and Garo etc.



Bishu Mini Hornbill Festival 2019 was celebrated at Urban Haat Dimapur on 27th - 28th January 2019, with cultural dance performances, display of traditional games etc.

The last day of the Bishu Mini Hornbill Tribal Festival 2019 was held at Urban Haat Dimapur on 28th January 2019 with President, Naga Council Dimapur, T. Pangerloba as special guest.

CM inaugurates Astro Turf Football Pitch and XXth Inter District Football Championship 2019 Dr. T. Ao Trophy

The XXth Inter-district Football Championship 2019 Dr. T. Ao Trophy and the inauguration of the Astro Turf at Indira Gandhi Stadium was held on 28th January 2019 with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest.

The installation of Astro Turf at IG Stadium is the first of its kind in the state which has been installed following the specifications and norms of FIFA and the field measures 105x66 m. The Astro Turf is filled with silica sand and rubber granules imported from the United States of America.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio emphasized that the IG Stadium project was inaugurated in 2003 with basic needs such as leveling the ground and

construction of the gallery by the then Prime Minister, Lt. Atal Bihari Vajpayee. But this time, the stadium is reconstructed with modern and good infrastructure. Having an Astro Turf football pitch is our dream come true, he lamented.

Rio added that, to achieve excellence in sports and games at the national and global level, we need good infrastructure and he hoped that the first Astro Turf stadium will begin the process of sports development in Nagaland. He also said that sports infrastructure includes human resources in the form of good coaches, trainers, physiotherapists, video analysts etc. and sportspersons need to be groomed at an early age with exposures, constant competitions

and modern methods of training. Understanding these aspects, the state government is working on strategies, sports infrastructure development plan where every district will have quality sports facilities, he added.

Rio also said that the state government is partnering with the Bhaichung Bhutia Football School for game development plan beginning with young footballers and under-16 footballers from all over the state will get the opportunity to be a part of the program which will include exposure events and junior leagues.

Executive Engineer, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Nimo Kath in his technical report said the project "Installation of Astro Turf at IGS Kohima" was conceived in the year 2013-14 with a total cost Rs. 100 lakh from SPA and Rs. 90 lakh in the year 2014-15. He added the state had to bear Rs. 55 lakh from State Plan and Rs. 40 lakh from Non-Plan 2015-17 since the funding from SPA was discontinued as the project could not be completed in the stipulated time. The department later received the remaining fund of Rs. 213 lakh under development expenditure (additional)

in the year 2018 which led to the completion and inauguration of the project, Kath added.

Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha in his introductory note stated that the inauguration of Astro Turf football pitch coincides with the centenary celebration of legendary footballer Dr. T. Ao. He also hoped that the development of a national standard ground in our state will boost the morale of the young talented footballers and inspire them all to strive for excellence and achieve the same feat that legendary footballer Dr. T. Ao has earmarked.

Former Indian Football Team captain, Bhaichung Bhutia who also played for CM XI during the exhibition match between Chief Minister XI and Chief Secretary XI was the main attraction of the occasion. During the program, a special song was presented by Ajeen Longchari Sucha who is the grand niece of Dr. T. Ao. President, Nagaland Football Association, Atuo Mezbur Sekhose proposed the word of appreciation and Nagaland State Chaplain, Rev. Kuzierang Thou pronounced the invocation prayer.

The tournament was a six day event with the participation of 11 teams representing the 11 districts.

BHAICHUNG BHUTIA DELIVERS MEMORIAL LECTURE ON DR. T. AO

In commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of Dr. T. Ao, a memorial lecture in his honour was delivered by former Indian Football Team captain, Bhaichung Bhutia-recipient of Padma Shri and Arjuna Award and the only Indian in the Asian Football Confederation's Hall of Fame on 28th January 2019 at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

Bhaichung Bhutia while delivering a lecture on Dr. T. Ao, in the presence of a host of dignitaries, shared about his personal experiences besides other difficulties and challenges faced by the North East footballers. He said it was a great honour that Dr. T. Ao played in a big club like Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, and went on to captain Indian Football Team to London Olympics in 1948.

Bhutia speaking on 'Nagaland football,' said over the years, Nagaland has failed to produce prominent players at national level after Dr. T. Ao, but he expressed hope that it is never too late to start. He added that today, North East is called the 'capital of Indian Football' and many North East players have come out in different age groups at national level but sadly, players from Nagaland are yet to make their mark.

