



Governor, R. N. Ravi with his wife, Laxmi Ravi, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and the recipients of Governor's Award during the 'At Home' programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan on 15th August 2021.

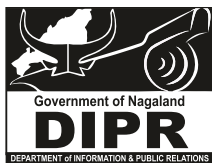




Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) during the 8th Session of the 13th NLA at Kohima on 3rd August 2021.



As part of its annual activities, Nagaland State Commission for Women, headed by Chairperson, Khrienuo Tachü along with Members, Chongliu, W. Nginyeih Konyak and Bodeno S. Colo visited State Mental Health Institute, Kohima; Kohima District Jail; Naga Hospital Authority Kohima – Maternity, Oncology and COVID-19 Ward; and Women Police Station, Kohima on 13th August 2021.



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CONSTITUTION OF SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENT OF LOKAYUKTA

In pursuance of Section 3(2) of the Nagaland Lokayukta Act, 2017 and Section 3 Sub- Section 2 (ii) of the Nagaland Lokayukta (Amendment) Act 2019, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department stated that a Search Committee has been constituted for identifying candidates to be considered for appointment as Lokayukta Nagaland with the following members:

1. Chief Secretary, Nagaland
2. Advocate General of Nagaland.

LABOUR COMMISSIONER INFORMS

Labour Commissioner, Er. S. L. Wati Aier has informed that in line with recommendations of the 44th, 45th and 46th Session of Indian Labour Conference (ILC) and demands from various quarters, the Government of India has amended the Maternity Benefit Act 1961 by way of the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017. Vide this amendment, one important provision was enabling provision for permitting work from home for nursing mothers. Section 5(5) of the Act provides as follows:

“(5) In case where the nature of work assigned to a woman is of such nature that she may work from home, the employer may allow her to do so after availing the maternity benefit for such period and on such conditions as the employer and the woman may mutually agree.”

In the context of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, nursing mothers are a highly vulnerable lot and the need to protect this segment of the population from getting infected by corona virus cannot be over emphasized. Allowing nursing mothers to work from home can contribute to protecting them and their babies from getting infected. It is in this scenario that the enabling provision for allowing 'work from home' assumes significance and hence needs to be popularized amongst the women workforce, and the employers are advised to allow more nursing mothers to work from home wherever nature of work allows to do so, at least for a period of one year from the date of birth of the child.

All employers of mines, plantations, shops and establishments (either in organized sector or unorganized sector) and factories are therefore, advised to comply with the above information.

NBSE INFORMS ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 talks about the education system that lays emphasis on experiential learning with a focus on 21st century skills like critical thinking and problem solving. The NEP 2020 aims at developing a holistic and multi-disciplinary education and therefore, has stressed on the integration of vocational education with the general education so as to eliminate the hard separation between arts and sciences, between curricular and extra-curricular activities, and between vocational and academic streams. This policy aims to ensure that every child learns at least one vocation and is exposed to several more from Class VI onward. This would lead to emphasising the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations. It is the goal of the policy to reach out to at least 50% of the learners to have exposure to vocational education by 2025.

The vocational/skill education is within the ambit of National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) which organises qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge, skills and aptitude. The

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NSQF defines common principles and guidelines for nationally recognised qualification and certification encompassing schools, vocational institutes and institutes of higher education throughout the country. The qualification ranges from secondary to doctorate level leading to international recognition of national standards. The NSQF is a competency based skill framework that will provide for multiple pathways of vertical and horizontal mobility with multiple entries and exits both within vocational education, vocational training, general education and technical education, thus linking one level of learning to another higher level. This will enable a person to acquire desired competency levels, transit to job market and, at an opportune time, return for acquiring additional skills to further upgrade their competencies.

In pursuant to the goal of NEP 2020, to reach out to 50% of the learners, the Nagaland Board of School Education is introducing Vocational Education from Classes IX to XII from 2022 academic session in a phased manner, i.e. to begin with Class IX. The vocational education will be an optional subject in classes IX and X and an elective subject in classes XI and XII.

The Competency Based Curriculum and Syllabus for Vocational Education for classes IX-XII has been adopted from the curriculum and syllabus developed by the Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), Bhopal.

In this regard, the registered schools have been encouraged to come forward in introducing vocational education in their schools to nurture the skill requirements of the learners. The application form for the introduction of the vocational education is uploaded in the portal, www.nbsenl.edu.in in the forms section. All necessary instructions are appended in the form itself. The following is the list of the courses for introduction:

Sl. No.	Course	Sector
1	Domestic Data Entry Operator	Information Technology Enabled Services (ITeS)
2	Food and Beverage Service Trainee	Tourism and Hospitality
3	Store Operation Assistant	Retail
4	Assistant Beauty Therapist	Beauty and Wellness
5	Field Technician-Other Home Appliances	Electronics and Hardware
6	Solanaceous Crop Cultivator	Agriculture
7	Automotive Service Technician	Automotive

NLA NOTIFIES

Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Secretariat, Dr. P. J. Antony has notified in modification of the Bulletin Part-II No. 52 dated 19th February 2021, the following members have been nominated to the Committees of the Assembly for the year 2021-2022, as indicated against their names:

1. Zhaleo Rio - Member and Chairman, Committee on Estimates.
2. Yangseo Sangtam - Member, Rules Committee.
3. Namri Nchang - Member, House Committee.

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STATE CENTRE OF NAGALAND LANGUAGES TO BE SET UP UNDER DoSE

Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified that the "State Centre of Nagaland Languages" is set up under the DoSE, by re-deploying all the existing officers and staff of Language Section.

The notification is issued with the approval of the Cabinet vide Cabinet Cell Memo No.CAB-2/2013 dated 26.04.2017.

DoSE NOTIFIES

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that the Phase II Broadcast of Video and Audio lessons for students of Classes V and VI through Doordarshan, Kohima, All India Radio, Kohima, Youtube Channel (DoSE Nagaland) and Facebook (School Education, Nagaland) will commence from 20th August 2021 as per the schedule attached at Annexure I and II. The programme schedule is also made available at <https://dosenl.in>.

The sign language interpretation has been incorporated in the video broadcast for the benefit of children with disabilities and broadcast of lessons for students of Classes VII to X will commence shortly.

Further, all concerned shall ensure that the directives issued vide this Office Notification of even number, dated 12th July 2021 with regard to the arrangements to be made for facilitating learning through the online mode of education are complied with.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES IN CHANGE OF NOMENCLATURE

State Government in a notification rectified the nomenclature "Yimchunger" Naga to "Yimkhiung" Naga. It stated that the name "Yimkhiung" shall be used in all official correspondence.

The order has been issued with the approval of the Cabinet in its meeting held on the 31st July 2021 conveyed vide letter No. CAB-2/2013 dated 31/07/2021.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS REMISSION

On account of celebration of the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 and consequent to the proposal submitted by DG (Prisons), Home Department has informed that the Governor of Nagaland has granted remission to the following eligible convicted prisoners as : Central Jail, Dimapur – 15, District Jail, Dimapur – 6, District Jail, Kohima – Nil, District Jail, Mokokchung – 7, District Jail, Wokha – Nil, District Jail, Tuensang – 4, District Jail, Peren – Nil, District Jail, Mon – 12, District Jail, Phek – Nil, District Jail, Kiphire – Nil, and District Jail, Zunheboto – 2.

The Remission Order will take effect from the 15th of August 2021 by Order and in the name of the Governor.

STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMS

In commemoration of the ensuing 75th Anniversary of Independence Day, 2021, the State Government has decided to remit the sentences for 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.

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

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

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

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

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

The Remission Order will take effect from the 15th August 2021 by Order and in the name of the Governor.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON ISSUE OF PERMITS

Transport Department has informed that in supersession of notification of even no. dated 6th May 2021, the State Transport Department has laid down the following guidelines on issue of Permits for all Goods Transport Vehicles and Passengers Service Vehicles in the State which shall come into immediate effect.

Under Section 73(a)(ii) and (iv) of the Motor Vehicles Rules for Excluded Areas, Assam, 1942 Nagaland Amendment Rules, 1983) as amended vide Notification No. TPT/MV/2/79 dated 30/03/1983, Para 16, the fees for permits in respect of Goods Transport Vehicles and Passenger Service Vehicles are fixed as under:

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1. In respect of Transport Vehicles, Rs. 25 per m.t per year.
2. In respect of a Taxi cab/Tourist Taxi, Rs. 200 per year.
3. In respect of a Stage carriage/City bus/Omni Bus, Rs. 320 per year.

Under the provisions of Section 69(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Rule 86 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, the State Transport Authority has issued the base permits and national permits for all Goods Transport Vehicles.

Further, under Rules 82(1) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, the State Transport Authority is authorized to issue base permits for all categories of Passenger Service Vehicles for the purpose of availing permits for Tourist Vehicles on the basis of which the All India Tourist Permit Authorization, Inter-State Permits, All Nagaland Tourist Taxi Permits, Inter-District Contract Carriage (Bus) Permits shall be issued, provided that the applicant must first obtain an assurance certificate from the State Transport Authority for issue of the above permits.

NBSE NOTIFIES

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all concerned that the NBSE is a Member Board of the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE). The NBSE grants reciprocal recognition to the certificates of examinations conducted by the Member Boards/Councils of COBSE only.

The NBSE admits only the students who have studied from the Member Boards/Councils of COBSE and on fulfilment of the criteria prescribed by the Board. As such, all registered institutions shall admit only those students who have been certified passed or qualified at an examination by Member Board or Council of COBSE.

Before admitting, the institution shall also verify and check that the student have studied and appeared in the Core subjects i.e. Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, English and a Second language.

The list of Member Boards/Councils of COBSE is given below for information:

1. Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
2. Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
3. A. P. Open School Society Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
4. Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Guwahati.
5. Board of Secondary Education, Assam, Guwahati.
6. (a) Assam Sanskrit Board, Kahilipara, Guwahati.
(b) Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam.
7. State Madrassa Education Board, Assam.
8. AMU Board of Secondary & Senior Secondary Education, Aligarh.
9. Bihar School Examination Board, Patna.
10. Bihar Board of Open Schooling & Examination, Patna.
11. Bihar State Madrassa Education Board, Patna.
12. Bihar Sanskrit Shiksha Board, Patna.
13. Banasthali Vidyapith.
14. Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi.

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15. Chhatisgarh Board of Secondary Education, Raipur.
16. Chhatisgarh State Open School, Raipur.
17. Chhatisgarh Sanskrit Board, Raipur.
18. Chhatisgarh Madarsa Board, Raipur.
19. Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi.
20. Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed University), Agra.
21. Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education, Goa.
22. Gujarat Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar.
23. Board of School Education, Haryana.
24. H.P. Board of School Education, Dharamshala.
25. J&K State Board of School Education.
26. Jharkhand Academic Council, Ranchi.
27. Government of Karnataka, Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore.
28. Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, Bangalore.
29. Kerala Board of Public Examination, Thiruvananthapuram.
30. Kerala Board of Higher Secondary Education, Thiruvananthapuram.
31. Board of Vocational Higher Secondary Education, Kerala.
32. Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education, Pune.
33. Board of Secondary Education, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
34. M. P. State Open School Education Board, Bhopal.
35. Maharshi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
36. Board of Secondary Education, Manipur.
37. Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur.
38. Meghalaya Board of School Education, Tura.
39. Mizoram Board of School Education, Aizawl.
40. Nagaland Board of School Education, Kohima.
41. National Institute of Open Schooling, Noida.
42. Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
43. Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack.
44. Odisha State Board of Madrasa Education, Urdu Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.
45. Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.
46. Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan.
47. Rajasthan State Open School, Jaipur.
48. Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi (Formerly Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan).
49. State Board of Examination (Sec) & Board of Higher Secondary Examinations, Tamil Nadu.
50. Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education, Hyderabad.
51. Board of Secondary Education, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
52. Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Telangana State.
53. Telangana Open School Society, Hyderabad.
54. Tripura Board of Secondary Education, Agartala.

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55. U.P. Board of High School & Intermediate Education, Allahabad.
56. U.P. Board of Secondary Sanskrit Education, Lucknow.
57. Board of School Education Uttarakhand, Nainital.
58. Uttarakhand Sanskrit Shiksha Parishad, Dehradun.
59. Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board, Dehradun.
60. West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, Kolkata.
61. W. B. Council of Higher Secondary Education, Kolkata.
62. West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education, Kolkata.
63. The West Bengal Council of Rabindra Open Schooling, Kolkata.
64. West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education & Skill Development, Kolkata.
65. Gurukula Kangri Vishwavidyalaya Haridwar, Uttarakhand
66. Delhi Board of School Education, Government Sarvodaya Co-Ed Senior Secondary School, Patparganj, Delhi.

NBSE NOTIFIES ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified that in celebration of 75 years of India's Independence – Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the following activities have been planned by the Board to be conducted by the schools from September 2021 to November 2021. All the activities listed below are meant for both Government and Private Schools:

1. Activity 'A' - Classes VIII to XII
 - 1st September 2021 to 25th September 2021
 - Essay/Poem writing/Drawing competition on the theme "People who gave us the 75th year of India's Independence"
 - Submission of best 1(one) entry by the schools - 27th to 28th September 2021.
2. Activity 'B' - Classes X to XII
 - 1st October 2021 to 25th October 2021
 - Reading Comprehension Challenge
 - In this activity, schools may conduct writing activities in about 300 words on topics which are related to the Indian freedom struggle. Topics may include the participation of North East India in the Indian Freedom Movement.
 - Submission of best 1(one) entry by the schools - 26th to 27th October 2021.
3. Activity 'C' - Class XII
 - 1st November 2021 to 25th November 2021
 - Essay/Poem writing/Drawing competition regarding the students' view on the vision about India in the year 2047.
 - Submission of best 1(one) entry by the schools - 26th to 27th November 2021.

A Certificate of Merit will be given to the best 3 (three) entries in each activity for each district. After the conduct of the activities, the schools are to screen the entries submitted by the students and mail only the best 1(one) entry in word format from each school to collessay21@gmail.com. Schools must write the name of the student, class and school clearly as any incomplete entry will be rejected.

All the Heads of Registered Institutions have been requested to take up the activities with the students from Class VIII to XII as per their category. Students should be encouraged to actively participate.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BETWEEN THE CHIEF SECRETARIES OF NAGALAND AND ASSAM

A meeting was held on 31st July 2021 between the Chief Secretary of Nagaland and Chief Secretary of Assam at Dimapur, Nagaland with a view to de-escalate the tense situation prevailing in 2(two) locations in the Desso Valley Reserved Forest/Tsurangkong Valley due to stand-off between the armed police forces of Nagaland and Assam.

Both sides agreed that in order to maintain peace and tranquility in the areas around Ao Senden village and Vikuto village as they are known in Nagaland, and known as Jankhona Nala/Nagajankha (26°36'52.9"N 94°22'27.3"E) and Compartment No. 12(26°34'33.7"N 94°19'05.9"E) respectively in Assam, urgent and effective steps are required for defusing the stand-

off between the security forces of Nagaland and Assam.

In this regard, it is decided by both sides that the security personnel of both states shall simultaneously move back from their present locations to their respective base camps. The simultaneous withdrawal of the security personnel shall begin immediately.

Nagaland and Assam shall monitor the area by surveillance using UAV and satellite imagery with a view to maintain the status quo. The Superintendents of Police of the districts of Mokokchung (Nagaland) and Jorhat (Assam) shall ensure orderly withdrawal of their respective forces and shall be responsible for it in the instant case.

PLANNING & COORDINATION DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER



A farewell programme for outgoing Additional Development Commissioner, Department of Planning & Coordination, Nosazol Charles was held at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 31st July 2021.

The Department of Planning & Coordination held the farewell programme in honour of outgoing Additional Development Commissioner, Nosazol Charles on 31st July 2021 at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Various speakers congratulated the outgoing officer on completion of a successful

career and thanked him for his service to the Government of Nagaland. The Department highlighted his instrumental role in the successful confirmation of the Departmental Service Rules and for setting up of the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC) besides other notable achievements.

In his speech, Nosazol Charles thanked the Minister of Planning & Co-ordination, Neiba Kronu, the Administrative Heads and Heads of the various State Departments for their co-operation and support during his tenure. He also mentioned that his career achievements were made possible because of the hard work carried out by the

department staff.

The programme was chaired by Joint Development Commissioner, Augustine M Yanthan, who also delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was attended by Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue & Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, senior officers and staff of the department.

2nd EDITION OF NAGALAND REGIONAL EASTERN HIMALAYAN NATURENOMICS™ FORUM HELD



Nagaland Regional Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics Forum was held at Sukhai village, Zunheboto on 1st August 2021.

Nagaland Regional Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics™ Forum 2021 was held on 1st August 2021 at Sukhai village of Zunheboto district, bringing together community voices, government officials, SHG groups, farmers and indigenous organizations towards understanding community conservation model in Sukhai, and exploring opportunities for a sustainable future. The theme of the forum was 'Understanding the socio-economic conservation models for biodiversity preservation in Community Conserved Areas (CCA).' The Nagaland Regional Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics™ Forum has been hosted, partnering with the Tizu Valley Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Network

(TVBCLN) and The Energy and Resources Institute of India (TERI).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Balipara Foundation conducted the regional colloquium adhering to SOP and norms regulated by Nagaland State Government, registered by a total of 35 participants, including resource persons, community representatives and volunteers.

Sukhai has brought into light the rich biodiversity the village has, and how every effort has been taken towards mobilizing the community members towards preserving the land. Chairman of Sukhai CCA and leader of TVBCLN, Ivan Jimo highlighted upon the indigenous culture and

tradition of Sema Naga communities which are interlinked to nature since time immemorial.

The discussion was carried forward by a presentation on "Biodiversity vis-a-vis Shifting Cultivation to Nagaland" by Pikato V. Jimo, the PO of Nagaland Empowerment through People Economic Development (NEPED) and the General Secretary to Sukhai CCA. Talking about the traditional farming practices once practiced in the CCA across Sukhai and nearby villages, Jimo stated that conservation won't be successful, until we provide livelihood options. He further went on to say that shifting cultivation does not always degrade the ecology, and it is a far more economically and biologically sustainable way of farming when compared to settled form of agriculture.

Talking on the Article 371A, and land ownership in Nagaland, Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Biodiversity & Research), Nagaland, Supongnukshi IFS stated that forest and ecosystem management in the State involves many stakeholders like Forest Department, Agriculture Department and civil societies, amongst others. "As per Forest Survey of India Report 2019, over 75.31 % of total geographical area of Nagaland is under forest cover. Open Forest Category of forest lands largely fall under the jhum fallow lands," he informed.

The event designed to witness insightful deliberations in context to indigenous people, forest management and traditional practices witnessed informative deliberations and presentations from an eminent panel of other speakers like Dr. Rakesh

Kumar Chaurasia, Head & Senior Scientist to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Nagaland, Heirang Lungalang, Chairman to the Nagaland Community Conservation Areas Forum (NCCAF) and Rokongulie Meyase, professional bird guide and tour operator from Khonoma CCA.

Formulating the Regional Nagaland Chapter, Balipara Foundation in coming days envisions to work closely with the indigenous communities of Nagaland through its flagship project Rural Futures and Naturenomics™, to ensure a sustainable future for the State and celebrate the indigenous conservationists as the custodians of the natural landscapes - protecting and preserving their lands.

The forum was organized by Balipara Foundation, a non-profit organization nestled in Assam in the Eastern Himalayas. Established in 2007, Balipara Foundation focuses on community development and conservation of natural resources in the region through the concepts of Naturenomics™ and Rural Futures.

The Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics™ Forum was launched in 2013 to find solutions leading to important lessons for the communities and others, at all levels, from local to global. Following success of the Sikkim and Manipur Forum, the regional chapter will travel to different parts of the Eastern Himalayas this year and organize community specific discussions.

8th SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NLA

OBITUARY REFERENCES:

The 8th Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) began on 3rd August 2021, with the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio making Obituary References to the passing away of sitting Member of NLA, Toshi Wungtung. Late Toshi Wungtung who served as Advisor, Information & Public Relations, SCERT and Village Guards, passed away on 1st July 2021 after a brief illness at BLK Hospital, New Delhi. Rio mentioned that Late

Toshi Wungtung, besides being a promising leader and an active MLA, was also an intellectual, working with various organizations, civil societies and NGOs. He stood for the masses, a knowledgeable and outspoken advocate who stood for the preservation of Naga culture and identity. Rio stated that his legacy will continue to live on throughout the many lives of the younger generation, and on behalf of the House, he conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed that God will





continue to give them strength and courage to overcome the difficult times.

Speaker, Nagaland, Sharingain Longkumer also made Obituary References to the following former Members of NLA:

1. Khutovi Sema, who expired on 6th May 2021.
2. K. Imlong Chang, who expired on 16th May 2021.
3. P. K. Along, who expired on 23rd May 2021.
4. N. Yeshito Chishi, who expired on 22nd June 2021.
5. Dr. K. C. Nihoshe, who expired on 13th July 2021.
6. T. Kikon, who expired on 25th July 2021.

STARRED QUESTIONS:

Replying to starred question raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio who is the Minister in-charge of CAWD, replied that 93% of the works of the DC Complex in Phek is completed. The total project cost revised is Rs. 972.46 lakh, the total amount allocated for the work upto date is Rs. 555.65 lakh, payment made upto date is Rs. 557.41 lakh and the balance amount yet to be paid is Rs. 316.81 lakh.

With regard to the starred question raised by MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo about the details of Medical Centres in Chozuba, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom replied that there are 37 posts sanctioned against CHC Chozuba including two posts of Medical Officer, and all the posts, except one post each of Staff Nurse and Sweeper are filled up. He added that officers/staff have not been appointed against Trauma Centre, Chozuba since no separate posts were approved for appointment under the scheme for establishment of the same.

Replying to starred questions raised by MLA, Y. M. Yollow, on the second day of the 8th Session of the Thirteenth NLA on 5th August 2021, Minister for PHED, Jacob Zhimomi informed that the Wakching water supply project was sanctioned during the year 2014-15 with an estimated cost of Rs. 383.01 lakh. He added that the project is

expected to be completed by March 2022.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom informed that the Government has sanctioned Rs. 246.9 crore for COVID-19 related expenses since 2019-20, wherein, an amount of Rs. 127.33 crore was received by Department of Health & Family Welfare and the remaining Rs. 199.57 crore was for expenditure by Home Department/ NSDMA. This was in reply to the questions raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu.

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton replying to MLA, Yitachu's starred question stated that an amount of Rs. 304.19 lakh has been released so far for the work pertaining to Weziho-Molen road construction with 40% of the overall works completed.

Replying to MLA, Y. M. Yollow, Minister for Higher Education stated that the Department will be in a position to start the first academic session at New Model College, Wakching only after the State Government sanctions approval for creation of the proposed minimum required post for appointment.

Answering to the question on the status of Kohima By-Pass Package-2 of Meriema, 500 meters tunnel raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton stated that 55(fifty five) meters tunnel excavation works from western portal side has been completed so far.

On Akash Bridge to Kanjang via Lephory road construction, Patton informed the House that a fund amounting to Rs. 1018.42 lakh has been released and the expected date of completion is 31/03/2022. This was in reply to a starred question raised by MLA, Yitachu.

Replying to question raised by MLA, Y. M. Yollow, Minister in-charge of School Education said that the Government Primary School at Ladigarh was established in 1972 and the school is presently located on the outskirts of Ladigarh village.

Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, MLA raised questions on COVID-19 vaccination to which Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom said that vaccination is not mandatory in Nagaland and is voluntary. It is disseminated to the public and target



beneficiaries, as part of mobilization/outreach and sensitization activities.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS:

While replying to the unstarred question raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu on 5th August 2021, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton, informed that there are 5,167 work charge labourers in the State, PWD (NH) - 130, PWD (R&B) - 4031, PWD (Housing) - 1,006.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio replying to MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro, informed that the strength of staff of Task Force for Music & Arts is 8 (Eight): Project Director- 1 (Deputation), Sound & Light Engineer- 1 (Contract), Manager (Electronics & Power)- 1(Contract), Handyman-cum-Peon - 1 (Regular), Sweeper-cum-Chowkidar- 1(Regular) and Contingency-3.

MLA, Y. M. Yollow raised unstarred questions on the Assam-Nagaland border and Ladigarh polling station, to which the Minister in-charge of Border Affairs informed that the Assam-Nagaland border issue is sub-judice in the Supreme Court of India and the State of Nagaland is defending the suit in all possible manners. Further, whenever the situation so warrants, meetings are held between Assam and Nagaland counterparts at various levels. The Minister in-charge informed that the Assam-Nagaland inter-state border are as follows: Mon - 63 Km, Longleng - 9 Km, Mokochung - 100 Km, Wokha - 117 Km, Kohima - 3 Km, Dimapur - 125 Km and Peren - 96 Km approx. He stated that post 1972 Agreement, Doyang and Kakadanga Reserve Forest under Wokha district has the largest area encroached by Assam. Further, he informed that in the elections conducted, the electors of the Ladigarh polling station under 49 A/C Tamlu, are voting at a nearby makeshift camp approximately 1 Km away from the school between Ladigarh and Yonglok village as per the directives of the Election Commission of India. He said that Ladigarh village is shown under Assam territory in the map in the website as per the Survey of India map that follows the 1925 boundary line, which is disputed by the State Government.

ASSENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, Dr. P. J. Antony reported the assent of Governor, Nagaland to the following bills:

1. The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2020.
2. Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
3. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2021.
4. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2021.
5. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2021.
6. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2021.

LAYING OF REPORTS/RULES: Minister, Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along laid a copy of the Rules/Bye-Laws of Nagaland Eklavya Model Residential School Management Society.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

The following Government Bills were introduced by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio:

1. The Nagaland Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2020.
2. The Nagaland Lokayukta (Amendment No.2) Bill, 2021.

PRESENTATION OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On the second day of the 8th Session of the Thirteenth NLA, on 5th August 2021, Advisor, School Education and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, K. Tokugha Sukhalu presented before the House the 125th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2021-2022) on the examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2016-2017 on the State Finances Audit Report and Audit Reports on the Social, Economic, Revenue, and the General sectors.

Member and Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo laid the following Reports:

- i. The Sixty-Sixth Report on the Nagaland Shops and Establishment Rules, 2015.



- ii. The Sixty-Seventh Report on the action taken by the Government on the 55th Report on the Nagaland Labour Service Rules, 2014.
- iii. The Sixty-Eight Report on the Nagaland Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2019.
- iv. The Sixty-Ninth Report on the action taken by the Government on the 62nd Report on the Nagaland Agricultural Produce Marketing (General) Rules, 2006.
- v. The Seventieth Report on the action taken by the Government on the 42nd Report on the Nagaland Police Service Rules, 2006.

Member and Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, Y. Vikheho Swu presented the following Reports before the House:

- i. The Ninety Eight Report on the Assurances given by the Government during the 2nd Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly.
- ii. The Ninety Ninth Report on the Assurances given by the Government during the 1st Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio presented before the House the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on General, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ending 31st March 2019.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS: Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio moved the 'Nagaland Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2020' and 'The Nagaland Lokayukta (Amendment) No. 2 Bill, 2021' for consideration, and both the bills were passed by the House.

DISCUSSION ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE:

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu initiating the discussion gave a timeline of constitution of the Parliamentary Committee for the Naga Political Issue. On 16th July 2021, a

Parliamentary Committee (Joint Legislators Forum nomenclature changed), was constituted comprising of all 60 elected Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) and both the Members of Parliament. A Core Committee within the Parliamentary Committee comprising of 22 members was set up to discuss the issue in more detail. The first Core Committee meeting was held on 9th July 2021 where a 5-Point Resolution was adopted, after which a meeting was held with the 7 NNPGs on 20th July 2021 and with NSCN-IM on 21st July 2021. Kronu stating that if the Naga Political Issue is not resolved, it will hamper the entire system and society, and with the Gol and negotiating parties having reached this far, he said time is crucial now and called for more efforts and suggested for the House to make a resolution and approach the negotiating parties.

Minister, Kashiho Sangtam suggested for the Parliamentary Committee or the Core Committee to negotiate with Naga representatives, NSCN-IM and 7 NNPGs, and appealed to them to leave past and present differences and come together for the Naga people. Advisor Khehovi Yephthomi said that when the Gol is showing seriousness in solving the issue, we should not miss the opportunity as the more we delay and neglect talks, more political groups will crop up. MLA, Imkong L. Imchen called for all the negotiating parties not to have rigid stance and said that in modern and contemporary politics, it cannot always be winner takes all, there has to be shared victory. MLA, Chotisuh Sazo called for the negotiating parties to be transparent with the agreed position. MLA, Y. M. Yollow Konyak stated that the 60 elected Members of the NLA and two MPs have the mandate of the public, and he appealed to all negotiating parties to come together for the Nagas.

MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu stated that from day one, Nagas' demand was for sovereignty, therefore any solution or settlement that comes about cannot be taken as a final settlement. Advisor, Pukhayi expressed that the Naga Political Issue should come into solution, as Nagas have every right to



have freedom. He pointed that the House passing a resolution should not contradict to any group but the voice of the August House should conclude in a peaceful settlement. Suggesting some prepositions on the Naga Political Issue, MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry said that the Core Committee, on behalf of the Parliamentary Committee should urge the leaders at the Centre to be magnanimous on the issue of the Naga Flag, and at the same time, have more discussions with the NSCN-IM group and urge them to reconsider their stand on the line of the 31st October Agreement, in the interest of the Nagas.

Minister, Tongpang Ozukum while appreciating the supreme sacrifices made by the Naga Political Groups since the beginning of the movement, also appealed to them to forget and forgive the past mistakes and to come together as one. MLA, Yitachu said that the main reason to form an oppositionless Government is an effort on history making of the Nagas, to arrive at an early and peaceful solution. MLA, H. Chuba Chang said that Naga issue can be solved only politically and called all the leaders to unite in finding a lasting solution which is agreeable to everyone. Advisor, Dr. Longrineken asked the August House to pass a resolution and make an appeal to the two groups NSCN-(IM) and NPPG to negotiate with the GoI as united Naga and coin the differences and sacrifices for our future generation, to put aside the political issue and endorse for the interest of the Naga.



Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang speaking on Naga Political Issue during the 8th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 3rd August 2021.

Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang recalled that the NPF walked out on Naga Political Issue in 2020 due to the fact that the JLF was not making

much positive progress, and subsequently, proposed that a Parliamentary Committee should be constituted with all the elected representatives and the two Members of Parliament, to which he thanked the Leader of the House for accepting the proposal. It was felt that both the parties (NDPP and NPF) need to leave aside their political differences, to help facilitate the Naga Political Issue and to fulfil the aspirations to the Naga people. He appealed to the negotiating parties, the Government of India and Naga Negotiating Groups to stick to what has been agreed upon on 31st October 2019, as claimed by both the negotiating parties that the talk has completed successfully.

Leader of the House, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stating that though the Naga society is divided on many things, the elected members of NLA since 1964 have unanimously passed all the 12 resolutions on the Naga Political Issue. He stated that during the Core Committee meeting with the NNPG group and NSCN-IM, all parties have conveyed their concern on finding a solution. Highlighting the uniqueness of the Naga Political Issue, he said that after Article 370 was removed, even Jammu and Kashmir has demanded for Article 371(A) like Nagaland.

RESOLUTION ON THE NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE:

1. The House appeals to the negotiating parties of the Indo-Naga political dialogue to resume the peace talks with a positive approach and mutual respect for each other by setting aside pre-conditions, in deference to the Naga people's cry for long term peace, and resolve the contentious issues of the competencies at the earliest.
2. The House appeals to all Naga Political Groups to make serious efforts towards unity and reconciliation. The constant antagonism against each other, especially in public space and the media is sending out a wrong message to the masses, considering the fact that we are all pursuing the same aspiration of peace and political solution. Taking the positive example set by the elected Members of the Nagaland





Legislative Assembly, who have risen above party affiliations to unite for the Naga Political Issue, the Naga Political Groups should make concerted efforts, and listen to the voice of the people for unity and oneness.

3. The House, while appreciating the constant role and contributions of the churches, civil societies and the NGOs towards facilitating peace and strengthening the peace process, appeals to the civil societies, mass-based organisations and the Tribal Hohos to make renewed efforts towards creating a conducive atmosphere for the early realisation of a political solution by pursuing unity, reconciliation and oneness.
4. All Members of this House have come together under the same banner in line with the election manifestos of all political parties committing ourselves to the people that all the elected Members are prepared to make any sacrifices for an inclusive, honourable and acceptable solution.
5. The House, therefore, appeals to the Naga Political Negotiating Groups to come together in order to hammer out their differences, and give the people 'One Solution and One Agreement.'

DISCUSSION ON NAGALAND-ASSAM BORDER ISSUE:

Taking part in the discussion on matters of urgent public importance on 'Nagaland-Assam border,' MLA, Imkong Imchen stated that Assam Government has border disputes with various North Eastern states and mentioned that the recent clash between the Government of Assam and Mizoram Government is a classic example of the aggressive policy of Assam Government. He suggested to the Chief Minister of Nagaland to coordinate with all the Chief Ministers of the North Eastern states to have a common platform and pursue the matter to the Prime Minister of India to intervene with the aggressive policy of the Assam Government. Imchen also suggested to the Leader of the House to constitute a cabinet Sub-Committee on border

management to deal and review all the agreement entered with the Assam Government. He added that Nagaland Armed Police Force should be deployed to avert any aggressive policy and protect the border area of Nagaland. He urged the Government to expedite the compilation of the Foot Hill Road at the earliest to avoid issues arising due to bandh imposed in Assam.

MLA, Yollow Konyak suggested that the Government can have a proper land holding system in order to protect the interest of the people living in the border area and emphasized on the need for proper deployment of the State police force to tackle law and order problem.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan briefed the House on the history and events of the State since the creation of the Naga Hills district under Assam in 1866. Lamenting the usage of satellite imaginary in disputed areas, he called for solving the issue by visiting the disputed areas and getting firsthand knowledge. Terming the border issue with Assam a 'perpetual problem,' he sought for concerted effort in solving the problem.

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along said that the Nagaland-Assam border issue has remained unsettled ever since Nagaland became the 16th State of India. Under this issue, he suggested to the House to upgrade the Border Magistrate to a DC level. He requested that the 13 IRB be sent to the recent disputed areas in order to avoid any future unfortunate incidents. He also said that border outposts should be strengthened with more assertiveness.

MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer raised various problems faced by the Nagas due to land disputes with Assam. He stated that the issue has been hampering developmental and farming activities and urged for deployment of neutral security forces like CRPF at the disputed areas.

Discussing on the Assam-Nagaland boundary issue, Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang stated that the boundary dispute has created unrest for people of both the states. He said that despite



such conflict and turmoil, even the Supreme Court has not been able to finalise the boundary issue which he felt was due to the complexity of the matter. Giving a brief historical background of Nagaland, Zeliang stated that there have been Agreements between Assam and Nagaland to solve boundary disputes but the problem continue to exist which he believes, is partly due to the fact that some clauses in the Agreements signed between the two Governments are biased and thereby, unreliable and have worked to the disadvantage of Nagaland to a large extent. He also suggested that a Parliamentary Panel be constituted to study the border dispute issue and to submit its report within a stipulated time period.

Chief Minister, Rio said that he fully endorses with the Leader of Opposition regarding the Nagaland-Assam issue. He also said that the people of Nagaland should unite and take a common stand on this issue stating that the agreement between the two states should be without any pre-conditions.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY NAGALAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON ASSAM-NAGALAND BORDER ISSUE ON 5th AUGUST 2021:

The House unanimously adopted Three Point Resolution adopted by Nagaland Legislative Assembly on Assam-Nagaland Border Issue on 5th August 2021 and decided to pass the following resolutions:

1. A Select Committee of the House be constituted to examine all aspects of the Assam- Nagaland border issue and submit its report within a period of 3 (three) months. The Select Committee shall consist of the following Members:
 - i. Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister
- Convenor
 - ii. Y. Patton, Deputy Chief Minister
- Co-Convenor
 - iii. T. R. Zeliang, Leader of Opposition
- Co-Convenor
 - iv. P. Paiwang Konyak - Member

- v. Jacob Zhimomi - Member
- vi. Mhathung Yanthan - Member
- vii. Amenba Yaden - Member
- viii. K. G. Kenye, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha - Special Invitee
- ix. Tokheho Yephthomi, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha - Special Invitee
- x. Commissioner, Nagaland and Secretary i/c of Border Affairs - Secretary
2. Request the Union Home Minister to ensure maintenance of status quo in letter and in spirit in the disputed area till settlement of the issues.
3. The border issue should be amicably settled outside the court by the two State Governments, by involving the local communities from both sides.

PANGNYU PHOM HIGHLIGHTS ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC SCENARIO IN THE STATE:

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom made a statement under Rule 55 pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic during the 8th Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 5th August 2021.

Phom stated that the first wave required urgent measures in the form of imposition of lockdown to curtail the spread of virus and take steps to strengthen our healthcare system. The Government had taken steps by strengthening our testing facilities, creating posts and recruiting healthcare professionals in an expeditious manner. He said that requisite infrastructure, critical care equipments and ambulances were also provided to the District Hospitals and a State Warehouse was set up at Kohima to modernize the supply chain management, supported by a robust IT platform.

Stating that the second wave of COVID-19 has been much more severe than the first wave, Phom said that the State had more than 15,600 cases at a positivity rate of 11.5% in the four-month period comprising the second wave as compared to the 11,927 cases at a positivity rate of 9.7% for the nearly one-year period of the first wave.

To augment the human resources,





Pangnyu informed that 390 posts were created in 2020 specifically keeping in view the requirements on account of COVID and around 150 resultant vacancy posts were also filled up in an expeditious manner. 150 Medical Officers, 14 Specialists, 258 Nurses, 5 Dental Surgeons, 23 AYUSH MOs, 6 Research Scientists and 6 BSL Lab Technicians, 54 ANMs/FHWs, 11 OT technicians and 10 ECG technicians were appointed to meet the requirement of healthcare professionals for COVID-19 and incentives were also announced for private doctors, he added.

The Minister mentioned that to meet the need for immediate augmentation of beds, private hospitals were also mandated for management of COVID-19 patients. Available resources were shared with the private hospitals and their capacities also enhanced. He said that to meet the increased hospitalization, bed strength was ramped up, which was 805 with 608 Beds without oxygen support, 68 Beds with oxygen support, 68 ICU beds without ventilators and 61 ICU beds with ventilators before the second wave to 1153 beds with 296 beds without oxygen support, 669 Beds with oxygen support, 99 ICU beds without ventilators and 89 ICU beds with ventilators respectively. He informed that a 200 bedded hospital is being built, with 24 paediatric beds, for acute medical care in CIHSR Dimapur which is likely to get operational by September, adding that the hospital will be immensely useful, should there be a third wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Phom stated that the Department procured oxygen cylinders on a war footing and has nearly 6,000 cylinders of various capacities as compared to 1,417 cylinders at the beginning of the pandemic the previous year with the total capacity of oxygen that can be stored in the cylinders amounting to more than 17.5 Metric Ton. He mentioned that PSA Oxygen Generation Plants along with oxygen piping and generator backup have been installed at Kohima, Dimapur, Mokokchung, Tuensang and Phek to ensure availability of bedside oxygen and these plants have a daily capacity of 3.7 Metric Ton. He added that PSA Plants have been procured and

are under installation for other districts also. More than 2,000 concentrators have been procured or received through various sources oxygen concentrators and have been deployed at various medical facilities and have strengthened the oxygen supply chain, putting in place a State Depot in Dimapur and a Zonal Depot at Mokokchung. Resultantly, despite the sudden surge in cases, no patient had to suffer on account of lack of availability of oxygen or hospital beds, he added.

The Minister informed that out of 688 ventilators, 239 have been distributed to various health facilities including private hospitals. Besides the 3 BSL laboratories, he said that 25 TrueNat and 362 Rapid Antigen Testing facilities for COVID-19 have been established across the State and a total of 2,63,703 tests have been made since May 2020 to 31st July 2021,.

Stressing on the importance of COVID vaccination, Phom stated that the Government has launched mass COVID Vaccination drives and informed that a total of 7,67,535 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered as of 30th July 2021 covering about 49.3% for the target of 1st dose and 12% for the target of 2nd dose.

Calling upon the House to be prepared for the third wave, Pangnyu Phom informed that a Paediatric Task Force has been set up under a senior Director of the H&FW with experts drawn from the private and public sector to look into our preparedness.

The Minister appreciated all the efforts being put in by all concerned and thanked the healthcare workers and frontline workers, both in the private and government sectors, who have put in their best efforts, performing their duties for long working hours and under stressful conditions. He added that everyone should continue to work together to ensure in addressing the challenges of COVID pandemic in the State.

MATTERS ON URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE ON POST COVID ECONOMY RECOVERY:

Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu,



said the COVID-19 pandemic has a huge impact on economic generation, so one of the topmost priorities of the present day Government is to retrieve back the economic generation with hard labour and by supporting the people. Kronu urged all the members for suggestions which can be helpful in bringing back the lost economy.

Minister for Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye informed the House that 70 percent of the population of the State is dependent on agriculture. He stated that the State has a huge set back on Agri and Allied sector due to shortage of rainfall and for which the Agri and Allied sector departments have set up a Core Committee in order to tackle the issue on the rainfall shortage and post COVID-19 impact. Aye added that the Department has planned various activities under Agri and Allied sector department which will be taken up in cluster approach wherein, fisheries, piggery, duckery, poultry, etc. along with terrace paddy cultivation, intercropping with various crops, vegetables and fruits etc. to ensure productivity. Sema also stressed that the Integrated Settled Farming at Boke Botsa would serve as a model and will be replicated in all the districts eventually. The Minister further stated that GPS mapping of the area will be taken by the GIS Cell and for which the Agri & Allied departments will have to prepare action plan for early implementation of Naga Model Integrated Settle Farming like the Boke Botsa

integrated farming project.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba said that the outbreak of Corona Virus has significantly disrupted the global economy and our State is no exception to it. The Skill Development Department had initiated a job mela which attracted about 100 jobs in a single day. Unfortunately, the pandemic had forced the youths that were employed outside to come back to the State. He appealed to the Government to come up with a proper policy which would help give a face lift to the already struggling entrepreneurs in the State.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio delivering his concluding remark said that the COVID-19 pandemic has been highly disruptive and challenging, and has impacted us in many ways but we have to look beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, to a future with high rates of sustained economic growth and better income levels for our citizens. He also said that lockdowns and restrictions have led to a sharp impact on economic activities at the global and national level and the State has also not been spared. He remarked that Agriculture and Allied activities continue to be the main source of livelihood for the rural people of Nagaland as this sector contributes more than 70% to the State's economy. Rio stated that travel and hospitality industry has been badly bruised by the pandemic but hopefully, we shall be having the Hornbill festival

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS VISIT KIKRUMA

Officials from the Department of Agriculture along with ATMA Phek paid a visit to Kikrumba village, Phek on 3rd August 2021. The objective was to have an interaction with the Village Council and the farmers on the unique farming system being practiced.

A short programme chaired by Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Kohima, Keviu Shuya was conducted, wherein, Joint Director of Agriculture, Dr. I. Amenla handed over the book "Innovations in Agricultural Extension" (a joint publication of Michigan State University-Extension-USA & MANAGE, Hyderabad-India) where the Zabo/Zabü

farming system of Kikrumba village was also featured. Village Council Chairman, Thipuzhoyo Thira and VCM, Veto Kezo interacted on behalf of the village authority.

The officials also handed out copies of ATMA success stories published by ATMA Nagaland and the recently released District Crop Calendar published by the Department of Agriculture along with some winter vegetable seeds. Zanehu, the Farm School teacher and the owner of Razü (Zabo) Farm School of ATMA explained with a field tour on the Zabo/Zabü farming to the visiting team.



**YRS LAUNCHES LAUNCHPAD
EDUCATION AND CAREER FAIR**

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Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha thanked the department of Youth Resources & Sports, YouthNet and supporting department, School Education for working tirelessly to help the students in their career guidance and expressed hope that the career guidance programme will improve the society to move forward.

Er. Zale also announced the Launchpad Awards where smartphones were awarded to three students - Ethel A. Konyak of Government Higher Secondary School, Tizit, Leyang B. N. Shiu of Government Higher Secondary School, Tuensang and Ayimwati of Mayagnokcha Government Higher Secondary School. Laptops were awarded to two students - Nithosano Nagi of Jotsoma Government Higher Secondary School

and Dina Rai of Government Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. Scholarship for Graduation was also awarded to five students - Rosy Konyak of Government Higher Secondary School, Mon, graduation in English at Government College, Dimapur; Tsarobi of Government Higher Secondary School Kiphire, graduation in Economics at Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire; Muthiam P, Government Higher Secondary School, Noklak graduation in History at Capital College, Kohima; T. Chijava, Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, graduation in Education at Yingli College, Longleng. Best School Award was bagged by Tizit Government Higher Secondary School, Mon, and Best Teacher was awarded to Chubarenla Imsong of Bautung Government Higher Secondary School.

Director, YouthNet, Nuneseno Chase highlighted on the overview of the Launchpad.

UPDATED METEOROLOGICAL DATA OF NAGALAND 2019-2020 RELEASED



Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department, K. Zhekheto Awomi along with officials during the release of the updated version of Meteorological Data of Nagaland 2019-2020 at the Director's Office Chamber on 6th August 2021.

An updated version of Meteorological Data of Nagaland 2019-2020, published by the Soil Survey & Land Use Planning Wing was released by Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department, K. Zhekheto Awomi, during a short programme conducted at his chamber.

Documentation of meteorological data is necessitated by growing importance of Applied Meteorology in Agriculture which is being witnessed in the wake of global climate change. The Department

currently has 17 Meteorological Stations spread all over Nagaland, the first being installed in 1981, which records weather parameters on a daily basis. Besides supplying the data to a host of offices every day, it is also availed regularly by many users such as researchers from all over India - Scientists, Engineers, Land and Water User departments etc. for various project formulations, construction activities, preparation of action plans, assessing of loss/damage due to natural disaster/calamities etc.

YIMCHUNGERS CELEBRATE METEMNEO FESTIVAL AT KISAMA



Chairman, Nagaland Bio-Resource Mission, L. Thronghokuu addressing the gathering at Metemneo Festival celebration held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 7th August 2021.



Metemneo festival was celebrated on 7th August 2021 with Chairman, Nagaland Bio Resource, L. Thronghokiu as the special guest at Naga Heritage Village Kisama, Kohima.