Bhutia mentioned that he grew up in a remote area with no proper football ground to practise, no television to watch football matches or no source to learn about the sport, and attributed the success of his career in football to environment, culture and tradition of Sikkim in those days besides the inspiration he

received from watching tournaments conducted during the special occasions.

Bhutia pointed that there will be challenges in terms of infrastructure or platforms, but when passion, hard work and the talent is put together, everything is possible. He said with the initiative of the state government and inauguration of Dr. T. Ao's tournament, he hoped that in the years to come, Nagaland will surely make its mark not only in football but in other fields as well.

Abu Metha, while delivering an introductory remark, said Dr. T. Ao's name was forever paged in the lines of Indian sports, unerasable, leaving a landmark and a milestone for all the generations to come. He said Dr. T. Ao's popularity was not through social media or television but through his achievements, discipline and reputation at the international level. He added that today's generation will uphold his memory with pride and recognition.

Training on Low Cost Preservation Unit under MIDH

The Department of Horticulture organised training on low cost preservation unit under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) 2017-18 at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima on 29th January 2019.

The training was organised for the beneficiaries from Kohima, Kiphire, Tuensang, Mokokchung, Wokha, Zunheboto, and Tseminyu (the first batch of beneficiaries). The department distributed low cost preservation equipments to all the 56 beneficiaries who attended the training on fruits and vegetable preservation.

The details of the training program include:

1. Scope of fruits and vegetables preservation.
2. Objective of low cost preservation of fruits and vegetables.
3. Technologies for low cost preservation like preparation of fruit squash (pineapple, passion fruit, citrus, kiwi); preparation of jam and jelly

(pineapple, plum, guava); pickle making (green chilli, naga mircha, mushroom, lemon); fruit candy making (wild apple, aonla, ginger) and dehydration of fruits using solar drier (pineapple, banana, passion fruit tea)

4. Distribution of low cost preservation equipments like juicer machine, cone type fruit extractor for citrus and passion fruit, fruit juice filters, stainless steel knife, cutting board, aluminium foil sealer, aluminium foil, food grade squash bottle with cap, food grade pickle bottle with cap, stand pouch for fruit candy packaging, boiling vessel, mixing and blending vessel, measuring spoon, weighing balance and solar drier.

Ministry of Textiles Handicraft Awareness Program for Registration of Artisans at Changtongya

Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Handicraft Awareness Program for 'Registration of Artisans' at Changtongya was held on 30th January 2019 at Government High School Changtongya which was organised by Office of the Development Commissioner (H) Handicraft Service Centre (HSC) Kohima with COHANDS, New Delhi- 66. Altogether 460 artisans attended the program.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, NIDC, Imnatiba expressed his sincere appreciation to T. Rollee Vareishim, Senior Assistant Director (H) Handicraft Service Centre, Development Commissioner (Handicraft) GOI, Kohima for organising the awareness program. Advisor Imnatiba said the handloom and handicraft sector constitute the second largest employment and income generator after the agriculture sector outside of the government employment in the state. The State Industries & Commerce Department has submitted a project proposal to the Ministry for establishment of Craft Village Project at Changtongya village, to make traditional crafts an integral part of the tourism experience while also providing sustainable development for the artisans and people of the area economically, he added.

ESTI conducts recruitment drive at Tuensang

Emporium Skill Training Institute (ESTI) conducted Skill Development Training and Recruitment program under PMKVY Scheme of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India at Town Hall Tuensang on 4th January 2019 with the collaboration of empanelled training partner of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Government of Nagaland.

The inaugural session was attended by Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, and Parliamentary Affairs, C. M. Chang; Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, IPR, SCERT and Village Guards and Chairman DPDB Tuensang, tribal leaders and other dignitaries along with the aspiring candidates to undergo skill development training.

Speaking on the occasion, C. M. Chang lamented on the growing unemployment scenario in the state and called upon the aspiring candidates attending the program to take maximum opportunity of such programs. He also encouraged the aspiring youths to learn from such skill development training and get maximum benefit.

Toshi Wungtung emphasized on human development through skill development programs and highlighted the government's focus on minimizing the unemployment problems.

Anirban Mukerjee, Operations Manager (India & International) Emporium Skills in his keynote address briefed on the skill development programs, training procedures and placement after the training.

Mon becomes the first district to launch Darpan DM Dashboard

Dashboard for Analytical Review of Projects Across Nation (DARPAN) portal was launched by Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K IAS in the presence of ADC Mon, Kumar Ramnikant IAS, DIO (NIC), Ravi Ranjan Kumar and other officials from the District Administration and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) on 4th January 2019 at the DC's Chamber.

The platform will facilitate Deputy Commissioners to manage and enhance the performance of the schemes and programs of the Centre and the State

Government and help in implementing them in the district in a more effective manner. So far, more than 18 projects have been integrated and more projects would subsequently be integrated as per the requirement of the District Administration.

With the launching of the DM Dashboard, Mon district has become the first district in the state to have the Dashboard for Analytical Review of Projects Across Nation (DARPAN) portal.

Dimapur DPDB deliberates to take up tree plantation

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting Dimapur was held on 7th January 2019 in the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur.

MLA Moatoshi exhorted the officers under Dimapur district to join hands together and work for the progress of Dimapur city. He suggested to the DPDB members for taking up tree plantation in Dimapur

and advised the board members for reviewing the activities of the societies before recommending for registration to the higher authority.

Taking note of the MLA's suggestion for tree plantation, DC Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel IAS informed that a committee would be constituted for tying up with the line departments and execution part would be discussed in the next DPDB meeting.

The board members also recommended the proposal for upgradation of Government High School at Thahekhu to Higher Secondary School. Regarding registration of societies, the board recommended Duansu Welfare Society, UNB Naga Colony Burma Camp and grant-in-aid for Living Bread Welfare Society, Padampukhuri Village Dimapur and Rev. Longsa Memorial Orphanage, Kevijau Colony, Dimapur.

Mokokchung DPDB Meeting

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung district Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 7th January 2019 at the ADC's Office (Planning) Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Sachin Jaiswal IAS.

The DC appealed to the members to join hands and work together for the welfare of the people in the district, so that Mokokchung DPDB which is the highest decision making body of the district, will have another successful year.

Pughoboto SDPDB Meeting

The first meeting of the Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning Board for 2019 was held with the SDPDB Chairman and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the Customary Court Hall, Pughoboto on 9th January 2019.

MLA Vikheho lauded the officers in the sub-division for their contribution in the previous year and encouraged the officers to rededicate more to their services to change Pughoboto in a positive manner. He also sought co-operation for more developmental activities in their areas. The MLA also mentioned that there are plans to give award to the Best Village Chairman and Best VDB Secretary.

Departmental training and adoption of High School Pughoboto and Ghathashi were discussed in the meeting. Departments and action plan for adoption of both the schools which will be initiated by

department officers from February to December 2019 was also read out by the ADC.



MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu addressing the Pughoboto SDPDB meeting at the Customary Court Hall, Pughoboto on 9th January 2019.

Wokha DPDB Meeting

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Wokha district was held on 9th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall.

The Department of Power and Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) delivered powerpoint presentations on their activities in the district.

NSLSA Project Coordinator, Limasenla Longkumer while highlighting department activities in the district, said that the mega legal camps are conducted to provide free legal aid in the nature of counselling and providing free legal services in the conduct of any case or other legal proceedings before the Court, Tribunal or the Authority. Limasenla added that the Legal Services Authority also organizes Lok Adalats for settlement of pending cases as well as disputes which have not been brought before the court, thereby avoiding the cost and delay and ensures speedy justice overcoming legal technicalities.

CHILDLINE (1098) SERVICE MEETING HELD AT PEREN

A meeting for initiation of Childline (1098) Service for Peren district was held on 9th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, New HQ Peren. Government officials and NGOs attended the program.

During the meeting, Sandeep Kumar Mitra

(resource person) said that Childline (1098) is a national 24X7 free phone emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection. He also said that Childline aims at protecting the rights of the children and deals with missing and abused children and also provides shelter, rescue and medical aid etc.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Zunheboto was held on 10th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Ajit K. Ranjan IAS, ADC Zunheboto.

While reviewing the previous DPDB meeting minutes, the Chairperson directed the Zunheboto Town Council and Urban Development Department to verify the construction of sewage near Main Road South Point and submit their report in the next meeting.

PEREN DPDB MEETING

The first monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Peren district for the year 2019 was held on 11th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, New HQ Peren.