L. Thronghokiu said that the Metemneo festival is celebrated in honour of newborn babies and the soul of a person who pass away in the present year. In the past, Metemneo festival was celebrated with deep sense of respect and honor but today, it is rarely found, so he urged all to work together to bring back the lost glory. He encouraged the gathering to work together to bring harmony and peace among within the community.

Mission Director, NBRM, Dr. Kroulalie who also spoke on the occasion stated that one must preserve their cultural identity and with the coming of western lifestyle influence, people have detached themselves from their culture. He encouraged the Yimchunger community to inculcate the tradition and culture passed down by the forefathers for the

future generation to keep the unique culture alive.

Delivering the significance of Metemneo festival, Executive Chairman, YUK, Hanji said that it is encouraging when festivals are celebrated keeping in mind their inherent meaning and significance. He stated that earlier, the festival was celebrated from the 1st of August to the 8th of August, however it has been reduced to three days from 6th to 8th August, with 8th August as the prime occasion. Stating that the festival literally conveys an occasion of a 'Soul wrapping feast,' the whole meaning of the festival revolves around life, hope, friendship and peace, and it encircles around the spiritual feast and also a religious communion between the living and the dead, he added.

The function was chaired by Vice President, YUK, Akumba, while vote of thanks was delivered by General Secretary, YUK, T. Kiusangthong. The festival was organised by Yimchunger Union Kohima following COVID-19 SOP.

CANSSEA CALLS ON CHIEF SECRETARY

The Confederation of All Nagaland State Services Employees' Association (CANSSEA) led by its President, Dr. Ilang met Chief Secretary, Nagaland J. Alam, IAS and submitted representation in his office chamber on the 9th of August 2021.

The Chief Secretary expressed his happiness on meeting the CANSSEA officials and called on them to work hand in hand with the Government. We can achieve much when we work together through mutual understanding, he stated and added that government employees are the backbone of the society and especially at the time of pandemic, one can do their bit by being present in their places of posting and helping the public

whenever needed. The Chief Secretary also assured to look into the following representations that were submitted by the CANSSEA officials viz:

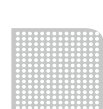
1. Representation for Grant of DA/ADA to State Government Employees w.e.f. 01-01-2020 to 30-06-2021.
2. Office Memorandum for relaxation of qualifying years of service for promotion, regarding Revocation, Review/Modification of earlier OMs.
3. The induction into IAS Cadre through promotion and selection for State Civil Service and Other Services, Rule of the Indian Administrative Service (Recruitment) Rules 1954; vis-a-vis Non-SCS.

CHIEF SECRETARY CHAIRS 3rd STATE LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON NAFCC

The 3rd State Level Steering Committee Meeting on National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J Alam, IAS on 12th August 2021 at the Secretariat Conference Hall,

Kohima.

A brief presentation on implementation of NAFCC project in Nagaland was carried out by Joint Director, SARS, Temsui Inla. She stated that the project titled "Gen Pool Conservation of Indigenous



Rice Varieties under Traditional Integrated Rotational Farming System (Jhum optimization) for Promoting Livelihood and Food Security as Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in Nagaland” was launched in April 2019 with the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as the funding agency. She further highlighted that the project was implemented in five districts of Nagaland covering 22 villages and benefiting around 1000 families.

Various agenda were discussed in the meeting including extension of the project period. APC, Kikheto Sema, IAS explained that the project was for a period of three years, however the project could not be implemented on time due to delay in release of fund, the total lockdown due to COVID-19 and prolonged dry spell which has affected standing crops in some districts. He therefore sought approval from the house to request the Ministry to further extend the project period till March 2022 to

complete the project, to which the house agreed.

The NAFCC Project in Nagaland aims to undertake baseline survey for targeting of Jhum area, facilitate treatment @ 1 ha of Jhum area per family, develop germplasm of traditional rice varieties and other indigenous crops, promote cultivation of indigenous varieties of rice in 1000 ha area, establish 100 vermicomposting units, etc. For promoting water use-efficiency and its conservation, gully plugs, loose boulder check dams, bench terraces and land levelling works would be undertaken.

The projects under NAFCC prioritizes the needs that builds climate resilience in the areas identified under the SAPCC (State Action Plan on Climate Change) and the relevant Missions under NAPCC (National Action Plan on Climate Change) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the National Implementing Entity (NIE).

4th PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FOCUS HELD

The 4th Project Steering Committee meeting of Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in North East (FOCUS) – Nagaland was held on 12th August 2021 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS appealed the Agri and Allied Departments and all concerned departments to contribute towards making the FOCUS project a success. He stated that the project has the potential to have a positive impact on the farmers across the State.

APC and Mission Director, FOCUS, Kikheto Sema, IAS while giving a presentation on the project activities stated that project is designed to provide farmers with better jhum cultivation practices that will be both more productive and more sustainable, thus creating an ecological balance, enhancing resilience to climate change, and raising farmers' incomes, support improved market access and

value chain development as farmers move to more market-oriented production. The overall goal of the project is to increase agricultural income and to enhance resilience to climate change. This would be achieved through the development objective of increasing the environmental sustainability and profitability of farming systems practiced by highland farmers.

Various agenda discussed at the meeting included inclusion of three new districts in FOCUS project. With the creation of Noklak as a new district and with the World Bank projects in Tuensang and Peren having winded up during 2019-20, it was felt genuine to propose for inclusion of the three districts to FOCUS for the remaining three years of the project implementation. The Project Steering Committee agreed to submit the proposal for inclusion of the three districts to Directorate of Economic Affairs, Gol.

NSRLM DISBURSES Rs. 98 LAKH TO 75 SHGs

In solidarity with the State Government in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' from 1st July to 14th August 2021, Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), Rural Development

in collaboration with Nagaland Rural Bank (NRB) disbursed a loan amounting to Rs. 98 lakh to the 75 Self Help Groups on 13th August 2021.

On the occasion, Joint Secretary, RD and Mission Director, Imtinenla stated that the State





Mission objective is to bridge the trust between banks and the poor and added that the State Mission and the banks have contributed equally to make the SHG members "Credit Worthy" over the years. Imtinenla said that the State Mission is encouraged by the NRB's Chairman proactive initiative in providing the loans to the SHGs. She informed that currently, there are 246 SHGs accessing financial services from NRB and expressed hope that the joint effort will continue to increase financial service coverage and bring change in the lives of the poor and marginalised.

Chairman, Head Office, NRB, V. Venkata Narayana expressed his confidence in the credit worthiness of the SHGs. He noted that timely repayment of the SHGs is appreciable and that NRB will continue to support access to credit linkage to eligible SHGs.

Chief Operating Officer (COO-Programs), NSRLM, M. Rollan Lotha conveyed that the State Mission has established strong Community Based Recovery Mechanism (CBRM) committee in banks

where SHGs are transacting. The committee comprises of the Bank Manager and the SHGs cadres wherein the committee ensures access to loans by the SHGs and their timely repayment to the banks. To access the loan, each SHG member develop their Household Investment Plan (HIP) which is consolidated as Micro Credit Plan (MCP) at the SHG level. Regular handholding on building their knowledge and skills for taking up viable livelihoods is imparted to ensure that the plans are credit worthy. The loan provided to the SHGs on the occasion of 75th Independence Day by NRB is an encouragement to the rural households and the joint collaboration is a step towards universal coverage of Financial Inclusion in Nagaland, he stated.

The programme was chaired by SPM-FI, Rajuselie Lhousa and attended by Mission Director, COO-Programs and Imonenla Imkong Phom, SPM-IBCB from the State Mission, while the bank was represented by the NRB Chairman and Bank Managers of NRB branches.

SENIOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO ALL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

The State Government with a view to intensively review the steps being taken to manage the COVID-19 pandemic at the district level has assigned a senior administrative officer along with a senior officer from the Health & Family Welfare Department to each of the district in the State. Each team of officers would make visits to their assigned districts and interact with the officials of the District Task Force, the civil society organizations and others to carry out review and guide them in refining/improving the management of COVID-19.

The State Government seeing the need to be prepared for any eventuality of a third wave has decided to continue increasing COVID Testing, vaccination coverage and strengthening of healthcare infrastructure in the districts and hence, the decision was taken to assign the senior officers to make an intensive hands-on

review of the COVID-19 situation in all the districts and to ensure that steps are taken to improve the overall management of COVID-19 throughout the State.

An orientation programme for the assigned senior officers was held on 13th August 2021 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam IAS encouraged the teams to take the help of NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, faith based organizations and village authorities in creating awareness among the general public. He further mentioned the need for the teams to make an intensive study and review all aspects in greater detail so as to effectively deal with the COVID-19 situation and most importantly, to ensure that the State improves its preparedness in the event of a third wave.



NATIONAL FLAG RALLY CULMINATES

The culminating programme of National Flag Rally in commemorating 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) celebration was graced by the Director General of Police, Nagaland, John Longkumer IPS at the Police Headquarter, Kohima on 14th August 2021.

John Longkumer said that the word Azadi Ka Amrit literally means the nectar of freedom, and mentioned that the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi while launching the programme, described it as the 'Elixir of the Energy of Freedom,' the nectar of inspiration from the freedom fighters, nectar of new ideas, new resolutions and total self-reliance which would be an inspiration for the new generations to come. He also said that through the programme, we pay homage and respect to the freedom fighters of our nation for their personal sacrifices, their spirit of unity and their love for the nation during the 200 years of British colonial rules. In our state too, he said that Haipou Jadonang of Nagaland, anticipating for freedom of his people from the

clutches of the British colonial rule, revolted against the British but on 19th February 1931, at the age of 26 years, he was arrested on charges of seduction and hanged, thus becoming a martyr in India's struggle for India independences.

Longkumer also said that as India celebrates its independence, it is also battling the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to win this war, all sections of the society need to come together by cooperating with one another and observe all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all citizens.

Delivering the welcome address, IGP (Range) Limasunep Jamir, IPS said that the National Flag Rally was partaken by officers and personnel of the 4th NAP, IRB and SP Kohima, and that a Coffee Table Book of the department would be released soon. The programme was chaired by AIGP (Prov) Temjensenla Jamir, NPS. The National Anthem was led by the DGP Band and the National Song, Vande Mataram was sung by the Mahila Band.

INDEPENDENCE DAY REPORTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio delivering the 75th Independence Day speech at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2021 said, commemorating the milestone and celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' (nectar of freedom festival) once again reminded of all the freedom fighters whose sacrifices brought freedom to our people.

Rio said that Made in India COVID-19 vaccines are helping dozens of countries across the world and as the world's largest democratic nation, India continues to make valuable contributions towards the progress of humanity and for the cause of freedom on an international scale.

Rio remarked that as the country crosses the landmark of 75 years, it is an occasion to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Nagaland and Nagas in the journey of our great nation thus far.

He said that decades since statehood, Nagaland has evolved as a confident state and is a contributing and participating member of India's nation building process. He added that our brave soldiers have fought the country's enemies and guarded our borders with courage and valour. He further added that artists, musicians and cultural ambassadors from Nagaland have added to the vibrant diversity of the country and in the fields of public affairs, bureaucracy, judiciary, sports and the fourth estate, the citizens of Nagaland have served the country with exemplary distinction.

Rio said that as a part of this great country, we continue to be in pursuit of the final solution of the Naga Political Issue, which remains as old as this nation itself. He also said that hopes have risen to a great extent as in recent years as the Naga Political Groups have been in ceasefire with the Government of India for a long time and the peace talks over the





years have made significant progress. He commented that the State Government has over the past years, played the role of active facilitator to the ongoing Indo-Naga political peace talks. He further said that a Parliamentary Committee on Naga Political Issue consisting of all Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly and our two Members of Parliament was formed to give further impetus to the peace talks and to help arrive at the final solution at the earliest. He added that a Core Committee was constituted to ensure a focused approach in our role as facilitator, and the Core Committee has appealed to the negotiating parties to move forward with a positive approach of mutual respect and set aside pre-conditions in the greater interest of the people's cry for long term peace. He also said that in the recently concluded session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, the Members unanimously passed a resolution appealing to the negotiating parties on the same lines as resolved by the Core Committee.

Also on Nagaland-Assam border issue, Rio said that Nagaland has a long standing inter-state border dispute with Assam. He mentioned that the pro-active steps were taken along with Assam Government to de-escalate the situation. He added that a Select Committee of the House has also been constituted to examine all aspects of the Assam-Nagaland border issue.

Rio said that the ferocity of the second wave of the pandemic has tested our capacities and our resilience. He added that the State took preventive measures in time, and moved swiftly to augment our health infrastructure, particularly the availability of oxygen across the State, the most critical element in the fight against COVID-19. He further said that equipments were provided to government as well as private health facilities so that sufficient oxygen supported beds including ICU and HDU beds are available to meet any emergency. Rio lamented that despite the best efforts put in by everyone concerned, there have been cases of people succumbing due to COVID-19, and appealed to all citizens of the State to continue to observe COVID appropriate behaviour at all times and encouraged

all eligible persons to take the vaccine not only for their personal interest but in the greater interest of their families and the community.

The Chief Minister paid tribute and extended the deepest appreciation to all the healthcare workers and frontline workers in the State and across the world, for the enormous sacrifices that they have made for the cause of humanity. While appreciating the civil society organisations, the churches, the village authorities, and all citizens of the State for the excellent cooperation during the challenging times of unavoidable lockdowns and steps to protect the citizens of the State, he also reminded that our conduct, behaviour and safety precautions will largely determine the level of impact in the event of any further future wave. He said COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns required to check the spread of infection, have made us realise the importance of building the skills of our people and making them self-reliant to earn their livelihoods. The Government has, therefore, focused on strengthening of Agri and Allied sector, skills and service sector and trade and commerce with the four key objectives, namely self-reliance, re-skilling, gainful employment and facilitation.

During the cultural presentation and entertainment, the Divine Connection band sang 'Vande Mataram,' and 'Ode to My Motherland' was specially composed by Atso Chasie for the occasion of celebrating 75th Independence Day and performed by Atso Chasie and team, T. Yepthomi sang 'Teri Mitti' while her team performed a dance display. Five cultural troupes participated, namely Old Shena Cultural Club Kohima (Sumi), Pochury Cultural Club Kohima (Pochury), Zhavame Union Kohima (Chakhesang), and Jakhama Youth Cultural Club (Angami).

On the occasion of 75th Indian Independence Day, 11(eleven) Parade Contingents participated under Parade Commander, Nikho Venuh NPS, Deputy Commandant, 10th NPS (IR) and Second-in-Command Medemkala Tzudir NPS, Assistant Commandant, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Battalion. The participating Parade Contingents



were 1 Assam Rifles Bn, 78th CRPF Bn, 37th BSF, DEF Kohima, 4th NAP Bn, 10th NAP (IR) Bn, 15th NAP(IR) Mahila Bn, Special Task Force, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Nagaland Police Central Brass Band, PTS and 14th Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

During the closing function, prize distribution was carried out which was followed by band display by Nagaland Police Central Brass Band PTS and 14th Assam Rifles Pipe Band. The programme concluded with the beating of retreat. In the march past contingents, the 1 Assam Rifles Bn bagged the first position, while 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn and State Task Force bagged the second and third positions respectively. Chief Secretary, J. Alam addressed the gathering and Matu Zeliang of Nagaland Police presented a special song.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 15th August 2021.

Independence Day Speech was read out by Minister, Transport, Land resources, P. Paiwang Konyak. The parade contingents consisting of 2nd NAP Alichen, 13th NAP (IR) Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force were led by Parade Commander, Pholosing Sangtam NPS, DEF Mokokchung and Second in Command, Kitskha Achumi ABI, DEF Mokokchung. As part of the celebration, cultural items were presented by Medem Ruju Cultural Club, Mongsenyimti village, Sumi Union, Mokokchung town and Konyak Union, Mokokchung town.

On the occasion, the Minister presented the District Awards. The following villages - Moalenden, Longjemdang A, Khensa, Salulemang, Mongsenyimti, Yaongyimsen, Nukshiyim, Lizo Model villages and Sabangya compound were felicitated for achieving 100 percent COVID-19 vaccination coverage.

Two girl student toppers, Maongla Longchar from Town Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung (11th Rank in the HSLC Examination 2021) and Yashijungla from Christian Standard

Higher Secondary School Changtongya (16th Rank in the HSLC Examination 2021) were felicitated on the occasion under District Level Centre for Women-Mahila Shakti Kendra (BBBP). The Minister also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by the Agri and Allied departments.

NOKLAK:

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam hoisted the national flag and read the Independence Day speech on 15th August 2021 at Noklak Hq during the 75th Independence Day celebration.

Minister Kashiho took the rashtriya salute from the contingent of DEF/3rd NAP Noklak, Village Guard Yokao/Panso Hq and Village Guard Aniashu. The parade contingents were led by Assistant Commandant, 3rd NAP, Logubo Nsu and 2nd Parade Commander, ABI, Imkummeren Ao.

Other highlights of the day included presentation of District Commendation Award, which was handed over by the Minister. Felicitations of students qualified for Sainik School, Punglwa through coaching conducted by 45th Assam Rifles was also handed over by the Minister.

Winners of the Open Online Quiz competition were also declared which was organized by District Administration, Noklak as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The traditional cultural dance was performed by Yokao Village Guards. To mark the occasion, Red Cross Society, Noklak visited Community Health Centre, Noklak. The occasion ended with the beating of retreat by 3rd NAP Noklak.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang celebrated the 75th Independence Day with Advisor, Power Department, H. Tovihoto Ayemi as special guest on 15th of August 2021 at the Parade Ground.

The review of parade was done by DIG Range Tuensang, Rajashekera IPS. A total of five contingents, namely DEF Tuensang, 3rd NAP, VG Ngangpong, VG Kuthur and 3rd NAP Pipe Band



participated in march past with Shikato Swu, DySP as Parade Commander and Tohanba, ABI as Second in Command.

District Commendation Awards were also awarded to nine individuals. Chang Cultural Troupe team CCSU, Sangtam Cultural Troupe and Yimchunger Cultural Troupe participated as part of the celebration and Confederation of Chang Students Union also participated in entertainment presentation.

Advisor Tovihoto also inaugurated the exhibition stall arranged by the Agri and Allied Departments of Tuensang, and also visited the GBs Court.

LONGLENG:

At Longleng, the 75th Independence Day was celebrated with Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer as the special guest at Public Ground on 15th August 2021.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from five contingents comprising of DEF Longleng, 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok, Village Guard Yaongyimchen & Yachem, Yingli College and Students Police Gadet Bautung, Government Higher Secondary School, followed by inspection of ceremonial parade and reading out of the Independence Day speech.

The highlights of the day-long celebration included distribution of District Award and Poetry Slam Award by the Special Guest, special song by Crossroads, poem recitation by winner of poetry slam competition, cultural dance by Yongnyah Cultural Troupe (Female) and Bhumnyu Cultural Troupe (Male), football exhibition match between Officers' Club Longleng & Phom Students Conference, and volleyball exhibition match between Longleng Town Students Union & Phenei Soti Club.

The special guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls and inspected the stall displayed by various government agencies, NGOs and SHGs.

DIMAPUR:

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Dimapur on 15th August 2021 with

Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi unfurling the national flag and taking rashtriya salute at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur. Highlighting various efforts taken by the Government to combat COVID-19 in the State, the Minister appealed to all citizens to continue to observe COVID appropriate behaviour.

Highlights of the celebration included distribution of certificates to villages and colonies that have achieved 100% COVID Vaccination (1st dose), special number by Kevizhapu Kire, war dance by Ethnic Performing Arts and group song by Musik-A School.

Evening programme included prize distribution and beating of retreat by 15 IRB (Mahila).

PHEK:

The 75th Independence Day celebration was held at Local Ground, Phek town on 15th August 2021 with Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute/national anthem.

The special guest inspected the parade contingents march past and delivered the Independence Day speech on the occasion. Four Parade contingents took part in the march past, namely 22 Assam Rifles, Phek DEF, Phek, 5th NAP, Phek and Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Phek.

The highlights of the programme included special songs by Kuluvelu Swuro and Nuta D Vadeo and friends, folk song by Pochury Women Hoho, Phek town and Folk Dances from Jericho II Colony Youth, Phek town and Phek Village Cultural Troupe.

The special guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls put up by DRDA, Phek; Agriculture Department, Phek; Horticulture Department, Phek; Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department, Phek; ATMA, Phek; NRLM, Phek; Sericulture Department, Phek; Land Resources Department, Phek; DLCW-MSK; Eatery Pastry; District Legal Service Authority, Phek; Veterinary Department, Phek; North East Network, Chizami; and Entrepreneur Associate.



DTF, Phék paid an official visit to District Jail and District Hospital.

A Special Medical Camp was organised at the Town Hall. The programme concluded with prize distribution followed by beating of retreat by 22 Assam Rifles.

WOKHA:

The 75th Independence Day programme was celebrated at Wokha Local Ground on 15th August 2021, with Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as the special guest.

Other highlights of the day included folk song by Soying Cultural Group Elumyo village, Zuvotong Cultural Group Humtso village, special number by Zacheo Jeru Ezung and Lobeno Tungoe.

During the celebration, District Level Award, District Commendation Certificate and Certificate of Appreciation for achieving 100% COVID-19 Vaccination of eligible beneficiaries were presented to K. Abel Ezung (Vaccinator), L. Oponthung Kinghen (Data Operator), C. Mhonthung Patton (Data Manager), T. Renpi Tsopoe (Naik, SP Office Wokha) and T. Mhonbeni Yanthan Women Police Constable, Ruchan village under Bhandari Block (Zareni) and Seed Farm, Merapani under Bhandari Block (Wondanglo CHO).

Two parade contingents from Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF and 7th NAP Bhandari took part in the parade, led by Assistant Commandant, 7th NAP, Ashito Aye and ABI Temsumongba as the parade Second in Command.

PEREN:

Peren district celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren with Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Women Resources Development, R. Khing as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech, followed by march past from the parade contingents comprising of 36

Assam Rifles (band party), DEF Peren, 9 IRB, Saijang, All Saints Higher Secondary School, Peren and Peren Government College (NCC).



SDO (C), Ahthibung, Vekusheyi Rhakho delivering the Independence Day Speech at Athibung on 15th August 2021.

Earlier, national flag was hoisted in all government offices/residences/institutions. Folk song and folk dance by Jalukie Dancing Troupe and a special number by Kizaiwi Mpom were the other highlights of the day.

Meanwhile, 75th Independence Day was also successfully celebrated at Athibung Headquarter in the premises of SDO (C) Office, Athibung and ADC's Office, Jalukie. The celebration programme officially concluded with beating of retreat by DEF, Peren in the evening.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Zunheboto Local Ground with Advisor for School Education K. T. Sukhalu as the special guest.

Seven parade contingents led by Tongpang Ao, Assistant Commandant took part in the parade. Horticulture Department presented award with certificate and cash to six individuals for Best Progressive Farmers in the field of horticulture.

MON:

Mon celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 at Local Ground with Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom as the special guest. Upon his arrival, the Minister undertook the ceremonial flag hoisting and review of parade.