Vice Chairman DPDB and DC Peren, S. Tainiu welcomed the newly posted officers, EAC Jalukie, Wangan Phom and Forest Ranger, Punseni Khing to the board.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING

DC Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha speaking at the Tuensang DPDB meeting held at the DC's Office on 14th January 2019.



The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting Tuensang was held at the Deputy Commissioner Office's Conference Hall on 14th of January 2019. The meeting was chaired by DC and Vice Chairman DPDB Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha, and was attended by almost all the esteemed members of the forum.

The meeting started with the review of the previously adopted agenda and its follow up updates. SDO (C) Longkhim, Shelly Katiry informed the forum members regarding the project Low Cost Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Longkhim HQ

which will be constructed with the initiatives of the concerned citizens of Longkhim town on free will contribution.

ADC Tuensang, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS also encouraged all the members to work together as a team and carry the district forward through development.

The monthly PPT display of work activities was initiated by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies, with the Additional Director of the Department reporting on the departmental activities with proper statistics.

Medziphema Departmental Co-Ordination meeting

Medziphema departmental co-ordination meeting was held at the Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Medziphema on 14th January 2019 with EAC,

Sentilong Ozukum chairing the meeting. The meeting was attended by all the Heads of Offices, and both government and private institutions.

VAF LAUNCHED AT WOKHA

Launching of Voters Awareness Forum (VAF) was held on 16th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Wokha.

Addressing the Nodal Officers nominated from various departments, NGOs and civil societies, SDO (C) Chonpenthung Ezung stated that the Election Commission of India, with a view to generate

awareness among the voters about their rights and franchise, has launched this Forum and it will serve the purpose of imparting voter education to all employees within an organization.

AEO Wokha, Aketo Shohe informed that very shortly, training for the Nodal Officers will be conducted and urged all to extend co-operation.

Departmental Co-Ordination meeting at Bhandari

Monthly departmental co-ordination meeting of Bhandari sub-division was held at the Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall Bhandari on 16th January 2019 under the chairmanship of ADC Bhandari, Tiameraen Chang.

The Chairman asked all officers to rededicate

themselves towards public service. The meeting discussed agenda on construction of Traffic Island at Bhandari town, poor network, organizing vaccination program for pets at Bhandari town, organizing departmental sports week etc.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

Kiphire District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 17th January 2019

at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office Kiphire under the chairmanship of DC Kiphire,

Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS.

The board reviewed the previous meeting minutes and discussed the opening of new primary school at Thenentsuvong village and restoration

of Old Bypass Road to Kohima. Jophet Rengma, ADC Seyochung was introduced to the board in the meeting.

MEGA LEGAL SERVICES CAMP HELD AT WOKHA



Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Judge Gauhati High Court; Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon IAS, DC Wokha; Mezivolu T Therieh, Member Secretary NSLSA; Manoj Kumar IPS, SP Wokha inaugurating the Mega Legal Services Camp at Wokha on 19th January 2019.

The 10th Mega Legal Services Camp was conducted at the Local Ground Wokha on 19th January 2019. The camp was organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) and Wokha District Legal Services Authority (WDLA) in collaboration with the District Administration, government departments, stakeholders and NGOs.

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, NSLSA while delivering the inaugural speech, said the Legal Services Authority (LSA) with an objective to reach out to the poor and needy people is conducting such kind of camps so that the targeted section of the society can avail the various welfare measures and beneficial schemes and policies of the government. Singh also added that apart from giving legal help, the LSA is there to

help the people in giving necessary information regarding the beneficial schemes and called upon the general public to get help from the LSA without any hesitation.

DC Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS said people should know their rights and entitlements about the government schemes to ensure that it is properly implemented and for this, awareness is very important. He appealed to all to learn and get help during such camps so that targeted section of people

get their due share of benefits from government schemes and policies. He urged the Village Councils to actively take up role in generating awareness at the grass root level to ensure proper planning and formulations of schemes and policies.

During the camp, the LSA booths offered free legal services such as form-filling, drafting affidavit etc. The volunteers at various booths assisted the senior citizens, differently abled persons and daily wage earners to register for various governmental sponsored benefits and schemes. Schedule Tribe Certificates and Birth Certificates were also issued during the camp. Also, many government departments including banks opened stalls to sensitize the general public about the various schemes and policies.