The event witnessed march past of the

following contingents, DEF Mon, 6th NAP, Village Guards and 6th NAP Pipe Band led by Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, Seyiechulhou. Dr. Neiphrezo Sorunuo received the Principal Director's Commendation Award under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, six villages (Sangsa, Mohung Changai, Sowa Chagle, Obay, Leanghah and Chingphoi) received awards for achieving 100% Vaccination with 1st dose of Covishield. In commemoration of the 75th Independence Day, two competitions were organised and the winners were felicitated - Essay Writing competition: 1st Ngipnon Konyak, 2nd Hongkam K. Konyak and 3rd Nakkai Wangsa. Wall Painting competition: 1st Nahpang S. Konyak, Khanwang and Khampei, 2nd Phongwang E. Konyak, Manheih H. Konyak & Wanmei L. Konyak and 3rd H. Kemya Konyak and H. Longkun Chaiwang Yanlem. The event also witnessed performances by Mon Chamber Choir, Mon District Dancers Union and Cultural Dance by Chen Union, Mon town.

Later in the evening, an exhibition football match was played between Officers' Club Mon vs Civil Societies (KU & KSU), after which, the beating of retreat ceremony was observed by the 6th NAP Pipe Band.

KIPHIRE:

In Kiphire, the 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground with Minister for Housing, Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum as the special guest on 15th August 2021.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from four contingents comprising of V.G. Kiphire village, DEF Kiphire, 14th IR Bn and 41 AR Bn.

Special presentation was presented by the Infinite Nagas, 'Three colours' by GHSS Kiphire, folk song by Easter Sumi Totimi Hoho and 'The youth, a catalyst for addressal of gender issue in the Kiphire district.' The programme was followed by the launching of 'Smoke Free District Headquarter campaign' by the special guest. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of the Oratorical Speech competition, and essay, painting and debate

competition.

'Kiphire's Mango Tea' was also launched by the special guest in the presence of the DC Kiphire, T. Wati Aier and dignitaries. Minister Tongpang Ozukum also visited the Shalom Children Home and Kiphire District Disability Association. The programme ended with beating of retreat by DEF Band Kiphire.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day at the Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Pughoboto on 15th August 2021. The national flag was unfurled by ADC, Thungchanbemo Tungoe who also took the rashtriya salute from the DEF police personnel followed by the national anthem sung by PPKK.



ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Odyuo delivering the Independence Day Speech at Pughoboto on 15th August 2021.

TSEMINYU:

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound with W. Manpai Phom, ADC Tseminyu as the special guest who unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.



ADC, Tseminyu, W. Manpai Phom taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Tseminyu on 15th August 2021.

Special song was presented by Runole Tep which was followed by screening of documentary 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

PFUTSERO:

Pfutsero sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Pfutsero Sports Complex Ground on 15th August 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pfutsero, Japheth Woch as the special guest.

On arrival, the special guest unfurled the national flag followed by rashtriya salute and singing of national anthem by Baptist Theological College, Pfutsero. He also read out the Independence Day speech.

Altogether there were five parade contingents - DEF Pfutsero, Pfutsero Government College, GHSS Pfutsero, CMHSS Pfutsero and Nazareth School Pfutsero, led by Parade Commander ABSI Zamesu.



ADC, Pfutsero, Japheth Woch taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Pfutsero on 15th August 2021.

As part of the celebration, the government departments of Pfutsero distributed food materials to 33 beneficiaries of 11 wards at Pfutsero town and visited the Children Home at Rukizu. Monetary gifts were also handed over to six sanitary workers of Pfutsero town. Cultural song was presented by Neiwo-u and Mheche-u Kapfo and special song by Velhoukhro Venuh.

AGHUNATO:

Aghunato sub-division celebrated the 75th

Independence Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound with ADC Aghunato, T. Moa Lemtor as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from 8th NAP C. Coy, Aghunato.



ADC, Aghunato, T. Moa Lemtor delivering the Independence Day Speech at ADC's Office Compound, Aghunato on 15th August 2021.

National anthem was sung by Aghunato Town Students Union. The function was attended by Government Officials, DBs, GBs and NGOs.

WAKCHING:



SDO (C), Wakching, L. Samuel Konyak after unfurling the national flag on the 75th Independence Day at Wakching on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day was observed at Wakching sub-division under Mon on 15th August 2021. L. Samuel Konyak, SDO (Civil) Wakching unfurled the national flag and took salute from Nagaland Police. The programme was attended by government officials and well-wishers.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound on 15th August 2021.





ADC, Shamator, Warren Holohon Yeptthomi taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Shamator on 15th August 2021.

Special guest, ADC Shamator, Warren Holohon Yeptthomi unfurled the tricolour while national anthem was sung by Shamator College. The special guest also read out the Independence Day speech.

CHOZUBA:



ADC, Chozuba, Theodore Yanthan taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Chozuba on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day celebrated at Chozuba town with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Theodore Yanthan as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the 5th NAP Chetheba, followed by Independence Day speech. All the Heads of Offices, public leaders attended the programme.

TENING:

Tening town celebrated the 75th Independence

Day at Tening HQ with Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the special guest on 15th August 2021.



Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Tening Headquarter on 15th August 2021.

The special guest upon his arrival unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents and read out the Independence speech. The national anthem was sung by Government High School, Tening.

To mark the occasion, national flag was hoisted in all the government offices/institution/Residence at 6:00 am in the morning. During the celebration, Mbaulwa village and Mbaupungchi village received a presentation award for achieving COVID-19 vaccination for all the eligible beneficiaries. Heraka Council, Tening town presented a cultural dance while a short speech was delivered by Kikhuidi Nring.

CHANGTONGYA:



SDO (C), Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie delivering the Independence Day Speech at Changtongya on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day was observed at Changtongya Sub-division on 15th August 2021 at SDO (C) Office complex, with Rorheu Peseyie, SDO (C) Changtongya as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute from DEF

Police Station Changtongya and delivered the Independence Day speech. All Head of Offices, Ward Chairmen and GBs attended at the function.

BHANDARI:



ADC, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Bhandari on 15th August 2021.

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day at the Public ground on 15th August 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhandari, Tiameren Chang as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag, took salute from 7th NAP Bn. Bhandari led by ABSI, N. Zuchanbemo Lotha and delivered the Independence Day speech. The national anthem was sung, led by APRO, N. Lily Ngullie. A special song was also presented by Gracy Enni.

MONYAKSHU:



Head DB at SDO (C) Office, Monyakshu, Bumang delivering the Independence Day Speech at Monyakshu on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at SDO (Civil) Office, Monyakshu on 15th August 2021 with Bumang, Head DB in-charge SDO Civil, Monyakshu unfurling the national flag and taking rashtriya salute from the VG's Special Guard. All staff, DBs, GBs Adhoc Town Council

attended the function.

THONOKNYU:



SDO (C), Thonoknyu, Longdiba L. Sangtam taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Thonoknyu on 15th August 2021.

Thonoknyu sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 at SDO (C) Office campus. The national flag was unfurled by SDO (C), Longdiba L Sangtam who also delivered the Independence Day speech, and took rashtriya salute by DEF Thonoknyu Headquarter.

All the Heads of offices, DBs, GBs all attended the programme.

MELURI:

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office complex at Meluri.



ADC, Meluri, Fürhesie Nyuwi taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Meluri on 15th August 2021.

ADC Meluri, Fürhesie Nyuwi unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from 5th NAP A/Coy Meluri which was led by Havildar Tsierhosie



Kajiri. The function was attended by all Heads of Offices, government employees and public leaders.

MEDZIPHEMA:



ADC, Medziphema, Imsongmeren delivering the Independence Day Speech at Medziphema on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office complex, Medziphema Sub-division on 15th August 2021 with ADC Medziphema, Imsongmeren gracing the occasion as the special guest. The special Guest on his arrival, unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech. The 1st NAP Chumukedima led by Parade Commander ABI Pachio took part in the celebration.

TIZIT:



ADC, Tizit, Pakon Phom taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Tizit on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground Tizit on 15th August 2021. Special guest Pakon Phom, Additional Deputy

Commissioner (ADC) Tizit unfurled the national flag, followed by national anthem sung by Holy Trinity School, Tizit. The special guest also delivered the Independence Day speech, took rashtriya salute from the march past contingents which include 6th NAP Tizit, VG Shangsa village, NCC GHSS Tizit and NCC GHS Tizit village.

LONGKHIM:

The 75th Independence Day Celebration was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office complex, Longkhim on 15th August 2021 with ADC Longkhim, Chubatemjen as the special guest.



ADC, Longkhim, Chubatemjen delivering the Independence Day Speech at Longkhim on 15th August 2021.

After unfurling the national flag, the special guest took rashtriya salute from Nagaland Police Longkhim, and read out the Independence Day speech. The function was attended by Heads of Offices, public leaders of Longkhim town and 32nd Assam Rifles Longkhim.

CHEN:



SDO (C), Chen, Relise Sangtam delivering the Independence Day Speech at Chen on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day celebration

was held at SDO (C) complex at Chen town on 15th August 2021. SDO (C) Chen, Relise Sangtam unfurled the national flag and took salute from the Chen Town VG.

TOBU:

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Tobu HQ with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Tobu, Keyiranding Hegui as special guest who unfurled the national flag and read the Independence Day speech.

Topper students in HSLC/HSSLC examinations were awarded and achievements of 100% results in HSSLC examination were also awarded under Tobu sub-division. Football exhibition match was played between ADC XI and CSOs XI.



ADC, Tobu, Keyiranding Hegui delivering the Independence Day Speech at Tobu on 15th August 2021.

SATAKHA:



ADC, Satakha, T. L. Kiusumong taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Satakha on 15th August 2021.

Satakha sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound.

ADC Satakha, T. L. Kiusumong Tikhir unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and read out the Independence Day speech. National anthem was sung by Class-XII

Government Higher Secondary School, Satakha.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:



ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Chiephobozou on 15th August 2021.

Chiephobozou sub-division also celebrated the 75th Independence Day 2021 at the Office premises of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) on 15th August 2021.

On the occasion, ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang hoisted the national flag, took salute and also addressed the gathering.

PUNGRO:

The 75th Independence Day 2021 was celebrated at the Local Ground, Pungro town. The national flag was hoisted by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS, who also read out the Independence Day speech. National anthem was sung by PTSU. Cultural items were presented by Pungthu Cultural Troupe, Pungro.



ADC, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS visiting the exhibition stalls on 75th Independence Day at Pungro on 15th August 2021.

The special guest inaugurated exhibition stalls followed by inspection of stalls. Around eight

stalls took part from neighbouring villages. Fit India Freedom Run was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kiphire. The programme was attended by government servants and NGOs Pungro.

In the afternoon, a team comprising of SBI Pungro, SDO Power, Pungro Public Forum visited the hospital at CHC Pungro.

SEYOCHUNG:



ADC, Seyochung, Renbomo Ezung delivering the Independence Day Speech at Seyochung on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day celebration was held in Seyochung HQ Office complex on 15th August 2021 with Renbomo Ezung Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag, took salute from the parade contingent and read out the Independence Day speech.

NAGINIMORA:



ADC, Naginimora, Vineet Kumar, IAS taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Naginimora on 15th August 2021.

The 75th Independence Day celebration was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound on 15th August 2021 with ADC Niginimora, Vineet Kumar IAS as the special

guest, who unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute from 6th NAP and read out the speech. Other highlight of the day was a special number by Nokin.

ABOI:

Aboi town celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Local Ground on 15th August 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Aboi, Chumlammo Humtsoe unfurling the national flag as special guest. He took salute from three parade contingents, namely 11th Indian Reserve Battalion Aboi, Langmeing Village Guard and Chinglong Village Guard led by ABI, Wapang Longkumer and ABSI, Samuel Jamir as the Second in Command, and read out the Independence Day speech. National Anthem was presented by Girl Club, BBBP Aboi.



ADC, Aboi, Chumlammo Humtsoe taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Aboi town on 15th August 2021.

Celebrating the occasion, a cultural song was presented by KNSK Aboi unit and a special number by ATBC Youth. There was also prize distribution for meritorious girl students from various schools under the aegis of BBBP programme.

An exhibition-cum-sale stall from neighbouring villages and different Self Help Groups was inaugurated by the special guest. There was also football exhibition match between ADC's XI vs ATSU's XI. Beating of retreat was carried out by DEF Aboi.



ACS & Chief Resident Commissioner, Jyoti Kalash, IAS unfurled the national flag at Nagaland House, New Delhi on 15th August 2021.

Additional Chief Secretary & Chief Resident Commissioner, Jyoti Kalash, IAS hoisted the national flag at Nagaland House, New Delhi on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021.



ADC, Niuland, Athrila delivering the Independence Day Speech at Niuland on 15th August 2021.

Niuland sub-division under Dimapur district celebrated the 75th Independence Day celebration at the Public ground. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Athrila unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute. Guard of honour was accorded by 8th NAP 'C' COY.



ADC, Tuli, Shaying Sheu taking the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent at Tuli on 15th August 2021.

Independence Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office complex, Tuli on 15th August 2021. Shaying Sheu, ADC Tuli unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from the DEF personnel Tuli in the presence of government officials, GBs and public leaders.



ADC, Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj delivering the Independence Day Speech at Public Ground, Mangkolemba on 15th August 2021.

Mangkolemba sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Public ground on 15th August 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj IAS as the special guest who unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute and delivered Independence Day speech. The celebration was attended by all Heads of Offices from the sub-division.

AGHUNATO:

Aghunato sub-division celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound with ADC Aghunato, T. Moa Lemtor as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from 8th NAP 'C' Coy, Aghunato and read out the Independence Day speech. National anthem was sung by Aghunato Town Students' Union. The function was attended by Government Officials, DBs, GBs, NGOs.

GOVERNOR'S GOLD MEDAL AWARDEES

As announced on Independence Day, 2020:

1. Shanavas C, IAS, Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Nagaland



2. S. Khetoshe Sumi, Havildar, DEF, Dimapur
3. Rattle & Hum Music Society (RHMS), NGO, Kohima, Nagaland.

As announced on Republic Day, 2021:

1. Er. Vizotou E. E. PWD (R&B), South Division, Kohima
2. Er. Talitemsu Jamir E.E. PWD (R&B)
3. Ilika Zhimomi NCS, SDO (C), Mon.

President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service:

1. K. Martin Pienyu IPS, IGP (INT), Kohima, Nagaland.

Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service:

1. Vekhosa Chakesang NPS, Commandant, 10th NAP (IR) Bn, Zhadima.

Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation for the year 2021:

1. Temsuyangba Ao, UBSI, CP, Dimapur.

President's Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service announced on Independence Day, 2020:

1. K. Hamtok Phom, Superintendent of Jail, District Jail, Tuensang.

On the occasion of Independence Day 2021, the recipients of Governor's Gold Medal are:

1. Temsuyangba Ao, UBSI, Commissionerate of Police, Dimapur
2. Tepunol Yore, DPO, Wokha
3. Er. Nirie-e Nisa, E. E. Office of the Chief Engineer, PHED
4. M. Rollan Lotha, Chief Operating Officer (Programs), NSRLM, RD Department
5. T. Ado Yanlem NPS, Additional SP, Mon.

Governor's Commendation Certificate Awardees announced on Independence Day 2021:

1. Er. Vimete Pusa, SDO under E.E. PWD (R&B), South Division, Kohima
2. Er. Nagashe Swu, SDO under E.E. PWD (R&B), Dimapur Division
3. Er. Muzivoyi Ringa, SDO under E.E. PWD (R&B), Dimapur Division
4. Lanuakum Chang, ABSI, 10th NAP (IR), Bn.
5. Tsuponi Tsukru, UBSI, INT
6. Abemo Ezung, Havildar, Narcotic Cell, PHQ
7. Thepuzo Chakesang, Havildar, DEF, Phek
8. Imtilepuk, Sub-divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO), Jaluki, Peren
9. M. Akuika Yimchunger, Chowkidar, Directorate of Art & Culture
10. Masatuba Longkumer, Peon, Directorate of Rural Development
11. K. Ngonlong Konyak, UDA, DC's Office, Mon
12. Virhosa, Constable, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn.
13. Temsu Longkumer, Horticulture Officer, Dimapur
14. Dr. Vizovol Mekro, Principal, Phek Government College.

The healthcare workers whose continuous and strenuous efforts resulted in three villages and one colony in Kohima town achieving 100% COVID-19 vaccination of eligible beneficiaries were also awarded certificate of appreciation:

1. Viswema village, under Jakhama Block
2. Sechuma village, under Sechu Zubza Block
3. Dzuda village, under Sechu Zubza Block

AT HOME-CUM-GOVERNOR'S AWARD CEREMONY HELD

At Home-cum-Governor's Award in the field of Art, Music and Literature 2020 programme was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 15th August 2021.

On the occasion, the Governor's Awards were conferred to the awardees of 2020 since it could not be held due to the pandemic. The recipients are Buddhi Bahadur Thapa for Arts and Display of Paintings; Kekhrieleso Stephen Mark

Medom for Arts and Display of Sculpture Works; Bendangnungsang Ao for Arts and Display of Painting and Squadron Band for Display of Music and Live Performance.

Governor R. N. Ravi mentioned that Art, Culture and Music are very powerful medium of expression. Nagaland has enormously rich cultural heritage, every village needless of its culture, has remarkable composite expression for the way of life.

Unfortunately, today most of it is mirrored in the form of few dances and dresses, and it has lost the values which for centuries, our ancestors have preserved and transmitted down the line. Our people should resonate the collective angst and urges of society, only then it becomes genuine and relevant, the Governor stated.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his brief speech said the formalities of the Award for 2021 could not be completed and it will be carried over in

2022. He congratulated the awardees and said the recognition of their works is not only to promote but to encourage the youth in the field of Music, Art and Literature. The Chief Minister said the State is unique because of the rich culture and tradition, we need to preserve it and at the same time, we cannot ignore the Modern Art, Music and Literature which is highly respected today, and further, for their promotion in Nagaland, the State Government has announced CM's Scholarship for Music and Arts.

CM LAUNCHES 'NAGALAND SDG VISION 2030'

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the 'Nagaland SDG Vision 2030: Leaving No One Behind,' at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th August 2021. It is a document based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, while the 'District SDG Localisation & Integration Manual' was launched by Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu.

Launching the Nagaland SDG Vision 2030, the CM said the document provides with state specific short, medium and long term targets with measurable indicators and strategies that the State should focus on, to meet the aspirations of the people for sustainable livelihoods and living standards.

With North Eastern states, especially the hill states lagging in economic growth and Nagaland, being a resource constrained state, Rio stated that there is hardly any elbow room for the State Government to meet the large investments needed for capital and infrastructure development in the State. He also stated that the rigid implantation norms of most of the development interventions of centrally sponsored/central schemes coupled with the shorter working seasons due to the monsoons, the land ownership system of the State and the comparatively higher cost of transportation, etc. pose big challenges for the State in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

Adviser, NITI Aayog, Sanyukta Samadar,

IAS addressing the event, said that India can achieve the SDGs only if states steer the entire process of SDGs and become leaders in taking it down to the district, block and village levels, and added that North East Region plays a crucial and strategic role in this. Lauding the State Government for coming up with the document and manual, Samadar expressed hope that with the Steering Committee and coordination among departments headed by Planning Department, the State's position will improve in the coming years. She stated that Nagaland has done remarkably well in clean water and sanitation, poverty eradication, clean energy, sustainable consumption and production, peace justice and strong institutions.

On fund mobilization and financing, Sanyukta Samadar said the Ministry of DoNER and NITI Aayog have come up a collaborative project in developing SDG index for 120 districts in eight NE states which will be launched on 25th August 2021. The index will be used by the Ministry of DoNER as a tool for fund allocation, focusing on critical areas. The Adviser also requested the State Government to make use of the new multi-dimensional poverty index by NITI Aayog, which she said will help with policy planning and targeted intervention.

In SDG performance, Nagaland is ranked 19th in the country with a score of 61 and among North East states, it is in 5th position. For the SDG performance of districts in Nagaland, Kohima is the top performing district with Kiphire at the last position. In Goal 1 (No poverty) of SDG - 100%





districts are in red category (aspirants, score of less than 50); in Goal 2 (zero hunger) – 81% in green (frontrunners with score of 65-99), 18% in yellow (score of 50 to 64); and in Goal 4 (quality education) – 9 % in red, 63% in yellow and 27% are in green category.

Minister Neiba Kronu said that it is important to sensitise, share about the structure on how to work towards the goals with the District Administration and district level departments. He added that the manual contains the necessary

information that are locally relevant in achieving the goals.

Resident Representative, UNDP also spoke on the occasion. Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye; Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon; Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan; Chief Secretary, J. Alam along with AHoDs and HoDs of concerned departments attended the inaugural programme.

STATE GOVERNMENT HOLDS MEETING WITH TRIBAL HOHOS

The State Government had a consultative meeting with the Tribal Hohos of the State on 18th August 2021 at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio delivering the keynote address, stated that the long-pending demarcation of the administrative boundary between Peren and Dimapur districts needs to be discussed and settled amicably. He informed that the Government in August 2019 had constituted a Cabinet Sub-Committee headed by Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom to meet all the stakeholders, and finalize the boundary between the two districts. The Cabinet Sub-Committee after due deliberations and looking into every aspect and the ground situation, suggested an administrative boundary. However, he said that there have been reservations expressed on the proposed demarcation from people on both sides, citing their customs and traditions.

The Chief Minister said that the 16-Point agreement provided for the Tribal Council to be an appellate authority for customary laws and it would be appropriate for unresolvable matters or disputes and matters involving customs and relating to Naga tribes to be entrusted to a tribal body for resolution. In this connection, the Government decided to entrust the 14 Tribal Hohos of Nagaland to meet and discuss with the tribal leaders of both districts and resolve the matter as per customary practice and in the spirit of brotherhood.

On Naga Tribunal, Rio said that as per the 16-Point agreement, a Naga Tribunal at the state level can act as an Appellate Authority for the cases to be decided according to customary law. Such a tribunal consisting of those who have expertise in customary law can help settle many cases, which are of a complex nature, and which would not be easily decided in modern Courts. He also stressed on the need for documentation and codification of the traditional laws as it will provide clarity on where the traditional laws can be invoked, and where other laws, Central or State Laws, would need to be invoked. With the likelihood of having a separate High Court in the near future, there is a need to codify the customary laws urgently to avoid any possibility of confusion or over-lapping of cases, he added.

Highlighting on the implementation of Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN), Rio stated there has been discussion on the need to implement RIIN to protect the interests and rights of the Nagas and at the same time, we need to ensure that all rightful citizens of India should not be denied what is justifiably their rights. He added that the decision should be well thought out, and should not cause any panic, chaos or harassment to anyone or community.

On the issue of Women Reservation and Urban Local Body (ULB) elections, Rio said that the Government has not been able to hold elections to the urban local bodies since 2008 and the last effort





Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio taking the Rashtriya Salute on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak inspecting the parade contingents on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 15th August 2021.



Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Tuensang on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Mon on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Phek on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Wokha on 15th August 2021.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu inspecting the parade contingents on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Zunheboto on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the 75th Independence Day celebration at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Kiphire on 15th August 2021.



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer delivering the Independence Day Speech at Longleng on 15th August 2021.



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing inspecting the parade contingents on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Peren on 15th August 2021.



Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, Kashiho Sangtam taking the Rashtriya Salute on the 75th Independence Day celebration at Noklak on 15th August 2021.



Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio addressing a consultative meeting with the Tribal Hohos of Nagaland held at State Banquet Hall, CM's Residential Complex, Kohima on 18th August 2021.



Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS with police personnel during the culmination programme of National Flag Rally held in commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 14th August 2021.



Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Independence Day (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) from 1st July to 14th August 2021, Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Rural Development Department in collaboration with Nagaland Rural Bank disbursed a loan amounting to Rs. 98 lakh to 75 Self Help Groups on 13th August 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru along with officials during the inauguration of the OPD Centre at Sub-Centre, High School B Sector, Noklak town on 18th August 2021.

to hold ULB elections in 2017 resulted in widespread agitation, and unfortunate incidents, leading to serious law and order problems. Following that, a Cabinet Sub-Committee was constituted in August 2018 to study the problem, and suggest ways to resolve the issue, but it could not make any meaningful progress on resolving this issue. By not holding the ULB elections, Rio informed that the State is deprived of substantial grants under the Finance Commission for under taking various developmental activities.

The Chief Minister highlighting on the institution of Gaon Bura, said the needs of urban settlements are quite different from rural areas and villages. He stated that the nomenclature of Gaon Bura in a town itself is an anomaly and that there is a need to look at the role and need of a Goan Bura in urban areas.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton dwelled on the matter concerning the demarcation of the administrative boundary between Peren and Dimapur districts. He said it has been adversely affecting the proper administration along the inter-district boundary of both the districts. On ULBs, Patton said due to the inability to come to a consensus on the matter, funds earmarked for ULBs under the Finance Commission Grants have got

suspended and the State is facing grave difficulties in providing basic amenities due to lack of resources. On reservation of women in ULBs, he said that it needs to be looked keeping in view all the aspects concerning history and development of urban centres. On Gaon Buras, Patton said the role and responsibilities of GBs in rural and urban would be different with the passage of time. Therefore, the issues confronting them should be looked in all aspects. On the implementation of RIIN, he urged the state level committee to have some more rounds of meetings and work out the modalities for implementation.

Minister, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam highlighted on the mediation regarding boundary demarcation of Peren and Dimapur districts while role of Gaon Buras was briefed by Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor. Principal Secretary spoke on Women reservation in ULBs and Secretary, Justice & Law, Ngamjok Konyak highlighted on Naga Tribunals for adjudication as per Naga Customary Law. Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha briefed on the implementation of RIIN.

Representatives from the tribal bodies gave their views and suggestions for consideration during the meeting. Elected members from the State also shared during the programme.

KOHIMA CELEBRATES WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



Retired Director, Information & Public Relations, Limawati Ao inaugurating the photo exhibition during the 'World Photography Day' celebration at D'Cafe, Kohima on 19th August 2021.



Team Noksa organised an event to celebrate World Photography Day at D Cafe Kohima on 19th August 2021 with retired Director IPR, Limawati Ao as the special guest.

Limawati Ao speaking at the event encouraged the photographer community of Kohima to continue following their passion of photography not just as a means of livelihood but also as a means to promote the rich cultural heritage of the Nagas as well as the beautiful and picturesque landscapes of Nagaland to the rest of the world. He further urged the younger generation and the upcoming photographers to take up photography seriously as photography in recent years have become a genuine profession and many can sustain their livelihood through photography.

Advisor, TAFMA, Theja Meru also spoke at the event and congratulated the organizers for successfully hosting the event, the first of its kind in Kohima so far. He said that photography form a vital part of the entertainment industry and encouraged the photographers to work hard and continue to promote various arts of the State.

Suchamayang Kichu speaking on behalf of Team Noksa said that the objective of the event is to bring all photographers of Kohima together to celebrate 'World Photography Day' and also to provide a platform for the photographers to showcase their work and art to the people.

The event also witnessed a photo exhibition where photographers from Kohima got the opportunity to not just showcase but also sell their photographs.

PANGNYU PHOM CALLS ON UNION MINISTER SARBANADA SONOWAL

Minister for Health & Family Welfare and AYUSH, S. Pangnyu Phom had a courtesy call on Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, Sarbanada Sonowal at his official Residence at New Delhi on 20th August 2021.

During the meeting, Phom highlighted the AYUSH scheme and the activities of AYUSH Department in the State. He said that the AYUSH Hospital in the interior parts of the State will cater

to the grassroot people in the state. He thanked the Centre for AYUSH scheme/project in the State.

Union Minister, Sonowal said that he is very impressed to know about the scheme being well implemented in the State and assured that the Ministry of AYUSH will extend all the possible help and assistance to complete the project in the State of Nagaland and North East states.

NBSE CONDUCTS WEBINAR ON HOW TO ENGAGE AND SUPPORT STUDENTS ONLINE

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) in its endeavour to connect and upgrade the skills of the teachers during the closure of schools has been conducting series of webinars. An interactive session on how to engage students online was held on 20th August 2021 via Zoom platform with Dr. Sapna Agrawal, Educationist and founder I Big Wonder as the resource person in collaboration with Madhubhan Publication.

Nearly 800 (eight hundred) teachers

from registered schools of NBSE from various districts participated in the webinar. Dr. Sapna Agrawal gave various insights on challenges and solutions and shared on how to have better discipline in online classes, how to make lesson plans for online deliberations. A plethora of activities to engage the learners within 30 minutes of the class time was also discussed.

An interactive question and answer session was also conducted.



OFFICIALS CALL ON NITI AAYOG CEO

A delegation of Eastern Nagaland Legislatures and DUDA Department officials led by Minister for Health & Family Welfare and AYUSH, S. Pangnyu Phom called on CEO, NITI Aayog, Amitab Kant at his office in New Delhi on 24th August 2021.

During the discussion, the Minister and MLAs highlighted on the special package announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Eastern Nagaland in 2018, based on the announcement, a Multi-Disciplinary Committee was set up to look into the matter which was headed by Ministry of Home Affairs. A comprehensive project was prepared and submitted

the same to the Ministry of DoNER, but till date, the project has not been sanctioned. The delegation appealed to the CEO and officials present in the meeting to look into the project submitted to the Ministry.

Amitab Kant assured to fully co-corporate and support in taking up the project proposal lying with the Ministry of DoNER. He further advised the delegation to re-prioritize the top priority among the project proposal submitted in the Ministry.

The delegation was accompanied by DRC Wennyei Konyak, OSD Planning, Thomas Thailu and Deputy Director & PRO (IPR), Kuolie Mere.

YANGSEO SEEKS PROJECT FOR ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT

MLA, Yangseo Sangtam along with MLA and General Secretary, Eastern Nagaland Legislature Union (ENLU) C. L. John met Mission Director, Aspirational District, NITI Aayog, Rakesh Ranjan IPS at his office chamber in New Delhi to apprise the development project for the Aspirational District, Kiphire on 24th August 2021.

In a press communiqué released by OSD, Planning & Coordination, New Delhi, Thomas Thailu, it stated that during the meeting, Sangtam shared the grievances faced by the rural people of his constituency and requested NITI Aayog to provide more development project to the area. He also shared that many proposals were sent to the ministries but none was sanctioned, for which

Rakesh Ranjan informed that Asian Development Bank (ADB) had sanctioned Rs. 3 crore in February 2020 for Educational Sector, Rs. 5 crore for overall development in January 2021 and Rs. 3 crore for infrastructure sector in February 2021. The total amount meant for development of Aspirational District, Kiphire is Rs. 11 crore.

The Mission Director asked the MLA to send the proposal through the Deputy Commissioner for immediate approval after which the CEO, NITI Aayog will approve the projects and thereafter, it will be sanctioned. Ranjan assured that he will have a virtual meeting along with his colleagues and Deputy Commissioner immediately to see the requirement and issues to be taken.

EASTERN NAGALAND LEGISLATORS CALL ON UNION MINISTERS

The delegation of Eastern Nagaland Legislators, with Department of Under Developed Areas officials called on the Union Minister, Law & Justice, Kiren Rijiju at his official residence at New Delhi on 25th August 2021.



The Eastern Nagaland Legislators and DUDA officials called on Union Minister for Ministry of DoNER, Culture & Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy on 25th August 2021 at New Delhi.

During the meeting, on behalf of the Eastern Nagaland Delegation, Minister Pangnyu Phom apprised the Union Minister on the special economic package announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Eastern Nagaland in the year 2018. Various proposals of the Eastern Nagaland development projects were submitted to DoNER Ministry for early sanction. The delegation also highlighted on the meeting between the NITI Aayog CEO and officials at CEO's Office to remind him about the project proposal submitted to DoNER Ministry.

The delegation also informed the Union Minister that the project proposal is approved by Multi-Disciplinary Committee headed by Ministry of Home Affairs. The delegation strongly appealed to the Union Minister to personally intervene and take up the matter for the interest of Eastern Nagaland

development.

The Union Minister assured to the delegation that he will take up the matter at the earliest in a phased manner and asked the delegation to mention the top priority list for the first phase of the project proposal from the submitted list. He also mentioned that he will discuss with the Prime Minister and other line Ministry for early sanction.

The officials present during the meeting included Joint Secretary, Deputy Secretary, DoNER Ministry and DRC Nagaland House, New Delhi.

Later, the delegation called on the Union Minister for Law & Justice, Kiren Rijiju at his official resident in New Delhi and briefed him about the Prime Minister special package for Eastern Nagaland area. They had requested him for kind intervention and support. The Union Minister responded positively and said that he will meet the DoNER Minister and other colleagues to support the project submitted to the Ministry of DoNER to get through on time.

ABHIJIT SINHA HOLDS MEETING TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

A review meeting with senior officers who were assigned to all districts of the State to review the management of COVID-19 was held with Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 26th August 2021.

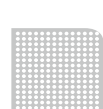
The major concern of the officers who were assigned to various districts was the low turnout for vaccinations. They viewed that the main challenge in achieving vaccination was due to vaccine hesitancy in the minds of the people.

It was observed that awareness campaign on the COVID vaccines needs to be boosted especially in the rural areas. Further, there is a need to sensitize community leaders, NGOs, GBs and

faith based organizations should be done at the earliest. It was also suggested that misinformation and fake news needs to be addressed rationally and logically, while write ups or videos in local dialects countering the viral fake news should be prepared and disseminated to the people.

The officers gave a brief update on the situation of their assigned districts and actions suggested to improve the overall management of COVID-19 throughout the State.

The State Government seeing the need to be prepared for any eventuality of a third wave has decided to continue putting stress on COVID testing, vaccination coverage and strengthening of healthcare infrastructure in the districts.



HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT FLAGS OFF WINTER VEGETABLE SEEDS DISTRIBUTION



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan flagging off the distribution of winter vegetable seeds at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima on 26th August 2021.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, flagged off the distribution of winter seeds under MIDH 2021-22 and NEC 2020-21 on 26th August 2021 at the Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima. It was distributed to identify villages for COVID-19 post pandemic economic recovery activities.

Speaking as the special guest, Yanthan said that Nagas have learned great lessons during the pandemic, to produce enough for ourselves and enough for marketable surplus so that we get economic returns. Keeping in view of this, the Chief Minister has taken the initiative and this programme has been conceptualised, he stated.

Yanthan said that Nagaland has enough surplus production but no proper market or proper post-harvest technology and no market channelizing. He further mentioned that the farmers have to be encouraged to do farming in real business venture and consider themselves as entrepreneur, for which the Department has to extend their service effectively to the farmers. He also called upon the Department and farmers to take advantage of the air cargo facility which is now available for all.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y.

Kikheto Sema IAS, in his introductory remarks, acknowledged the Department for working tirelessly for the farming community at the time of pandemic and arranging the winter seeds in advance to the farmers covering 170 village. The ACP also requested the farmers to preserve the seeds for future use.

Under funds provided by NEC for the year 2020-21, the Department provided quality vegetable seeds to the farmers for whole year cultivation, identifying 100 vegetable villages covering 11 districts including 10,000 households and under MIDH during 2021-22, 1,000 Ha area is to be covered under vegetables wherein villages are adopted as 'Vegetable villages' by the Department and are supported with vegetable seeds for both kharif and rabi season. So far, there are over 70 vegetable villages covering all the districts including the youngest district of Noklak. The concept behind these 'Vegetable villages' is to increase the quantum of vegetables produced so that there is marketable surplus which can contribute to increasing the income of the villagers by way of sale of the vegetables while also contributing to their nutritional security by ensuring availability of vegetables for their consumption.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister of State, Tribal Affairs, Renuka Singh along with officials during a meeting held to review the progress of the on-going projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 26th August 2021.

Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Renuka Singh reviewed the progress of the on-going projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the Government of Nagaland under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India, Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and Tribal Research Institute (TRI) in its meeting held at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 26th August 2021.

The meeting was chaired by Home

Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS, and was attended by senior officers. During the review meeting, the Union Minister was apprised of the decision of the State Government on creation of the new department of Tribal Affairs by the State Cabinet on 5th August 2019 and the activities being carried out by the Tribal Affairs Department and DUDA.

The Union Minister also called on Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with some of the Cabinet/Advisor at his official residence in Kohima.

NSACS CONDUCTS ONLINE TRAINING

A two-day online Training of Teachers under Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) was held on 25th and 27th August 2021. The training was conducted by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society in coordination with the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), Kohima, Nagaland.

The training was conducted with an aim to enhance the understanding and skills of teachers to effectively address the adolescents at schools and empower them to make healthy choices.

The two-day sessions comprised of different topics such as HIV/AIDS and STI, Growing up and Adolescence Reproductive Sexual Health,

Current HIV scenario and prevalence in Nagaland, Overview of AEP in India and some best practices in other states, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Life Skills for HIV prevention. The resource persons were Sonal Walia, Consultant (IEC & MST), NACO, New Delhi; Metevinuo Sakhrie, Joint Director (IEC), NSACS; Thejangunuo Theunuo, Deputy Director (IEC) NSACS; Ainato Yephtho, Deputy Director (SPM) NSACS and Chongkoi Khaming, Assistant Director (MM).

The programme was attended by around 600 teachers of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools from all the districts of the State.

KHEHOVI YEPHTHOMI CALLS ON UNION MINISTERS

Advisor for Tourism, Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yephthomi paid courtesy calls to Minister of State for Tourism, Ajay Bhatt and Union Minister for DoNER, Tourism & Culture, G. Kishan Reddy on 26th and 27th August 2021.

Yephthomi shared with the respective

Ministers on issues pertaining to Tourism and Art & Culture and discussed the prospects and possibilities of various programmes that can be taken up in the state. The Advisor was accorded patient hearing and was given positive responses.

COVID-19 AWARENESS PROGRAMME AND VACCINATION DRIVE HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

TENING:

Organised by Community Health Centre, Tening under the aegis of Tening Sub-Division Task Force (SDTF) on COVID-19, an awareness programme for shopkeepers, drivers and other stakeholders was held at GHS Auditorium Hall, Tening on 2nd August 2021.

ADC and Chairman, Tening SDTF, Rhosietho Nguori in his keynote address lauded the members present in the programme and stated that drivers and shopkeepers are in the high risk group who are exposed more to COVID-19 infection. Therefore, there is a need to get the high risk groups vaccinated and keep a regular check by undergoing COVID-19 test regularly. He also stressed on the need to follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour at all times.

MO, CHC, Tening, Dr. Menangtongzuk spoke on various aspects of COVID-19 including vaccine hesitancy and need for more COVID-19 testing, etc.

BHANDARI:

A vaccination drive-cum-health camp was conducted at Mongphio and Lishuyo village in Wokha district on 8th August 2021.

Bhandari Block Task Force (BTF) on COVID-19 carried out a vaccination drive-cum-health camp at inter-state border villages, Mongphio and Lishuyo in Wokha district on 8th August 2021.

During the programme, ADC Bhandari, Tiameraen Chang explained on the importance and the benefits of COVID-19 vaccine and said that every eligible individual of 18 years and above should avail the opportunity to secure health and safety. He urged the gathering not to believe in rumours circulating on social media.

The ADC assured that COVID-19 vaccine has no side effect and it is just like any other vaccines for diseases such as measles, chickenpox and rubella. He also said that the government officials and frontline workers were the first vaccine beneficiaries who are strong and working tirelessly for the society.

The Bhandari BTF was led by ADC and BTF Chairman, Tiameraen Chang; SDO (C), Sulanthung, Dr. Renanthung, CHC medical team and CDPO, Bhandari, T. Y. Peter Yanthan.

WOKHA:

The Health & Family Welfare Department in collaboration with District Administration conducted an intensified special COVID-19 vaccination drive on 7th August 2021 at 14 (fourteen) sites in Wokha town. Altogether, 329 people were vaccinated and 20 tests were conducted at Mt. Tiya Hall, Wokha town which were all tested negative.

SMOKE FREE DISTRICT HEADQUARTER CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED ACROSS DISTRICTS

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district launched the Smoke-Free District Headquarter Campaign on 2nd August 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Residence in the presence of President, Sumi Hoho, STH, Town GB's Association and various public leaders.

Chairing the programme, District Nodal

Officer, NTCP, Zunheboto, Dr. Easter Chophy Ngulie highlighted about the aims and objectives of the campaign. She mentioned that according to a survey, out of 23 lakh population in Nagaland nearly 10 lakh are into tobacco habits for which the campaign had to be initiated to protect the future generation. She also briefed about the hazardous

health effects caused by passive smoking, and added that the campaign mainly aims to protect the non-smokers, especially the children.

ANPSA President, Zunheboto Unit, Tokavi Swu expressed his appreciation to Dr. Easter and her team for initiating No Tobacco Campaign earlier at the district focusing on schools and other public places. He added that after organising No Tobacco Clubs at various schools, it has helped and have come a long way in curbing tobacco usage in the district, mainly among the younger generation, which is a positive sign, he added.



Zunheboto district launched the Smoke-Free District Headquarter campaign on 2nd August 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Residence, Zunheboto.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo spoke about the disastrous effects of passive smoking and appealed to the gathering to work together sincerely in making the campaign a success. Smoking habits needs to be treated as an emergency situation, keeping in mind the ill effects to our health in general, he added.

WOKHA:

The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) and District Level Enforcement Squad, NTCP of the District Tobacco Control Cell meeting was held on 2nd August 2021.

During the meeting, the committee deliberated on declaration of Smoke Free District Headquarter Campaign and the same was launched after discussing the guidelines and action plan. During the meeting four (4) schools and one college were declared tobacco free educational institutes, namely Pinewood School, Government Middle School (Sector-C), Government Middle School (Sector-D), Santsuo Memorial School and Bailey

Baptist College, Wokha.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DLCC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting appealed to all concerned to work together in order to bring down the percentage of tobacco use in the district. He also congratulated the institutions for the achievement and urged them to be ambassadors of change in spreading awareness about the ill effects of using tobacco.

District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Wokha, Dr. O. Daisy Ovung presenting the quarterly report said, NTCP Wokha has been actively involved in doing awareness campaign by distributing IECs in various locations and providing counselling to patients who uses tobacco at the District Hospital. It also conducted multiple sessions of focus group discussion with tobacco users, providing them with counselling and nicotine replacement therapy support.

DIMAPUR:

National Tobacco Control Programme, Dimapur held the launching programme of 'Smoke-Free District Headquarter Campaign,' which aims to make every District Headquarter 'smoke-free.' The campaign was launched by Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo with officials from Health & Family Welfare Department and police officers from different Stations at Conference Hall of the Commissioner of Police's Office, Dimapur.

Rothihu Tetseo encouraged all the team members of the District Anti-Tobacco Squad to work with zeal and dedication and to be role models so that the smoke-free campaign would be successful. He also urged the gathering to put up necessary signage in their work places so that people may be made aware about Section 4 of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 (COTPA), which bans smoking in public places.

District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo spoke on the objectives of the campaign and COTPA 2003. She said that the smoke-free campaign is to make the public aware of the hazards of smoking and effects of second hand smoke, which can cause diseases like cancer, stroke, TB,

pneumonia, infertility, etc. Vizo added that the ban on smoking is to protect non-smokers, women and children from second hand smoke.

MON:

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 16th August 2021 launched the Smoke Free District Headquarter Campaign at the Conference Room of DC's Office, Mon. The launch was held along with the District Level Coordination Committee review meeting.

Speaking at the launch, Thavaseelan stressed on the importance of making people aware about the harms of second hand smoking (passive smoking) and hoped that through the campaign those people smoking at home would be made aware of the harms that they are causing to their loved ones. He stated that the public should be made aware that it is a crime to smoke in public as per Section 4 of the COTPA 2003.

Nodal Officer, Mon, Dr. I Simon Sumi highlighted some of the aims and objectives of the campaign which includes creating awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and smoking in public places, sensitising people about Section 4 of COTPA 2003, which bans and penalizes smoking in public places and encouraging people to quit smoking. He also laid down the strategies for the campaign such as sensitizing all HoDs, District Anti-Tobacco Squads, regular enforcement drives, advocacy with NGOs, civil societies, churches and schools as campaign ambassadors.

The committee deliberated on the activities for the campaign such as using of leaflets/pamphlets, videos on harmful effects of smoking and legal penalties, posting of signage in offices, institutions and across strategic locations in the town, and choosing the right school for the Campaign Ambassador. With 11 schools in the town declared as tobacco free, the committee also deliberated on making more educational institutions and schools across the district as tobacco free.

TUENSANG:

The launching programme for Smoke Free

Tuensang District Headquarter was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 17th August 2021.

DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant said that the harm caused by nicotine present in smoking and non-smoking tobacco which causes cancer needs to be made aware among the general public. Smoking tobacco not only harms the primary consumer but also harms the non-consumer, secondary and tertiary individuals around the primary consumer, he said. Smoking tobacco destroys the respiratory system in humans and with the COVID-19 pandemic, those with respiratory problems can be a victim of it, he added. He also asked the Tobacco Consumer Control Cell to expand the campaign to the whole of the district and also establish a habilitation centre for de-addiction of tobacco related substances.

Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Amit Nigam highlighting on Section 4 of COTPA 2003 encouraged the citizens to cooperate with the police and also help give awareness to the public about COTPA 2003 so that the police can enforce the law successfully.

Dr. Ao Yanger, Junior Dental Specialist highlighted the aims of the campaign to the house. Certificates were also presented to Tobacco Free Schools, St. John Higher Secondary School and Akum Imlong School, and to Tobacco Free Village, Kuthur village.

KOHIMA:

Kohima Municipal Council Administrator, Lanusenla Longkumer handing over certificates of Tobacco Free Village to Mezoma and Dzüleke village at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 27th August 2021.

The launching programme of Smoke Free District Headquarters Campaign-cum- District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting of District Tobacco Control Cell was held on 27th August 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Addressing the launching campaign programme, Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, Lanusenla Longkumer stated that the smoke-free campaign is to strengthen enforcement of Section 4 of COTPA 2003 which bans smoking in public places. She suggested the members to implement more stringent enforcement to check illegal smoking, in places such as restaurants, offices and other public places for a smoke-free city. She added that to make Kohima a tobacco-free city, it will require not only involvement of government

agencies but also cooperation from villages, NGOs, police and every individual.

District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Dr. Arenla Walling highlighted the activities of District Tobacco Control Cell. During the programme, Dr. C. Tetseo, Joint Director (Dental) State Nodal Officer declared two villages, Mezoma and Dzuleke as 'Tobacco Free Villages.'

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, Dr. C. Tetseo has suggested the members to install surveillance cameras to keep check of illegal smoking at public places. The programme was followed by discussion on various agenda on Smoke Free District Headquarter Campaign and implementation of more activities for the campaign to sensitize on harmful effects of tobacco in the district.