SEMINAR ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AT KITAMI

One day seminar on waste management was conducted at Kitami on 19th January 2019, with two social workers Kahuli and Victo as resource persons who dwelled on the different types of wastes and their disposal. A practical lesson on how to convert biodegradable waste like kitchen garbage into useful products like manure was also demonstrated to the public.

Vitoshe from Kushe Humunity Foundation gave a

brief introduction of the foundation and its activities. Viniho Achumi, GB Kitami spoke on behalf of the village.

During the program, it was mentioned that Kitami village won the Cleanest Village Award, Pughoboto for the year 2018. The award carries a certificate with cash citation of Rs. 5 lakh, funded by LADF Pughoboto and with this award, a waste management project will be carried out in the village.

PROGRAMS UNDER BBBP

MON:

District Task Force meeting on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was held on 21st January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Mon under the theme 'Save the girl child, educate the girl child.'

DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS who conducted the meeting, stated that Mon district has shown the second highest CSR as per 2011 Census with an alarming decline of 61 since the 2011 Census.

Flash mobs were conducted in different parts of Mon town to spread awareness on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign on 23rd January 2019.

During the meeting, the board resolved to have a 'Girls Day' every month which will be organised in schools and deliberations will be held to generate awareness about BBBP Campaign. The pledge of BBBP was led by DC Mon.

The meeting was attended by Project Director, DRDA, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chief Medical Officer, District Statistical Officer, District Education Officer, Child Development Project Officer, District Program Officer, District Administration and representatives from Konyak Union, KNSK and KSU.



On 23rd January 2019, flash mobs were conducted in different parts of Mon town to spread awareness on the BBBP campaign.

WOKHA:

Launching of planned activities for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Week-cum-Consultative meeting of District Task Force (DTF)/BTF/Police and other key stakeholders was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Wokha on 21st January 2019, organized by the District Administration.

DC Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS while releasing the planned activities of BBBP 2019, stated that there are many government schemes relating to children and women which are carried out by the Anganwadi and Asha workers, and reminded the people in-charge of the schemes of their role and responsibilities to carry out their duties with honesty and dedication.

The Chukitong Block Task Force for BBBP flagged off the signature campaign at Chukitong town as well as at Tsungiki village on 22nd January 2019. Also, on the same day, Bhandari sub-division organized BBBP public awareness rally under the theme "Save the girl child, educate the girl child." A short program was held where oath taking/pledge ceremony and flagging of signatures was conducted at Local Ground, Bhandari.

On 23rd January 2019, Wozhuro Block Task Force for BBBP held an awareness programme at Phiro and Shaki villages under Wozhuro EAC Headquarters.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang district conducted Free Health Camp under the banner Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) on 23rd January 2019 as part of the weeklong celebration of "National Girl Child Day." Tuensang District Administration and Department of Social Welfare in convergence with Health & Family Welfare conducted the Free Health Camp at Sotokur village, Tuensang.

The team from the district was joined by Hutoi Sema DPO (ICDS), Dr. Pangjung Sangtam CMO, Dr. Moa MS, Dr. Chenithung, Dr. Ezung, Dr. Emmanuel, five nurses and Swasth Bharat Prerak Poshan Abhiyaan Tuensang.

About 210 patients including pregnant and lactating mothers, adolescent girls, children and old age persons in the village availed the services provided through the health camp under the banner of BBBP. Free medical treatment and medicines were provided to all the patients and sanitary napkins were distributed to the adolescent girls in the village.

Briefing on the BBBP scheme, Hutoi Sema, DPO (ICDS) stated in his keynote address that Tuensang district included the awareness event on health and hygiene with door to door campaign by AWWs & ASHAs, keeping in mind that health is the greatest gift and basic necessity for all, and further stated that the girl child must be given equal opportunities for her to contribute to the society.

LECTURE IN COMMEMORATION OF 100 YEARS BIRTH CENTENARY OF DR. T. AO

KIPHIRE:

A lecture on Dr. Talimeren Ao in commemoration of his 100th birth anniversary was held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 22nd January 2019. The program was organised by the Department of Youth Resource & Sports in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations, and Health & Family Welfare.

District Sports Officer Wutsutho gave a brief lecture on the life history of Dr. Talimeren Ao. A short speech was also delivered by Dr. Holiba Sangtam.