TSEMINYU ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

Tseminyu Aspirational Block Committee held a meeting on 3rd August 2021 at District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall, Kohima to discuss on the preparation of its five year action plan for the selected block.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima and Chairman of the Committee, Gregory Thejawelie informed the members that the Government has notified Tseminyu Block under Kohima district along with other nine blocks spread over the districts as Aspirational Blocks. He said that as per the Government's direction, the District Aspirational Block Committee was constituted with DC as Chairman and DPO (Planning) as Member Secretary along with other 22 officers from various departments as Members.

Discussing on the preparation of the action plan, the meeting deliberated on various implementing programmes under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and other programmes undertaken by the departments. The members shared their views and suggestions for the preparation of the action plan. It was decided to work out departmental-wise action plan by each department based on its implementing programmes including schemes under CSS to be incorporated

and to submit it on or before 20th August 2021.

In this regard, DC asked the departmental officers to have required consultation with ADC Tseminyu and respective sub-divisional officers while preparing the action plan and to submit it within the time frame. He said that with the action plan submitted by each departments, the Committee will prepare the final action plan for the selected Aspirational Block depending on its potential and requirements.

ADC, Tseminyu, W. Manpai Phom in his brief note on Tseminyu Aspirational Block, stated that Tseminyu Block with 26 villages was one among the seven blocks under Kohima district. As per the 2011 Census, Tseminyu has a total population of 51,314, including a sex ratio of 1,022 as against the State average of 931, and a healthy literacy rate of 81.71% as against the State average of 79.55%. With a sizeable young population, untapped social capital and human resources, favourable agro-climatic conditions, accessible road connectivity and inherent capacities of traditional village and modern institutions, Tseminyu Block offers immense potential for boosting inclusive growth and development. He also highlighted on the potential of the Block,



infrastructure needs, need for increasing the income of the people in the Block, trade/sector capacity

building requirements and also on the present condition of various sectors in the Block.

ST. XAVIER COLLEGE, JALUKIE BAGS 'ONE DISTRICT ONE GREEN CHAMPION' AWARD

St. Xavier College, Jalukie under Peren district was awarded the 'One District One Green Champion' award under Swachhta Action Plan 2020-2021 during an online workshop programme, organised by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India on 3rd

August, 2021 at DC's Chamber, Peren.

The award was handed over to the Principal and students of St. Xavier College, Jalukie by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier. The award is given to educational institutions that have proactively participated in maintaining a hygienic campus.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS VISITS KIKRUMA

Officials from the Department of Agriculture along with ATMA, Phek paid a visit to Kikruma village, Phek on 3rd August 2021. The objective was to have an interaction with the Village Council and the farmers on the unique farming system being practiced.

A short programme chaired by Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Kohima, Keviu Shuya was conducted, wherein, Joint Director of Agriculture, Dr. I. Amenla, handed over the book 'Innovations in Agricultural Extension' (a joint publication of Michigan State University-Extension-USA &

MANAGE, Hyderabad-India) where the Zabo/Zabü farming system of Kikruma village was also featured.

The officials also handed out copies of ATMA success stories published by ATMA Nagaland and the recently released District Crop Calendar published by the Department of Agriculture along with some winter vegetable seeds. Zanehu, the Farm School teacher and the owner of Razü (Zabo) Farm School of ATMA explained on the Zabo/Zabü farming to the visiting team during a field tour.

MICRO-ISOLATION ZONE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOHIMA

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting with the representatives of wards and colonies on 4th August 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Kohima DTF, Gregory Thejawelie at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima.

DC, Gregory informed the gathering that the meeting was convened to call for concerted efforts from all corners of the district towards the successful implementation of the Micro-Isolation Zone (MIZ), notified by the State Government. He said the concept of MIZ has been conceived with the aim to cause minimal disruption to normal life and economic activities by isolating a defined small geographical area which might be as small as a

building from the rest.

As in Containment Zones, restriction of movement, social distancing, enhanced active surveillance, testing all suspected cases, isolation of cases and intensive IEC on COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviours and other preventive and safety public health measures will be put in place. DC said that depending on the number of COVID-19 cases and number of houses with COVID-19 cases, a cluster of houses or a locality-colony/block/khel/ward/ village will be declared as MIZ.

In this connection, the DC called for collective efforts from all the wards and colonies to join hands and assist the DTF in identifying the household and provide required information to



implement the exercise effectively so as to break the chain of transmission. While appreciating the AKMWP, wards and colonies for extending their best cooperation and efforts in containing the spread of the disease so far, the DC further solicited their continued support and effort. He said the second wave is not over yet and the prevailing positivity rate and the risk associated with the impending third wave is of great concern where the district needs to

scale up testing and vaccination and urged them to put more efforts in these areas.

CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo spoke on the testing strategy and also emphasized on the importance of testing and vaccination in the present scenario of the pandemic. DIO, Kohima, Dr. Rupert Peseyie also informed that the percentage of vaccinated beneficiaries has improved after the sensitization programme conducted by the DTF.

FELICITATION OF HSLC AND HSSLC TOPPERS

MOKOKCHUNG:

The Officers' Club Mokokchung (OCM) organized a felicitation programme for High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) toppers (2020 and 2021) at the Conference Hall of ADC (Planning), Mokokchung on 5th August 2021.

Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Vishal, IPS while delivering a short speech on behalf of OCM called upon the students to be honest to oneself and others in life. Vishal also thanked the parents and the teachers for all their support and motivation towards the young minds.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir who handed over the citation and cash award to the toppers also urged the students to dream big and to have goals in life. He also thanked both the parents and the teachers for giving their best in molding the children and maintained that their contribution and dedication would benefit not only the children but the society as a whole.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation programme for HSLC, HSSLC, university toppers and NPSC examination achievers was held under the Chairmanship of Pughoboto SDPDB and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 13th August 2021.



MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu with officials and awardees during the felicitation programme of toppers of HSLC, HSSLC, university and successful candidates of NPSC examinations at ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 13th August 2021.

The Board also deliberated on power failures in Pughoboto sub-division and decided to write to the Power Department for posting of SDO (Power) in Pughoboto. In anticipation of the next fund for the maintenance of roads, Swu urged the concerned department that they should maintain the roads and utilise the fund properly.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu extended his congratulations to all the teachers, parents and successful students and Aphuyime Achievers Award and presented certificates and cash as a token of appreciation.

KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) organised a felicitation programme for

the HSLC Examination 2021 topper (13th Rank), amongst Government High Schools at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th August 2021.

Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire congratulated Basanti Devi for her achievement and expressed his happiness on her desire to become a doctor in future. He said that one will have success when there is determination, devotion and dedication and encouraged her to be specific and select the right discipline in medical field.

Vice Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Jotsoma, Megosevi Kuotsu in his speech said that it was a great moment for the school and Basanti to be selected for this prestigious award and thanked DPDB Kohima for the encouragement given to students of

government schools. He added that Basanti is an obedient, hardworking and dedicated student who also received District Award in Class VIII for being a topper amongst government schools.

Megosevi also shared that the school was upgraded to Higher Secondary School in the year 2014 with Arts and Commerce streams, and since then the school was able to produce cent percent result both in high school and higher secondary level till 2020, with a topper in HSSLC Examination 2020. This year though the school failed to produce a cent percent result in both HSLC and HSSLC Examination, yet it made it to the top 10 list where two from Class XII (Arts) secured the 6th and 9th position, he informed.

DRDA MON RELEASES BOOKLET



ADC, Mon, Y. Chingak Konyak and other officials during the release of Konyak translated booklet on SOP for COVID-19 at the Resource Centre, DRDA, Mon on 5th August 2021.

District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Mon on 5th August 2021 released a translated booklet on SOP for COVID-19 containment and management in peri-urban, rural and tribal areas. ADC, Mon, Y. Chingak Konyak released the Konyak translated booklet at the Resource Centre, DRDA, Mon.

During the release, Chingak congratulated DRDA, Mon team and expressed hope that the booklet would help the public to get themselves protected.

Project Director, DRDA, Mon, M. Temjen

Longchar stated that with the second wave of the pandemic hitting hard on rural areas, States were directed to translate the existing booklets into regional dialects. He highlighted the entire translation process and expressed his gratitude to all those involved in making the challenge a success in a short period of time. Along with the booklet, four major posters, including one with the benefits of vaccination were translated in Konyak, he stated. Longchar also stated that Mon district is the first to release the booklet in the translated form.



PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of August was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier at Town Hall, Peren on 6th August 2021.

The board members deliberated on various agenda which included - approval of LADP 2021-2022 for 7th A/C Peren; construction of District Soil Office Staff Quarter at Peren Headquarter; and provision of backward status for Rongmei community under NEC.

On provision of backward status for Rongmei community under NEC, Rongmei Baptist Association Nagaland (RBAN) Development Secretary, Akeina Gonmei apprised the members about the project. Mentioning that RBAN,

implementing partner society along with Social Welfare Initiative for Fundamental Transformation (SWIFT) as sister agency of implementing partner society, it has already submitted a proposal with two components under the proposal titled, Economic Upliftment of Rongmei Tribe in Peren District, Nagaland to Deputy Commissioner, Peren which was later approved by the members present and further decided to forward the same to the Planning & Coordination and NEC for further perusal of the project concerned.

KIN, President, L. Singsit and NZPO, President, Kevipelie Iheilung expressed their gratitude towards Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang and DPDB members for their concern and for taking initiative from the start for the successful upgradation of different schools under Peren district.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th August 2021 at DPDB Hall, Longleng under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Longleng DPDB, M. Shayung Phom.

DAO Longleng, Yongchang Phom gave a presentation on the activities implemented by the Agriculture Department under Longleng district. The Board decided that a mass social work will be held on 9th August 2021, where all villages under Longleng district will participate.

NBCC CLEAN ELECTION MOVEMENT LAUNCHED**TUENSANG:**

Nagaland Baptist Church Council's Clean Election Movement was launched at Tuensang, organized by Chang Baptist Lashong Thangyen (CBLT) on 6th August 2021 at CBLT's Conference Hall, Tuensang with the theme 'My Vote: My Future.'

The launching programme was attended by Deputy Commissioner and DEO, Kumar Ramnikant; President CKS, Nungsanglemba; DAEO Tuensang, Renben Mozhu; ES CBLT, Reverend Achu Chang; President TTBPU; representatives of GBs; pastors and students of Baptist Thangyen Higher Secondary School, Tuensang.



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant addressing the gathering during the launch of Nagaland Baptist Church Council's Clean Election Movement at Tuensang on 6th August 2021.

Speaking on the occasion Kumar Ramnikant stated that a clean electoral roll is the base for clean election process. If we manipulate our vote than we are manipulating our rights and selling our identity and the whole process starts there on, he said. He said that being a democratic set up, leaders are chosen by the people and that there should be no proxy or bogus voters, and e-roll must be clean. Ramnikant sought for the support of everyone to achieve a clean electoral roll.

President, CKS, Nungsang Lemba said that the citizens of the State have a habit of making false electoral rolls. He encouraged the people to help the authorities in cleaning the e-roll so that good leaders can be elected.

District Assistant Election Officer, Tuensang, Renben Mozhui encouraged the individuals to identify and enroll genuine voters, strike out absentee voters, delete the demographically same entries, and delete the multiple entries of inter district and inter constituency voters. He also requested that the PwDs be identified and get them enrolled.

ES CBLT, Reverend Achu in his keynote address said that the struggles faced today are one's own doing and urged the gathering to be instruments of change.

TENING:

The Liangmai Baptist Association (LBA) organised the launching event of Clean Election Movement (CEM), under the initiation of Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC) at Baptist High School, Tening on 6th August 2021.

The programme was presided by Kinkhambo, Head Master, Baptist High School, Tening and keynote address was presented by P. Azon, Women Secretary, LBA and Clean Election Core Committee member.

Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC), Nsong, Yimkum Ozukum in his speech asserted that every citizen above the age of 18 years has their right to choose and elect its leaders, to govern and to bring genuine changes and development in the society. The EAC urged that the public need to eliminate all kinds of malpractices during election. Pastor, Tening Village Baptist Church, K. Lailubo emphasized on the need to do away with any kind of evil practices and encouraged the members to boldly speak out and stand for the truth. Tening Town Women Wing Organization, President, Champhung said that election should be conducted with clean and fair means and not influenced by any anti-social elements. Champhung further stated that with the launching programme of Clean Election Movement, people will reaffirm and recommit their stand to support this movement.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 7th August 2021 which was chaired by DC and Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant.

The agenda on NST bus service from Tuensang to Noksen was discussed and the concerned department was asked to submit the details in the next meeting.

Associate Director, ECS, Chongshen

Soted updated on the first phase intensive COVID-19 vaccination drive and applauded the contribution by the HoDs of the district. He also announced the second and third vaccination drive schedule for the district. He informed that the second vaccination drive will be done from 22nd to 29th August 2021 while the third phase will be from 19th to 26th September 2021, and added that the phases will focus on the villages where vaccination is comparatively low.



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME-CUM-REVAMP OF LEGAL AID CLINIC ORGANIZED AT PUNGRO

Kiphire District Legal Services Authority organized a legal awareness programme-cum-revamp of Legal Aid Clinic at Cultural Hall, Pungro town on 7th August 2021.

Keynote address was delivered by Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), Longshithung Ezung, NJS. Michael Aye, APP, Kiphire spoke on Right of Arrested Person

while R/Lawyer, DLSA Kiphire, Bendangwati Sangtam, spoke on the Nagaland Village and Tribal Council Act.

On the same day, the Legal Aid Clinic Office was inaugurated by Member Secretary, NSLSA, Longshithung Ezung in the presence of ADC, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS at ADC's Office Compound, Pungro.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT DIMAPUR

An awareness programme on nutrition, hygiene practices and mental well-being was organized by Dimapur District Administration and District Level Centre for Women - Mahila Shakti Kendra, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Dimapur in collaboration with Community Health Initiative and Prodigals' Home, Dimapur at Aoyimkum Panchayat Hall, Dimapur on 7th August 2021.

EAC, Dimapur, Nukshimatong gracing the programme as Special Guest highlighted on the importance of nutrition, hygiene and mental wellness. Stressing on the importance of healthy eating habits and physical exercise, the EAC

encouraged the gathering to consume locally produced organic fruits and vegetables which can also be easily achieved by maintaining kitchen garden. The EAC also expressed his gratitude to the organizers for organizing such programme and also congratulated Aoyimkum village for achieving 100% vaccination for COVID-19.

Women Welfare Officer, DLCW-MSK, Lanusangla Jamir spoke on nutrition. Director, Community Health Initiative spoke on menstruation hygiene practices, while Sungkum Aier from Prodigals' Home spoke on awareness on mental health community and mental health programme.

PHE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT WOKHA DPDB MEETING

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th August 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha.

Proposal for registration of society for Air Gun Sporting Association Nagaland (ASAN), proposed by its President, Achamo Odyuo was approved by the board and forwarded to the Government for approval.

Executive Engineer (EE), Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Er. Imnazulu Ao while presenting a PowerPoint about Jal Jeevan Mission highlighted the civil works undergoing in the district, under District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM). The EE also stated that Implementation Support Agency (ISA) will carry out following

functions - need assessment of Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and motivate communities to have FHTC; act as coordination platform between DWSM and Village Water and Sanitation Committee; use Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tools for community mobilization and carry out need assessment; assisting the community in water campaigns initiated by Government of India/ State Government; carry out Social Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) activities. The duration of engagement for JJM work is from 2020-2025.

Er. Imnazulu Ao also highlighted on the function of DWSM. At the district level, DWSM is responsible for overall implementation of water supply and sanitation. DWSM is headed by Deputy

Commissioner as Chairperson, and he further pointed that DWSM was formed during 2003 and is functional till date.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha replying to queries raised by Chairman, DPDB, Wokha, Mmhonlumo Kikon replied that the district has intensified random testing and special vaccination drive during the previous two/three weeks. He also informed that the district has witnessed an increase of 752 numbers in testing, while 1000 increase in numbers of vaccination. The CMO further informed the Chairman that several action plan is being worked out to increase the level of awareness and

sensitization in the district.

Advisor, Mmhonlumo Kikon advised the people of the district to get themselves tested and vaccinated and help others in educating the public about the benefit of getting vaccinated. He also urged the DTF to conduct various meetings with the colonies in order to increase the percentage of testing and vaccination in the district.

The meeting was chaired by ADC (Headquarter), Wokha, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao. New members of the board were introduced during the meeting - District Forest Officer, SDO (Water Resources) and SDO (NH), Er. Yanthanshan.

PHE PEREN CONDUCTS PRA EXERCISE ON SBM (G) ODF PLUS

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercise on Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus and Jal Jeevan

Mission (JJM) objectives was organized by District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Peren and



Officials and participants at the Participatory Rural Appraisal exercise on Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Open Defecation Free Plus and Jal Jeevan Mission objectives at Punglwa, Peren on 7th August 2021.

sponsored by Sanitation and WSSO, PHE, Kohima under the theme 'One step closer to building an ODF Plus village' from 5th to 8th August 2021 at Old Tening and Tening village under Tening Block and at Punglwa and Lower Gaili Namdi village under Jalukie Block, Peren. The main objective of the exercise is ODF Plus sustenance, focusing mainly on the management of solid and liquid waste, plastic

waste and fecal sludge.

During the exercise at Tening village, SDO (PHE) Tening Block, Engineer, Volie Rentta spoke about the objectives of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) which is under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. He said that JJM is based on community approach to water and envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person every day to every rural household through Functional

Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024. He also appealed to the community to contribute 5% to the mission through community participation as per the JJM guidelines, to achieve the target.

District Coordinator-cum-IEC Consultant, DWSM, PHE, Peren, Binsaniu Rentta also spoke on JJM and encouraged the community to work together with the Department in implementing and successfully finishing the project at the villages on time. She also encouraged the participants to say no to single use of plastics and to practice segregating waste at the household level and to follow sustainable measures in making the villages an

ODF-Plus village.

Hygiene and Sanitation Consultant, DWSM, PHE, Peren, Sashinaro spoke on solid and liquid waste management and also demonstrated the different steps of hand washing with soap, while Chemist DWSM, PHE, Peren, Moanaro Imchen trained two persons from each village in using Field Testing Kits (FTK).

Water samples were also collected from the water sources, schools, Anganwadi Centres and homes to be tested in the District Water Testing Laboratory at the Office of SDO (PHE) near ADC Headquarter, Peren town.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

DIMAPUR:

Commemorating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 75 years of India's Independence,' Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), Rural Development Department, Dimapur organised a training-cum-distribution of morpho device to Digipay Sakhi in collaboration with Common Service Centre (CSC) on 10th August 2021 at DC's Conference Hall.

Speaking as the Special Guest, ADC Dimapur, Atokhe Aye exhorted the beneficiaries and reminded them that they are privileged as the Department reposed faith on them by selecting them. Pointing out that SHGs in Dimapur are very sincere and hardworking, Aye while lauding the banks for their continuous support, requested them to further elevate the SHGs to higher levels in terms of economic activities through their constant cooperation and intervention. He handed over the morpho devices to 13 beneficiaries.



Officials and participants during the training-cum-distribution of morpho device to Digipay Sakhi at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 10th August 2021.

Project Director, DRDA Dimapur, Kethosituo Sekhose, in his brief address, advised the beneficiaries to master the art of handling the device properly before using it for any transaction as it involves money. He also asked the line departments utilising Direct Bank Transfer to study the feasibility of converging the Digipay which is being introduced in Nagaland.

District Public Relations Officer, Dimapur, Lolano Patton lauded the NSRLM for living up with the mission's aim of alleviating poverty and creating sustainable livelihood opportunity for the rural people, thereby contributing towards socio economic change through holistic and inclusive development. She observed that the morpho device for Digipay would go a long way for providing better access to financial services besides saving time, ensuring security, transparency and would be a lot more convenient.

SPM-FI SMMU NSRLM, Rajusalie Lhousu highlighted on Digipay Sakhi while CSC, District Manager, Dimapur, Along spoke on the importance and utilisation of the device. Officials from the banking community also spoke on the occasion, where they assured of extending all possible help to the SHGs.

NOKLAK:

A flag rally was organized at Noklak town in

commemoration of the 75th year of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) on 11th August 2021.

During the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru briefed the youth on how India got its Independence in 1947 from the British rule. The DC advised them to contribute in whatever possible way they can for the country. He expressed hope that, along with the rest of the country, Noklak, the newest district of Nagaland, will also march towards the goals of progress and development.



A flag rally and plantation drive was organized at Noklak town in commemoration of the 75th year of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) on 11th August 2021.

The flag rally started at main town and proceeded to DC's Office complex where a short programme was held. Plantation drive along the roadsides of Noklak town was also conducted to mark the occasion.

PEREN:

A youth march was held at Peren on 11th August 2021 in commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mhathung Tsanglao highlighted on the significance of the march and said that it is inspired by Gandhi's march. The ADC encouraged the youth to stand on their own feet as they are the future and stressed on the need to be a self-reliant nation.

WOKHA:

The District Road Safety Committee, Wokha conducted a road safety campaign to

commemorate the celebration of 75th year of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) at Wokha town on 12th August 2021.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with District Transport Department and Traffic Police, Wokha. Activities like distribution of pamphlets, leaflets about road safety awareness were distributed to commuters and poster campaign was also held.



District Transport Officer and Traffic Police, Wokha handing over a helmet to a rider on the occasion of road safety campaign at Wokha town on 12th August 2021.

A flag rally was organised by District Administration, Wokha in collaboration with the District Youth Resources & Sports Office, NSS, and NYKS, Wokha district on 12th August 2021. The flag rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha.

PHE, PEREN:

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Peren organized various events and activities in the district from 1st July to 14th August 2021.

The Department organized a cleanliness drive and tree plantation activity at the Water Treatment Plant area at New Peren on 2nd July 2021. It was followed by a webinar on capacity building on ODF Plus given to Swachhagrahis and WATSAN committee members on 13th July 2021. Another webinar on JJM IMIS registration and use of FTK by WATSAN members and Swachhagrahis was conducted on 18th July 2021.

Swachhata Shramdham (cleanliness drive) of traditional well/ ponds/drainage systems was also done in the villages of Ndunglwa, Punglwa, Samziuram and Gaili from 28th July 2021 to 2nd August 2021. An awareness campaign on Jal Jeevan Mission was also conducted in various villages through the means of Participatory Rural Appraisal held from 4th – 8th August 2021.

NSRLM, KOHIMA:

Distribution ceremony of morpho device to Digipay Sakhi in commemoration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - 75 years of India's Independence was held on 13th August 2021 at DPDB's Hall, Kohima

Highlighting the Digipay Sakhi (alternate banking model), State Programme Manager Financial Inclusion SMMU, NSRLM, Rajuselie Lhousa stated that digital finance was one of the key intervention under financial inclusion where India plans to deploy BC in all gram panchayats under 'Mission One GP One BC.' Stating that Nagaland has a plan to position 500 BCs by 2025, he mentioned that morpho device were distributed to 27 Women Area Co-ordinator. Financial inclusion of seven blocks under Kohima district (Digipay Sakhi) would provide financial transaction services at their doorsteps for the convenience of all the villages which could be run at home or at Common Service Centre (Digipay Sakhi).