MON:

Lecture on Dr. Talimeren Ao, in commemoration of his 100th birth centenary was held on 23rd January 2019 at Council Hall, Mon.



A lecture on Dr. T. Ao in commemoration of his 100th Birth Anniversary was held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 22nd January 2019.

CMO Mon, Dr. Kechongol Sophie stated that risk factors of today are the diseases of tomorrow and emphasised on risk factors of smoking and tobacco chewing, abuse of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity. DSO Mon, Anguvito Sumi highlighted on the life history of Dr. T. Ao.

The Department of Information & Public relations screened a documentary on Dr. T. Ao during the occasion. The program was organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports in collaboration with Department of Information & Public Relations and Health & Family Welfare.

COPTA WOKHA UNIT CONDUCTS SURPRISE CHECKING

Anti Tobacco Flying Squad COPTA Wokha unit conducted a surprise checking in and around Wokha town within the educational institutions perimeter of 100 yards on 22nd January 2019.

The team comprised of members from District Administration, Police, Lotha Students Union and staff from Chief Medical Officer Office. The team covered around 20 schools, both private and government schools.

During the checking, 16 defaulters were caught and penalized a fine of Rs. 200 each as per government notification. Earlier, the COPTA team had conducted a similar raid and defaulters were warned for the first offence.

The Anti Tobacco Flying squad (COPTA) warned all the shopkeepers in and around school premises not to sell tobacco products to the students and directed all to abide by the rules of COPTA. Similar checking will be conducted in near future, stated COPTA officials.

Plastic Free Campaign held at Tuensang

District Administration of Tuensang initiated a Plastic Free Campaign in collaboration with CCSU which was formally launched by Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha on 23rd January 2019 during the 56th General Session of

Confederation of Chang Students Union at Buthanbou village, Tuensang.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC mentioned that since plastic products are inexpensive and durable, the rate of plastic production and use by humans is high. However, the chemical structure of moist plastics are resistant to natural process and takes

long time to degrade, thereby causing environmental pollution. He urged the gathering to reduce the use of plastics so as to protect the environment.

As part of the campaign, food was served on traditional bamboo plates, leaves and pledge cards were signed by students to reduce the use of plastics.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING HELD AT NOKLAK

Heads of Offices under Noklak sub-division held a co-ordination meeting at K.T.C Hall, Noklak on 25th January 2019. Additional Deputy Commissioner Nolak, Neilezo Tep urged the members to work

sincerely for the progress and development of Noklak. Representative from all the departments also shared their views and opinions on how to work as a team in the near future.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING

Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th January 2019. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

On behalf of all the DPDB members, ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa welcomed the new Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie, and the new District Planning Officer and Member Secretary DPDB Kohima, Pudusul Luho to the board.

DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie speaking at the Kohima DPDB meeting held at the DC's Office on 29th January 2019.



The DC said that the DPDB forum is an important platform where the developmental activities for the district are initiated. He therefore urged all the members to extend their support and cooperation to execute the activities effectively for the welfare of the society. He requested the members to ensure their commitment towards the functioning of the DPDB activities in an effective manner.

Reviewing the previous meeting minutes, on the agenda of new registration of societies, EE PWD (South), Er. Vizotuo Seletsu raised concerns like availability of parking facilities for new registration of schools in order to avoid traffic congestion, and

painting works carried out within the town areas. The DC also noted that the criteria laid down by the Government for new registration of society has to be strictly followed and also suggested to the concerned departments to come up with some guidelines as raised by the EE PWD for uniform sideways painting within the town areas.

On the agenda for introduction of Science Stream proposed at Government Higher Secondary School, Tseminyu and T. M. Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima, the board deliberated on the matter and decided to recommend it to the Government for further approval.

LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2019 HELD AT PEREN

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) in collaboration with the Nagaland Bar Association organised a program as part of the yearlong Legal Awareness Campaign 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Peren on 29th January 2019.

DC Peren, S. Tainiu in her address appealed to the participants to take note of legal awareness at all

times and at all places which will benefit the citizens to a great extent.

Introductory speech was delivered by Imti Imsong, President DBA. Subject speaker, Tali, President NBA spoke on the topic "Role of Gaonburas and Dobashis and Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils Act 1978." Interaction and queries with the participants was exchanged for better understanding of legal awareness.

SPARSH LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT MON

Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign was organised by National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP), Department of Health & Family Welfare on 30th January 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Mon.

Dr. Limatula Aier, DVBO NVBDCP in her keynote address said that leprosy is an infectious disease and takes a long time to spread from person to person.

Leprosy symptoms appear very late but it is completely curable with early detection and treatment. Leprosy Eradication Program was started in 1995, and it was eradicated in Nagaland in 2001 and the same all over India in 2005.

The pledge on Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign was taken by all the members present.

WATER SUPPLY PROJECT COMMISSIONED AT NEW HQ COMPLEX PEREN

The inaugural program for water supply to New Headquarters Complex, Peren was held on 19th January 2019 with Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi as the special guest.

Speaking at the function, Jacob Zhimomi said that Peren district has come a long way in many developmental works, and encouraged the people to preserve and protect the properties provided by the Department for the benefit of the public.

A brief technical report was presented by Additional Chief Engineer, Er. Repangyangba Longkumer wherein he stated that water supply to

New Peren District Headquarters cost Rs. 9.3 crore. The project was supported by the DoNER Ministry, Government of India, under NLCPR. Total capacity of the treatment plant is 1.14 million litres daily.

Deputy Commissioner Peren, S. Tainiu thanked the PHED for the success of the project on time. Commissioner & Secretary PHED, Dr. Maongwati Aier chaired the program and also delivered the welcome note. Pastor Hekoraing invoked God's blessings, while Superintending Engineer, Er. T. Sangtam proposed the vote of thanks.



Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi and PHED officials during the inaugural of the commissioning of water supply to New Headquarters Complex, Peren held on 19th January 2019.

Inauguration of Agro Servicing Centre at Lazami

The Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer (SDAO) Office, Pughoboto inaugurated its first ever Agro Servicing Centre at Lazami village on 25th January 2019 with ADC Pughoboto, Phuleshe K. Yephthomi as

the special guest. Opening remarks was delivered by Myanthung Patton, SDAO Pughoboto followed by brief remarks about the centre by Shihovi, Proprietor of the Servicing Centre.

The special guest in his speech emphasized on sincere implementation at grass root level for success of any scheme and also requested the leaders to support, encourage and spread the new idea to all the villages under the sub-division.

The Servicing Centre is set up to cater to the needs of the sub-division in providing services and repairing of machineries especially power tillers which were provided to various villages under the sub-division recently.

Paiwang Konyak flags off city buses in Mokokchung

Program for introduction of Mokokchung City Bus Service was held on 26th January 2019 at NST Station Mokokchung, where three buses were flagged off by Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak.

During a brief formal program, introductory note was delivered by General Manager, Nagaland State

Transport, O. Elhibemo Yanthan and short speeches were delivered by Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS and President, Ao Senden, Chubawati Longchar. Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. Chuba Jamir, Pastor MTBA. The program was chaired by Divisional Manager, NST Mokokchung, Vikheto Achumi.

Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak flagging off NST buses for Mokokchung City Bus Service at NST Station, Mokokchung on 26th January 2019.



DISTRICT HOSPITAL UPGRADED AT PHEK

The inauguration of the District Hospital upgradation program was held at Phek with the Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom gracing the program on 30th January 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, Pangnyu said the health system in the state has been steadily progressing to a large extent in the recent past, especially with the intervention under the National Health Mission. However, the health infrastructure gap is still huge and with the limited state resources, it will be difficult to achieve the national goals unless available resources are utilized effectively and efficiently. He therefore called upon all to avail

the services from various institutions and also urged all sections of the society and civil organizations to recommit themselves towards the communitization policy of the State Government for strengthening of public institution and services through active participation. The Minister also unveiled the inaugural plaque.

The program was chaired by Dr. Vikeyie Losu, Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare and welcome address was delivered by Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare. Vote of thanks was pronounced by Dr. M. Tiala Longkumer, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Phek.



Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom with other officials during the inaugural program of the District Hospital upgradation at Phek on 30th January 2019.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BUILDING CAPACITIES

A DIPR feature by: Temjenkaba, IA

The Government of Nagaland has taken a commitment to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the policy process of the state. In this regard, the state has proposed to organize a Capacity Building exercise in collaboration with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for all the Nodal Officers in the state to enhance their understanding on the SDGs and start the process of designing Strategic Plans and Actions for departments to achieve the 17 Goals in a holistic manner.

Implementing SDGs requires new capacities and invigorating new ways of working in public institutions and among public servants.