State Head, Common Service Centre, Lanusosang Jamir briefed on utilization of the device, which were handed over by ADC, Kohima, N. Bhavani Sri. The function was chaired by ADPM, DMMU NSRLM, Vitsizo Semou while vote of thanks was delivered by DFS, DMMU NSRLM, Vilalhounuo Solo.

DIMAPUR:

Commemorating 75 years of India's Independence, (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) a rally was flagged off by SDO (C), Dimapur, Hotolu Sema from Airport Junction, 3rd Mile, Dimapur and it culminated at Agri Expo, Dimapur on 13th August 2021.

In his brief note before flagging off the rally, Hotolu reminded everyone to remember the

freedom fighters who sacrificed for the country. While lauding the participants for their enthusiasm, Sema also advised them to follow the basic COVID-19 SOP for the safety of oneself and others, reminding them that we are still in the midst of a pandemic.

The rally was organised by DSO, Dimapur in collaboration with District Administration and volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Dimapur.

MON:

Mon District Administration in collaboration with YRSO, NYK and NSS, Mon organised a rally march in celebration of India's 75th Independence Day on 13th August 2021. The rally was flagged off at Local Ground, Mon by DSO, Mon, Anguvito Sumi.

The rally witnessed participants from various sports organisations of Mon town, NSS Wangkhao Government College, Mon and members of NYK.

TUENSANG:

The District Administration along with Youth Resources & Sports Department conducted a bike rally on 13th August 2021 in commemoration of 75 years of Independence Day celebration.

The Frontier Royal Enfield En-block (FREE) participated in the national flag bike rally starting from Clock Tower covering all the town roads. The Youth Resources & Sports Department also organized a basketball exhibition match at Loyem Memorial Ground to mark the celebration. All wards, institutions and offices also conducted a mass cleanliness drive to mark the same.

DAY-NSRLM, MOKOKCHUNG:

Commemorating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 75 years of India's Independence,' the DAY - Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), DMMU, DRDA, Mokokchung organized biometric fingerprint device distribution-cum-application and training for BC/Digipay Sakhi in collaboration with Common Service Centre (CSC) on 13th August 2021 at DRDA, Mokokchung.



NSRLM, SHAMATOR:

A sales day was organised by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), Shamator Block at Public Ground, Shamator on 14th August 2021.

All the villages around Shamator sub-division took part in the sales day and three SHGs were registered during the event. The programme was initiated by BDO, Shamator, Hejila Tochu and BPM, NSRLM, T. Among.

LONGLENG:

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence, District Administration in collaboration with Mahila Shakti Kendra and Health & Family Welfare, Longleng conducted a free health check-up for women and girl child and healthy baby show competition for baby girl below one year of age, under the flagship programme of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) on 14th August 2021, at Bautung Higher Secondary School, Longleng.

A total of 63 babies participated in the competition, and a total of 72 women and girl child were examined at the camp. The medical team was headed by SMO, Dr. Ademla while the judge for the baby show competition was Dr. Yopovino, MD, Pathology.

PWD (R&B), PEREN:

Celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Peren Division organised a District Rural Road seminar on 15th August 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren with Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Women Resources Development, R. Khing as the special guest.

Speaking at the programme, the special guest stated that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched on 25th December 2000 with the primary objective to provide connectivity with an all-weather road (with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures, which is operable throughout the year), to the eligible unconnected habitations in the rural areas with a population of 500+ in plain areas, 250+ in

North-Eastern and Himalayan states and 100+ in the critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected blocks (as identified by MHA), as per Census 2001, so that people in the rural area have access to basic health services, education and market for their produce.

R. Khing said that the Government of India subsequently launched new interventions/verticals namely PMGSY-II for upgradation of 50,000 km of road length, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) for construction/upgradation of strategically important roads and PMGSY-III for consolidation of 1,25,000 km of routes and major rural links connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), higher secondary schools and hospitals. The implementation period of PMGSY-III is till March 2025.

Further, R. Khing added that in Nagaland, since the inception of the project, till July 2021, a total of 4,382.05 km road length has been sanctioned under PMGSY-I and against 116 eligible habitations identified for coverage under the scheme, 109 eligible and feasible habitations under the scheme and seven under various State schemes are provided with all-weather road connectivity.

Under PMGSY-II, a total of 227.60 km road length has been sanctioned and are at various stage of completion. Overall, 2,932.83 km road length has been completed under various verticals of the scheme as on 31/07/2021. Additionally, 53 number of bridges were also sanctioned under the scheme so far, out of which 21 bridges are completed with another 20 bridges at launching stage.

The projects sanctioned under PMGSY-I and II will be winding up by August 2022 and all the works are expected to complete by 31st March 2022.

The programme was chaired by EE, PWD (R&B), Peren Division, Dr. Khuito Murumi and a technical paper presentation on the topics - Use of new technology in rural road construction, Implementation of PMGSY-III scheme, and Role of PMGSY in development of respective rural areas, was presented by SDO, PWD (R&B), Peren Sub-



Division, Er. Asembe Mbungcha.

PWD (R&B), WOKHA:

The District Rural Road seminar held at Wokha was graced by Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as the special guest.

Neiba Kronu during the seminar said that Nagaland along with the rest of the country is also participating in the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by organizing the first activity i.e. District Rural Road seminar from 15th August 2021 to 22nd August 2021 in all the district headquarters of the State, and he expressed his happiness to be a part of the programme at Wokha on the auspicious day.

Er. Achumbeni Odyuo, said during the commemoration of the year-long 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' the National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have decided to organize four activities to impart public awareness on the implementation and achievement of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Baghty Division, Er. Imsuyanger said the seminar is focussed on three main topics such as - Use of new technology in rural road construction, implementation of PMGSY-III scheme and role of PMGSY in development of respective rural areas.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Celebrating India at 75: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a District Rural Road seminar was organized by Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Mokokchung Division at ADC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 20th August 2021.



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum during the District Rural Road seminar held at ADC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 20th August 2021.

Gracing the occasion as Special Guest, Minister, PWD (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum in his address maintained that the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched with the primary objective to provide all weather connectivity road to the eligible unconnected habitations in the rural areas. He also called upon all the stakeholders for their cooperation in all the projects undertaken by the Government. Technical paper presentation on the topic - Use of new technology in rural road construction; Implementation of PMGSY-III scheme; and Role of PMGSY in development of respective rural areas was delivered by Er. Atoba, EE, PWD (R&B), Mokokchung Division and Er. Chubatoshi, EE, PWD (R&B), Mangkolemba Division.

COVID-19 STATUS HIGHLIGHTED AT ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 11th August 2021 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo.

Deputy CMO, Zunheboto, Dr. Akaho Sema gave a detailed report on the COVID-19 situation at the district in which he informed that, the Department

has intensified sample testing by installing 35 testing facilities across the district. The board members were also informed that, so far 42,855 doses of vaccination have been administered and the district also have a total of 13 villages which are totally vaccinated. He further said that 15% of eligible citizens are yet to be vaccinated.

The board also deliberated on other agenda including reconstitution of Aspiration Block.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 12th August 2021 at DPDB's Hall, Phek under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo.

The board approved the renewal of society

registration for Kuzhami Baptist Church Association, Pfutsero.

DSCO, Phek, Rontilo Kent gave a presentation on the departmental activities. The departments of Agriculture and Horticulture were entrusted to present departmental activities in the next meeting.

VACCINATION CAMP ON CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER CONDUCTED AT NERHE MODEL VILLAGE

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services conducted a vaccination camp on Classical Swine Fever at Nerhe Model village on 12th August 2021 under Chiephobozou Block, Kohima.

VAS, Veterinary Dispensary, Chiephobo-

zou, Kohima, Dr. Vikuolie Mezhatso informed that vaccination was carried out by VAS and staff of Veterinary Dispensary, Chiephobozou, VS and staff of Veterinary Hospital Kohima and four internees from CAU, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Jalukie and one internee from Rajiv



Officials and staff along with Village Council members during a vaccination camp held at Nerhe Model village, Chiephobozou Block, Kohima on 12th August 2021.

Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry. A total number of 101 pigs were vaccinated against Classical Swine Fever during the vaccination camp.

The Nerhe Model Village Council extended its gratitude and appreciation to the Department, particularly the officers and staff of Veterinary Dispensary, Chiephobozou,

Veterinary Hospital, Kohima, internees and CVO, Kohima for not only carrying out the vaccination but also creating awareness among the livestock farmers. The Council further appealed to the Department to conduct such programmes and assist the farmers in near future as most of the farmers depend solely on animal husbandry for their livelihood.



DC MON SIGNS SALE DEED AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL COLLEGE MON

The Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 15th August 2021 signed the Sale Deed Agreement with the Mon Village Council for acquisition of land with an area of 90 acres at Chah-Yu area, Mon village for setting up of the Medical College, Mon for a total amount of Rs. 2.70 crore.

The agreement was signed in the presence

of Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, representatives from Konyak Union (KU), Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK), Konyak Students' Union (KSU) and Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Bangjum (KBBB), Mon Village Council members, Mon Village Anghs and GBs. The cheque was handed over to the Mon Village Council Chairman by the Minister.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th August 2021 which was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Gregory Thejawalie in the presence of Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes, and the DC reminded and requested all Village Adoption Committees to chalk out its programme and to start the process at the earliest.

On the agenda for development of public parks under Kohima district, which has been earlier identified by the Government i.e. Botanical Garden, Kohima and Nagaland University Campus, Meriema, the meeting discussed on the matter and constituted a committee with seven members from various departments headed by ADC, Kohima to

work out the detailed project proposal for approval by DPDB and for onward submission to the Government.

Other concerns such as the exercise of unregulated water pipeline and plastic free within Kohima town were also taken up during the meeting, and it was decided that activities in clearing the unregulated pipeline in the worst affected areas and checking of prohibited plastic items will be looked into and action will be taken in due course of time. In this connection, a committee for streamlining the water pipeline was also constituted during the meeting.

Senior Treasury Officer, Kohima, Vechiso Chakhesang gave a PowerPoint presentation on the structure of government accounts, classification of accounts, learning to read-demand for grants and the index of classification.

COVID-19 SOP IN NAGAMESE RELEASED

DIMAPUR:

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS on 16th August 2021 released the COVID-19 SOP in Nagamese on COVID-19 Containment and Management, issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, for peri-urban, rural and tribal areas at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur. The function was attended by officials and staff of DRDA, Dimapur led by Project Director, Kethosituo Sekhose and officials of District Administration along with the ADC,

Dimapur.

The DC in his speech remarked that providing copies of the SOP in a local dialect may seem small but it will go a long way in educating the masses, particularly in the rural areas. He extended his appreciation to the DRDA, Dimapur for this innovative and life-changing work.

Project Director, Kethosituo in his welcome address expressed gratitude to the PO, DRDA and all staff who were involved in the translation. He also stated that this SOP has been tuned by the Ministry



of Panchayati Raj which was originally issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on 17th August 2021 culminated the exercise of information dissemination on COVID-19 in vernacular with Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie releasing the Nagamese brochure, which will be in soft copy version for social

media platforms.

The Kohima DTF, through the IECC has also brought out the information brochures on COVID-19 in Tenyidie and Rengma local dialects, which comprehensively covers all COVID-19 related information relevant till date. The DTF has so far printed out 5000 copies in Tenyidie and Rengma dialects, which have been distributed to the public through the village councils and faith based establishments under the district.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 17th August 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak under the Chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, Noklak DPDB, Hiazu Meru.

DC, Hiazu Meru requested all the DPDB members to join hands and work together so that Noklak district can go forward in all developmental fronts. Meru sought cooperation from all the DPDB members and he encouraged all the members to give suggestions and innovative ideas.

During the meeting, the board adopted Noklak town and agreed to pull in resources available in their respective departments for the upgradation of the town. Formation of Officers' Club at Noklak town was discussed and a committee under the chairmanship of DC was resolved, the formation of which the board felt, is necessary to enhance coordination among the officers posted at Noklak.

The board formed a committee for preliminary case study on scrub typhus, typhoid and peripheral neuritis which are very common diseases in the region. The committee is comprised

of EAC, Noklak, B. Pukha Lam; Medical Officer, CHC, Noklak, Dr. Chongya and SDO, PHE, Noklak, Er. Khaoshai Lam.

For public utility and facilities, proposal for operating/running a local taxi service in Noklak was deliberated, which the board believes will serve as an opportunity to the unemployed youths for their livelihood and also for easy transportation of the people. The board decided that a Rate Fixation Committee shall fix the rates. NST bus service from Noklak to Kohima and Dimapur was also discussed during the meeting, and the board approved and recommended it to the higher authority for consideration.

SDO (C), Thonoknyu, Longdiba Sangtam informed the board regarding the road condition of Thonoknyu sub-division where he highlighted that both the roads connecting to Thonoknyu sub-division from Tuensang and Noklak, which is the lifeline of the sub-division is in a deplorable condition due to continuous rain, and to this, the board deliberated and agreed to apprise the concerned department.

SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT DISTRICTS**KIPHIRE:**

Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Neposo Theluo along with a medical team led by the Deputy Director visited Kiphire on 19th August 2021. The meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kiphire which was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, Kiphire

District Task Force (DTF), T. Wati Aier.

The DC stated that the medical team and Kiphire DTF are working tirelessly in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and that the DTF has set up COVID-19 Care and medical centres in the district, and it has also decided to award cash to 100% vaccinated villages and CHCs. He said that out of

74,000 population, only 11,750 are vaccinated, excluding the frontline workers. He lamented that people of the district are reluctant to take vaccine especially in villages.



Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Neposo Theluo addressing Kiphire District Task Force meeting held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 19th August 2021.

Commissioner & Secretary, Neposo Theluo appreciating Kiphire DTF for their sacrifices and contribution in the fight against the pandemic, informed that their main purpose of visiting the district is to review and check out how the Kiphire DTF is preparing in the fight against the pandemic and to see the requirements in the district. Theluo stated that the State Government is ready to help NGOs and the DTF in extending support to the district in COVID-19 related activities.

CMO, Kiphire, Motsuthung in his brief report stated that the medical team is conducting special vaccination camp and random testing from time to time at Kiphire town and the villages. He also informed that during the Independence Day celebration, seven villages were awarded for securing 100% vaccination. He lamented that people are not coming forward to get vaccinated and not even a single person has been vaccinated in eight villages.

During the meeting, the team had discussion with the tribal hohos, church and student leaders and NGOs on the following agenda - reluctance of the people to get vaccine, for which church leaders have been entrusted to create awareness on the benefits of vaccination; to enhance the COVID-19 fund for Kiphire Aspirational District; requirement of one gynaecologist and X-ray Lab Technician; shortage of doctors and nurses in District Hospital Kiphire, for which higher authority have been requested to solve the problem at the earliest.

The Kiphire DTF also decided to reopen

Class XI and XII following the State Government SOP, strictly with 50% attendance and online classes will continue till Class X.

MOKOKCHUNG:

A review meeting on COVID-19 status of Mokokchung district was held on 20th August 2021 along with the State Nodal Officer on COVID-19 at ADC's Planning Conference Hall. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Mokokchung District Task Force (DTF).

Addressing the gathering, Joint Secretary, Agriculture and State Level Monitoring Team COVID-19, Sachin Jaiswal lauded the efforts of the Mokokchung DTF for achieving good coverage of vaccination in the district. While discussing on the COVID-19 status he said, the priority area should be COVID-19 testing, strengthening of monitoring and contact tracing. He also suggested to increase the average of contact tracing and added that efforts can be made to achieve 100% vaccination for those villages who have achieved 90%, for low vaccine coverage area below 50%, the District Task Force was encouraged to put more effort.

Joint Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Kika Longkumer stressed on the importance for monitoring of patients under home isolation and timely testing/treatment.

Sharing on the district's activities on COVID-19, CMO, Mokokchung, Dr. Chubala Aier said that the Department is doing its best to improve the overall activity related to COVID-19.

PEREN:

State Level Monitoring Team of COVID-19 led by Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS with senior officials from Health & Family Welfare Department, visited Peren on a four-days visit, from 20th to 23rd August 2021.

A meeting was convened at Peren Town Hall on 20th August 2021. In his address, Ali emphasized on the need for testing, tracking, treatment and vaccination. He appealed to the healthcare workers to monitor the entire activities of

the district and also asked them to share their views and suggestions and sought for their support and cooperation. Further, he urged the health workers to give their best effort in their job.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Thomas gave a PowerPoint presentation on COVID-19 patient diagnosis, treatment, vaccination, sensitization of pandemic and statistic reports of the district.

The Task Forces from different blocks also had an interaction session with the State Level Monitoring Team of COVID-19 where they shared their experiences and the grassroot situation. The members said that many people did not come forward for vaccination due to rumours spread on social media. Church leaders and womenfolk were urged to educate the people in a positive way.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Principal Director, School Education and member of the State Task Force, War Room, Shanavas C in-charge of Zunheboto district, accompanied by Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Nitovi Shikhu visited Zunheboto on 20th August 2021 and held a meeting and interaction with Zunheboto DTF, administrative officers, Sumi Hoho and other leaders, involved in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shanavas while acknowledging the Zunheboto DTF said that the War Room has been monitoring every district closely and Zunheboto district have the credit of a well-organised team in the DTF and properly administered medical team under CMO and MS with innovative strategies and ways in tackling social issues, creating awareness on the benefits on being vaccinated, appreciable numbers of beneficiaries vaccinated and proper healthcare of COVID-19 patients at the district with other various efforts in handling situations in the pandemic. The team also visited CHC, Akuluto and District Hospital Zunheboto.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto and Chairman, DTF, Peter Lichamo briefed the team on the current situation at the district and suggested on possible changes required in the reporting systems

for districts.

Detailed report on the strategies and policies of vaccination, number of vaccinated and non-vaccinated beneficiaries, aims and targets of the DTF and departments, immediate requirements of DTF, departments and hospital for tackling the other anticipated wave of the pandemic, etc. were presented by District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Hokugha Sema, DTO and in-charge of vaccination, Dr. Aron Muru and Senior Medical Officer, Dr. K. Shikato Sema.

DIMAPUR:

Secretary, Public Health Engineering, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS who is also the Nodal Officer for COVID-19 management in Dimapur district, held a review meeting with Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Dimapur on 20th August 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Yhome appreciated the Dimapur DTF for handling the COVID-19 situation effectively in the district till date despite having numerous challenges. He also expressed his appreciation to all the civil societies for their contribution at various levels towards better management of COVID-19 situation in the district. After reviewing the current status of COVID-19 in the district which was presented by CMO, Dimapur, Yhome expressed satisfaction with regard to vaccine coverage, and urged to focus on areas where vaccine coverage was still comparatively low, so that appropriate steps could be initiated.

Joint Director, Health & Family Welfare and Medical Officer for Dimapur COVID-19, Dr. Tiasunep stressed on the importance of information, education and communication for countering misconceptions and vaccine hesitancy amongst the public. He further requested DTF for assisting the surveillance team for effective contact tracing and implementation of Test -Track -Treat -Vaccinate strategy.

DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan gave a brief report on COVID-19 management in Dimapur district. He also acknowledged the civil societies, community organisations, faith based



organisations, various church bodies for creating awareness especially about vaccination and also helping the needy people during the pandemic. He affirmed that all possible efforts were being made for handling any situation with respect to COVID-19 in the district. The DC, Dimapur requested CMO, Dimapur to identify areas of concern with regard to low vaccine coverage and to frame an action plan for addressing gaps in coordination with the concerned administrative officers.

TUENSANG:

The Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting with State Level Monitoring Team for Tuensang led by Secretary, Department of Under Developed Areas, Anden Konyak and Joint Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Ahu Sekhose at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 21st August 2021. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.



State Level Monitoring Team for COVID-19 along with Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang and others at the Oxygen Plant at District Hospital Tuensang on 21st August 2021.

Speaking at the meeting, the State Monitoring Team Leader, Anden Konyak while appreciating the cooperative attitude of the NGOs and civil societies in the fight against COVID-19, he also encouraged the communities and its leaders to give their best to contain the pandemic. Konyak said that if the third wave strikes, it would probably strike the younger generation since they are not vaccinated, so he urged everyone to be vigilant in containing the spread of the pandemic.

Dr. Ahu Sekhose commented on the efficient way of handling COVID-19 in the district. He said that the NGOs and community involvement in testing and vaccination drives along with the DTF and H&FW Department is encouraging and an

exemplary one.

Earlier in the meeting Nodal Officer for COVID-19, Tuensang, Dr. John shared the statistics of COVID-19 status updates of Tuensang district. ES CBLT, Reverend Achu Chang highlighted on the success of extensive vaccination drive in rural areas where he appreciated the contributions of the District DTF, ECS and HoDs.

District Hospital Tuensang also updated its status about COVID-19 Hospital and manpower. Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS), an NGO in Tuensang which is taking active participation in Tuensang in the COVID-19 fight highlighted the target set on 108 villages for extensive vaccination drive in the second round, where Associate Director, ECS, Chongshen Soted said that it plans to conduct vaccination drive on a head count basis in the villages.

Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Amit Nigam highlighted on the law enforcing activities during the lockdown period and appreciated the public for cooperation during the phase. He also said that DEF Tuensang Forces are also cent percent vaccinated except for few who are medically ineligible.

JALUKIE:



Additional Secretary, Power, Mohammad A. Shihab, IAS along with Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Thomas and officials during their visit to Ahthibung sub-division, Peren on 21st August 2021.

State Level Monitoring Team on COVID-19 led by Additional Secretary, Power, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS along with Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Thomas visited Jalukie sub-division under Peren district on 21st August 2021 and convened a meeting with Sub-Division Task Force (SDTF) members on COVID-19, faith based

organisations and civil society organisations at ADC's Office, Jalukie under the Chairmanship of ADC, Jalukie and SDTF Chairman, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang.

ADC, Jalukie briefed the officials on the preparedness of the district in combating against the virus. He lamented over the low progress of vaccination drive in the district and also lauded the civil societies and faith based organisations for their involvement and support and further urged them to continue with the same spirit.

A brief report on current COVID-19 status, available resources, testing and vaccination status were highlighted by Deputy CMO, Dr. Lanuakum Jamir and UIP/RCH, Dr. Kiholi.

Mohammad Ali Shihab in his address lauded the Jalukie SDTF and medical fraternity for their collective effort in the fight against COVID-19 situation in the sub-division despite facing numerous challenges. He also extended his appreciation towards various civil societies, frontline workers, faith based organisations and various unions involved for their contribution towards better management of COVID-19 situation in the district.

Further, Mohammad Ali Shihab also expressed that the Government is very much concerned about vaccination coverage, in this regard he appealed to the gathering to continue supporting the H&FW Department in order to ensure vaccination of all persons even at the sub-divisional level.

The monitoring team also had an interaction with Ahthibung Sub-Divisional Task Force/Block Task Force at SDO (C) Office, Ahthibung and also visited Primary Health Centre (PHC) Ahthibung, COVID-19 Hospital Jalukie, CCC Jalukie and PHC Heningkunglwa.

WOKHA:

Wokha District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting with the State representatives nominated by the State Government, Commissioner & Secretary, Excise and Sericulture, Orenpomo Kikon and Joint Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Chekroshuyi

Tetso, at DC's Conference Hall on 23rd August 2021.