To support integrated policies, government functionaries/officials need to be committed and equipped to identify and analyze inter-linkages, synergies and work across institutional boundaries and build partnerships.

Enhanced capacities are needed to improve sectoral policies, reach those who are furthest behind, envision the long-term impact of policies and possible scenarios as well as to collect and analyze data, other statistics and also urge for renewed efforts to make institutions transparent and accountable and to support participatory decision-making.

The Government of Nagaland has already started the process of nominating Nodal Officer from each department. It is planning to start the exercise of identifying the SDG Goal-wise indicators for schemes/programs in the state with the Planning Department taking a lead.

The Capacity Building Workshop was organized by Government of Nagaland in partnership with UNDP with a view to support the state departments in the process of understanding the SDGs and integrating it in their work, understanding available data, plan for a monitoring system towards SDG implementation and development strategies and sensitizing all departmental Nodal Officers on the SDGs. The role and the target is to work towards the fulfillment of the same and contextualizing the Global Goals to the local context and also developing an outline for each department on their strategies and actions to be achieved by 2030, and also creating a platform for SDG implementation in the state by understanding the use of data, current availability and periodicity of data for achieving the SDGs and to develop an institutional structure for taking forward SDGs in the state.

The main purpose of Capacity Building Workshop also include the participation of Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, Additional Secretaries

of key Government Departments, Heads of Departments, Nodal SDG Officers and Officers from State Directorate of Planning and Finance, and by bringing on the board some eminent economists, planning specialists and sector stalwarts to ensure the process with expected economic growth of the state.

Some of the main target areas include:

- Enhancing the understanding on SDGs, challenges to its implementation thereby making Sustainable Development more responsive and relevant to local needs and aspirations.
- Undertaking an exercise on Mapping of the State and central schemes against the SDGs and development of integrated financing framework.
- Identification of state level indicators against the draft national indicators and correlating the same with the indicators identified in the vision plan exercise and finalization of indicators.
- Awareness generation and capacity building among all stakeholders for coordinated and pooled policy and support to meet the SDG targets while ensuring that the implementation process is partnership based, fully inclusive, transparent and accountable.
- To have a clear understanding on the contributions of the sub-national governments in the SDG agenda and have a clear understanding on achieving SDG localization, development of M&E and data collection tools for removal of data gaps and subsequent development of SDG District Index and State Dashboard.
- Help develop a SDG communication strategy to localize, domesticate and simplify the message of SDGs to support in generating awareness and lead to improved data generation and implementation.
- Defining a clear institutional structure for implementation of SDGs in the state, enhancing understanding on SDGs and defining the role of departments in the process.
- Define understanding on the local context of SDGs with both national and global perspectives.

The goal is to design a Strategic Plan and Action Plan framework which each department will devise for preparing the Vision Plan of Nagaland till 2030; define a set of base indicators which can be used to start designing a monitoring process; discuss about the availability of the data sets at the district level and proxy data for the indicators where data sources are not directly available.

(Source: Planning Department, Nagaland)



Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and other officials with the winners of the college debate, school essay competition, marathon run and assembly constituency wise Best BLOs on the occasion of the 9th National Voters' Day held at Mon on 25th January 2019.



Officials from District Administration, Social Welfare and Health & Family Welfare with the participants of the Baby Show Competition on the occasion of the National Girl Child Day which was observed at CSK Hall, Tuensang on 24th January 2019.



Governor, Nagaland, P. B. Acharya inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 26th January 2019.



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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home and National Highways, Y. Patton inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Zunheboto HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Planning & Coordination and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu inspecting the parade contingents during the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Tuensang HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Agriculture and Co-operation, G. Kaito Aye graced the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Peren HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam taking salute from the parade contingents during the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Mon HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak taking salute from the parade contingents on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Mokokchung HQ on 26th January 2019.





Minister, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir inspecting the 70th Republic Day parade contingents at Dimapur HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along inspecting the 70th Republic Day parade contingents at Kiphire HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Public Works Department, Tongpang Ozukum delivering the Republic Day speech at Longleng HQ on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom inspecting the 70th Republic Day parade contingents at Wokha HQ on 26th January 2019.



Advisor, Information Technology, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhoneumo Kikon taking salute on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Noklak on 26th January 2019.



Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day celebrations at Phek HQ on 26th January 2019.