On the performance of Wokha district to contain the pandemic, Kikon said that the district did a commendable job right from the beginning of the pandemic till today with the district bordering Assam State also. He said that in the first wave, mortality rate of the district was last while in the second wave more than 500 persons lost their lives out of which a few percentage has taken their first dose of vaccination but has also succumbed to COVID-19 and one person who has taken double dose lost his life as he had other related illness. It has rightly proved that taking vaccination protects people from the pandemic, he said. He further added that as the State is expecting the third wave, we have to be prepared to prevent it as it can be very fatal to children, especially to the younger generation, so keeping this in mind the State Government has formed a supervisory board to assist each district to work out a strategy to contain the pandemic.

Joint Director, H&FW, Dr. Chekroshuyi Tetso while speaking on the trend of COVID-19 in the State said that we do not know what will be the situation in a few months if the third wave comes. The State has already lost people from the most productive age group which is 30-60 years during the first and second wave and Wokha district alone has lost 70 persons during first wave. He also added that Wokha district in particular is doing a commendable job in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic but needs to increase its performance on testing and vaccination so that all the targeted age group gets vaccinated to contain the pandemic.

Deputy CMO, Wokha, Dr. Zuben Kikon presented the status report on COVID-19 scenario in the district. The meeting was chaired by Chairman, DTF and DC, Orenthung Lotha.

LONGLENG:

State Level Monitoring Team on COVID-19 led by Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS along with Joint Director, H&FW, Lhovizotuo Belho visited Longleng and held a review meeting with Longleng District Task Force (DTF) on 23rd August 2021 at DC's



Conference Hall, Longleng.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Longleng DTF, M. Shayung Phom chairing the meeting apprised the visiting officers of the current COVID-19 status in the district.

Addressing the meeting, K. Libanthung Lotha appreciated the work of Longleng DTF and encouraged the DTF to continue its battle against COVID-19. He emphasized on the importance of the role played by the NGOs of the district and also on the reinforcement and preparedness of the DTF for the looming COVID-19 third wave. He stressed on the need for attaining 100% district vaccination and increase of COVID-19 testing.

Lhovizotuo Belho said that the purpose of the visit was to interact with the DTF and learn the grievances and suggestions related to COVID-19. He also stated that the State government is ready to help NGOs and DTF in extending supporting to the district in COVID-19 related activities.

DPO (RHC & UIP), Dr. S. Imnameren informed that 100% vaccination status is acquired by six villages, namely Amosen, Chingong, Mongkhong, Shamshangching, Tangha and Yongnyah and one department, DEF Longleng. He also highlighted on the strategies applied by the H&FW Department in collaboration with the churches such as vaccination drive in all villages on Sundays, encouraging various leaders to be the forerunner for COVID-19 vaccine and testing drive.

The monitoring team also visited CHC Yachem and Yaongyimchen village and interacted with the Village Task Force. After the meeting, the monitoring team along with DTF visited COVID-19 Hospital and Longleng District Hospital and interacted with Medical Officers led by MS & CMO and visited Namching Health & Wellness Centre.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of July and August 2021 was held on 21st August 2021 under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical) and Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Tongpang Ozukum in the presence of Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer.

Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung, Dr. Chubala Aier gave a report on the COVID-19 status in the district. She highlighted on the management and activities of the Health & Family Welfare Department in combating the COVID-19 pandemic in the district. She also gave the status report on vaccination drive in the district and said that the Department is doing its best to improve the overall activity related to COVID-19.

The board discussed on Dairy Chilling Plant at Mokokchung and after thorough discussion, it was decided to discuss the matter with the Department concerned. Report on Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC) dumping site issue was discussed and the board decided to approach the land owners and negotiate the land for outright purchase. The meeting also took report and discussed for introduction of commerce stream at Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung and decided to put it up to the higher authority for approval.

The meeting gave the finalization of LADP 2021-22. The proposal for black topping the approach road of Clark Theological College, Mokokchung, in commemoration of the College's 50 years jubilee, was taken up by the board. Summing up the meeting, Ozukum appealed to all the members to work with sincerity and contribute their best while serving at Mokokchung district. He also reminded the members to regularly attend DPDB meetings.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT LONGCHING

A coordination meeting consisting of Longching village, Longching town, L/Hongnyu, Mohung, M/Changai, Sowa Changnyu, Sowa Changle and the staff of all the departments under EAC Headquarter was held on 23rd August 2021 at

Longching's Village Council Hall, Mon in the presence of Eshak Hessum, MLA, 47 A/C Aboi and EAC, Longching.

The MLA deliberated on various issues pertaining to the development of Longching

Headquarter and Longching Circle in general and resolved to work cohesively for the overall infrastructural development of the Headquarter and the Circle.

The coordination meeting discussed on the following issues - lack of EAC's Office building and the lack of staff; complete absence of developmental schemes for unrecognized towns, like Longching

town; need for new schools and also the shortage of teachers in schools; need for new Anganwadi Centres; urgent need to upgrade Sub-Centre Longching to Primary Health Centre, and also the need of new sub-centres in the villages.

The MLA assured that he would do his best to resolve the issues highlighted and urged the leaders to cooperate with him whenever necessary.

DIG CISF NEZ VISITS DHEP WOKHA

Director Inspector General (DIG) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) North-Eastern Zone (NEZ) Headquarter, Guwahati, Siddhartha Sankar Sarmah, visited CISF Unit Station at Doyang Hydro Electric Project (DHEP) under Wokha district on 24th August 2021.

The DIG held a meeting with the DHEP officials and discussed for better coordination between the two entities. While addressing the Sainik Sammelan, he urged the security unit (jawans) to maintain a healthy body and a healthy

mind through exercise and urged them to be aware of cultural traits and stay in touch with the local community. He encouraged the jawans to be actively involved in the community outreach programmes undertaken by the unit to promote peace while calling all jawans to strictly follow the COVID-19 SOP while performing their duties.

The DIG inaugurated two canteens and a multipurpose gym. He was accompanied by Group Commandant, CISF Group Headquarter, Guwahati, Harendra Narayan.

ADVISOR IMNATIBA HOLDS MEETING WITH TUENSANG DSC

The Tuensang District Skill Committee (DSC) held a meeting with Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 25th August 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC and Chairman, DSC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The Advisor said that Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which can address unemployment problems, and encouraged the

people to take advantage of the scheme. By encouraging each other with efficient officers in the district we can work together towards easing unemployment issues, he added.

During the interactive session the committee also discussed on several issues including job placements after completion of training, delay in funding, lack of marketing, lack of common facility centres, lack of nexus between government agencies and the private entrepreneurs in working out policies, and lack of convergence among the departments.



DC DIMAPUR LAUNCHES COFFEE BAR - NATIVE BREW

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS launched the Coffee Bar - Native Brew in the Office of District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, Dimapur on 3rd August 2021.

Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, Soundararajan lauded the Department for the initiative while pointing out that there has been an increase in coffee consumption and increase of coffee demand across the globe and country. He noted that with the support of Coffee Board of India, it is the right and opportune time for the Department and the State for increasing coffee plantation and also for improving market linkages and for coming up with coffee processing capabilities. Mentioning that India stands as the 6th major coffee producer in the world, where it is being further projected to increase from 15 to 18% from the current level, the DC encouraged the Department to keep up with their awareness programmes and to continue to support the coffee farmers.

Deputy Director, Land Resources who is the Supervisor of Dimapur district, Puvil Kikhi while highlighting on the history of coffee plantation in Nagaland stated that during the early 80s, the Coffee Board of India (CBI) and Government of Nagaland jointly started Nagaland Plantation Crop Development Corporation in 1981. He however said that since CBI could not arrange market for the coffee farmers most coffee plantation farms were abandoned by the farmers except for a few districts like Wokha, Mokokchung, Mon and Zunheboto. He went on to say that during 2014-15, the CBI again had a discussion with Land Resources Department and agreed for taking up coffee plantation whereby an MoU was signed. He informed that presently

8,996 hectares of coffee plantation has been developed in Nagaland where, in the previous year alone 1,003 hectares has been developed in collaboration with CBI.

Spelling out the Department's vision for 2020-30, Kikhi informed that the Department has earmarked to develop 50,000 hectares of coffee and has started the vision in earnest. If we can develop 50,000 hectares, the State would be able to generate a revenue of Rs. 1,630 crore, he explained. Further, he said that till date (2019-20), the Department has exported 27.5 metric tonnes of coffee to a South African company by the name of Noble Cause wherein a memorandum has been signed for 30 years. The company has agreed to buy all the coffee products coming from Nagaland, he added. Kikhi also informed that two of the Department's staff were trained for coffee development from the British Coffee School, Kathmandu. The trainers would be imparting training to the educated unemployed youths across all the districts of Nagaland and the training is scheduled to start from 10th August 2021, so that the youths can set up coffee bars in their respective districts, Kikhi said.

Kikhi also informed that the Department is promoting natural tea including butterfly pea tea, gooseberry tea, sumac tea, fresh ginger tea, rosella tea, cinnamon and moringa tea which according to Kikhi has low cost, can be easily processed and has a lot of health benefits. With the latest initiative of natural tea and coffee which are all organic, the Department has come up with the slogan, 'Drink What You Grow' so that instead of buying from the market, one can grow and drink which is healthier, Kikhi added.

DIMAPUR EXPORTS PINEAPPLES TO KOLKATA

Molsang Organic Pineapples Producer Company Limited, Molvom, Nagaland in partnership with Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland, has sent 600 kg of

pineapples (500 no. of pineapples in 50 cartons) through air cargo from Dimapur to Big Basket, Kolkata on 4th August 2021.

According to a press release by Deputy





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Director, in-charge of marketing, Department of Horticulture, Meysa Sashi, Nagaland pineapples are considered as one of the sweetest and juiciest pineapples in the world and certified as 100% organic by OneCert International. He informed that at present, the area under organic certified pineapple cultivation in the State is 850 hectares under Mission Organic Value Chain Development, sponsored by Government of India. The project is being implemented in three villages, namely

Molvom, Bungsang and Mhainamtsi, consisting of 500 farmers. He also mentioned that the production of certified organic pineapple in Nagaland is 10,000 to 12,000 metric tonne with turnover of Rs. 15 crore per year and the Government of Nagaland, Horticulture Department under Mission Organic Value Chain Development – North Eastern Region Vision 2030 is contemplating to create an organic pineapple corridor along the Foothill Road, covering an area of 10,000 hectares.

MINISTER ALONG LAUNCHES DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS WEBSITE



Minister for Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along launching the official website of the Department of Tribal Affairs at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 6th August 2021.

Minister for Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along launched the official website of the Department of Tribal Affairs, www.tribalaffairs.nagaland.gov.in on 6th August 2021 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Addressing the launching programme, the Minister stated that the Department has entered its

second year and is working towards the welfare of the people of the State and its beneficiaries. Imna Along acknowledged the Chief Minister of Nagaland for creating the Tribal Affairs Department in order to effectively implement different welfare schemes and programmes for the Scheduled Tribe Community in Nagaland, which is

predominantly a tribal dominated State.

The Minister also appreciated the Department of Information Technology & Communication for developing the much needed website for the Department. The Minister hoped that the people of the State will make use of the newly launched website.

Chief Secretary and AHoD, Tribal Affairs, J. Alam, IAS stated that all the departments should have proper updated websites and information should be available to the people. He also added that websites help in establishing credibility and transparency and in that line, the website has been developed.

DENTAL UNIT INAUGURATED AT ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT HOSPITAL



President, Sumi Hoho, I. Niheto Jimomi inaugurating a fully automated dental unit at Hezükhu Memorial District Hospital, Zunheboto on 14th August 2021.

President, Sumi Hoho, I. Niheto Jimomi inaugurated a fully automated dental unit at Hezükhu Memorial District Hospital, Zunheboto on 14th August 2021 in the presence of MS, Zunheboto, Dr. C Yanpo Kithan, President, STH, Boholi Awomi and other dignitaries.

Chairing the programme, Dental Surgeon, Dr. Easter said that the facility has been provided by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, through the National Oral Health Programme.

Special Guest, I. Niheto Jimomi expressed his appreciation to the Government of Nagaland for initiating the much required facility at the District Hospital. He mentioned that the hospital still lacks behind in a number of ways, and he assured of cooperation in whatever way possible on behalf of Sumi Hoho, in making the District Hospital a desirable institute for treatment for all the patients from the district and beyond in the near future.

CIVIL HELIPAD INAUGURATED AT WOKHA



Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak and other officials during the inauguration of Civil Helipad at Wokha on 14th August 2021.

Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak inaugurated Civil Helipad at Wokha on 14th August 2021 in the presence of MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry.

Konyak in his address highlighted that till 2018, flying hours of Nagaland chopper service was only 400 hours, and after meeting with the then Home Minister, Rajnath Singh at New Delhi the State's flying hours has now been extended to 1200 hours and the State is operating service with two helicopters of twin engine facility.

Konyak also highlighted that the Centre has allotted 90 core projects for fixing-wing aircraft with priority at every district headquarters. He urged the public to utilize the opportunity and also made an appeal to the public to contribute more land for overall development.

Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Nagaland acknowledged the

concerned department and the Minister for having special concern and attention for the citizens of Wokha. He also gave a brief highlight on the project details and said that Nagaland has now 12 helipads with 9 operational and 3 under construction.

MLA, Wokha, Dr. Chumben Murry made a remark that inspite of the many hardships, challenges and differences the land acquisition process for the Civil Helipad at Wokha has now become a reality and acknowledged the Minister for giving special attention towards the welfare of the citizens.

Assistant General Manager, NST also highlighted that the chopper service at Wokha will be available on Friday every week at subsidised rate of Rs. 24,960/-. Department of Transport, Secretary, Government of Nagaland, A. Robin Lotha, Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha, Superintendent of Police, Wokha, Imtitoshi Ao and other dignitaries attended the inaugural function.

PHC WAKCHING UPGRADED TO CHC

Upgradation programme of Community Health Centre Wakching was held on 14th August 2021 at PHC Wakching Complex with Minister for

Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom as the special guest.

The Minister urged the people of

Wakching to have a sense of belongingness and protect the government property. He also encouraged the public to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and Secretary, H&FW, Wezope Kenye, IAS also spoke on the occasion. The programme was chaired by SDO (C), Wakching, Samuel.

DC'S OFFICE EXTENSION BUILDING INAUGURATED

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam inaugurated the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Extension building on 15th August 2021 at DC's Complex, Noklak.

During the inauguration of the office building, Kashiho Sangtam expressed gratitude on behalf of the Government to Nokhu Range Public Organization (NRPO) for donating and constructing the building for extension of DC's Office, Noklak. He mentioned that such donation by the public to the

Government is one of its kind. Saying that construction and donating buildings to the Government by the public is very new, he extended his gratitude to all Nokhu range people for the noble gesture.

The two room building was constructed and donated by Nokhu Range Public Organization comprising of villages namely, Nokhu, Kingniu, Nokhu Noking, Aniangan, Kingpao, Langnok and Choklangan. The building was constructed within a month with a total cost of Rs. 4,24,000/-.

WOKHA DISPATCHES NATURAL RUBBER SHEETS OUTSIDE THE STATE

Land Resources Department, Wokha, Nagaland held a flag-off programme for dispatch of natural rubber sheets from Nagaland at Merapani, (Marachu Yan) Wokha district, on 16th August 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Tiameraen Chang as the special guest.

Flagging off the programme, Chang lauded the effort made by the Land Resources Department, Wokha district for bringing recognition to Nagaland as a large scale, high quality natural rubber producing State. He also said that besides bringing economic empowerment and development to the rubber growing community, the State's revenue would also benefit if the Government sets up a streamlined mechanism to check and regulate the outflow of products.

In the programme, District Project Officer, Wokha, Tepunol Yore said that the Department has supported rubber growers under Pradhan Mantri

Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC), IWMP and NABARD funded RIDF tranches, achieving an area of 6,806 hectare and covering 4,135 households in Wokha district till 2020.

DPO highlighted that plantations have covered 123 recognized villages where about 1,557 hectare are being tapped, with about 1,010 households directly engaged in rubber-based activities. Wokha district alone produced about 3,154.20 MT of rubber sheets during the year 2020, generating an income of approximately Rs. 37.85 crore, he added. He also observed that there is increase in reverse migration of people from urban to rural areas to engage in rubber-based economic activities.

After the flagging off programme, a truck load with 65 MT of rubber sheets took off for Aarush Reliable Holdings, Delhi.

COFFEE CAFE INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

Director, Land Resources, T. Renben Lotha inaugurated Coffee Natural Nagas Cafe at Wokha on 17th August 2021.

Director, Renben Lotha in his address highlighted that Nagaland produces high quality coffee in comparison to normal coffee available in



Director, Land Resources, T. Renben Lotha and other officials during the inauguration of Coffee Cafe at Wokha on 17th August 2021.

the market and it has become a popular drink resulting in high demand from other States of the country and different parts of the world. He also encouraged the coffee farmers to put in more effort and also develop a coffee drinking culture and making it available throughout the year.

Lotha also highlighted the vision of Land Resources Department to promote coffee culture by following 3E's - Employment, Environment and Economy. Currently, the Department has signed an MoU with Noble Cause Coffee Company Cape Town, South Africa for 30 years. He also said that in collaboration with Coffee Board of India and Land Resources, Government of Nagaland, coffee

farmers are technically supported and supervised to promote coffee farming.

Deputy Director, Land Resources, Nagaland, C. Vanchamo highlighted that majority of Nagaland's geography is in micro climatic condition which is very suitable for coffee plantation and said that coffee plantation does not distinguish rich or poor and it can be cultivated by any class of society.

The programme was chaired by DPO, Land Resources Department, Wokha, Tepunol Yore. The programme was attended by Joint Director, Land Resources, Albert Ngullie, department officials and other dignitaries.

H&FW LAUNCHES INTEGRATED ONLINE HUMAN RESOURCE AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Nagaland, Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao formally launched the web based online Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) including Payroll Management System in

the presence of Dr. Vikato Kinimi, Director (Health Services), Dr. Lhouvizotuo Belho, Additional Project Director, Nagaland Health Project (NHP), Dr. Thanghoi Lam, State Programme Officer, NHM and other officials of the Directorate and NHP on 17th



August 2021.

The HRMIS system has been developed with the support of the World Bank aided Nagaland Health Project as part of its effort to strengthen public healthcare service delivery in the State. The developed system will be a dynamic repository of health human resources and will help health system digitize recording of key HR functions such as training, transfer and promotion. Moreover, the HRMIS will also digitize and automate the payroll processing of health HR in the State.

Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao in his address on the occasion emphasized the need of digital tools to make healthcare service delivery more effective in the State, especially in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Khimiao also highlighted that Nagaland will be eligible for additional 5-10% of NHM annual budget as per the incentivized plan of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with the implementation of the system.

The web-based HRMIS can be used by all employees of H&FW, NHM, and NSACS through a web-based MIS or android application. The link for the integrated HRMIS is available on the H&FW website (www.nagahealth.nagaland.gov.in). Each employee can log in the system using their unique login id, which can be received through SMS on their registered mobile number. A detailed standard operating process will be made available on the website and communicated to districts in the coming days.

DC NOKLAK INAUGURATES OPD CENTRE

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru inaugurated OPD Centre at Sub-Centre, High School B Sector, Noklak town on 18th August 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that the Sub-Centre which has been constructed will be used as OPD Centre for citizens of Noklak. The DC expressed hope that the OPD Centre will serve the people in better ways in the health sector.

The DC mentioned that during the District Task Force on COVID-19 meeting, the DTF decided to start OPD Centre at High School B Sector for more health facilities at Noklak. Though Community

Health Centre (CHC), Noklak is functioning very well but observing that patients are reluctant to get treatment at CHC, Noklak after it has been designated as COVID-19 Hospital and so it has become necessary for making this arrangement, DC added.

DC expressed his sincere appreciation to the Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Victor and the staff of CHC, Noklak for their willingness to serve in the new OPD Centre. DC requested all medical staff, specially nurses to serve sincerely in the service of the people.

NOKE INAUGURATES COMMANDANT'S OFFICE, CTI

Advisor, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force (HG, CD & SDRF), Noke Wangnao inaugurated the new office building of Home Guards Commandant's Office at Central Training Institute (CTI), Toluvi, Dimapur on 20th August 2021.

Gracing the inaugural programme as the special guest, Noke lauded the institute for training people from across the districts while noting that the trainees, trainers and volunteers has rendered commendable services, specially during the pandemic. He encouraged the officers and all ranks of HG, CD & SDRF to further continue to impart

trainings to the volunteers through the institution so that they would be able to handle any calamities.

Director General, HG, CD & SDRF and Prisons, Rupin Sharma, IPS in his brief address informed that the campus started functioning since 1988 where a number of people and volunteers have been trained till date. He also informed that the State Government has notified CTI as the training institute for private security agencies.

Presenting the technical report, EE, PEP, Chumukedima informed that the total project cost of the two-storeyed office building is Rs. 3,78,28,000 covering a total plinth area of 10,136 sq. ft.



ADC PLANNING'S CONFERENCE HALL INAUGURATED AT MOKOKCHUNG

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer formally inaugurated ADC Planning's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 21st August 2021 in the presence of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical) and Chairman, Mokokchung, District Planning & Development Board, Tongpang Ozukum, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir, government officials and the public.

Sharingain Longkumer expressed his gratitude to the State Government, especially the Planning Department for taking up the initiative to come up with such a modernized conference hall to

facilitate better connectivity for good governance. He also opined that digital empowerment of governmental functioning will lead to better governance.

Minister, Tongpang Ozukum in his speech mentioned that the building was a success due to the collective efforts of all the legislators of the district and hoped that it will serve the need of the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung in his introductory note stated that such a state-of-the-art conference hall was a much needed one for the district which will help in digitalization of government functioning.

NEW SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTORATE BUILDING INAUGURATED

Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Noke Wangnao inaugurated the new Directorate Office building of Social Welfare Department on 24th August 2021 at Directorate of Social Welfare, behind NBCC Convention Centre, Phezoucha, Kohima.

Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor conveyed his gratitude to Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in making the project a reality and congratulated the Director and her team on the successful completion of the office building. Noke exhorted the staff and hoped that the physical environment that the new building is about to provide will greatly affect the productivity positively.

Director, Social Welfare, K. Atoli Sema stated that the plot of land was allotted to the Department in the year 2008 by the State Government and the construction of the building commenced in 2009. She acknowledged the Chief Minister for his commitment towards the project and also acknowledged the Advisor for all his support in completion of the building.

While delivering a short speech,

Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare, Sarah R. Ritse expressed her gratitude to the Advisor for his constant support which ensured that the structure was successfully completed. She also thanked the officers and staff of both past and present, the engineers and all stakeholders who helped in the completion of the new directorate building. She further said that the Department had a long felt need of a proper building infrastructure to facilitate smarter working environment for better management of administrative tasks, by providing rooms for housing different programmes and cells to enable easy accessibility to the public and beneficiaries. Ritse further urged the officers and staff to invest their valuable time with dedication and zeal in the best interest of the citizens.

The programme was chaired by Joint Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi. Invocation prayer was offered by General Secretary, NBCC, Reverend, Dr. Zelhou Keyho while the building construction report was presented by EE, Social Welfare, K. John Mera. Vote of thanks was conveyed by Officer on Special Duty, Social Welfare, Michael Zaren.

PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES CHC CHIZAMI

The inauguration of the Community Health Centre at Chizami, Phek was held with Minister,

Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom as the Special Guest on 31st August 2021.





The Minister was accompanied by a host of dignitaries including Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS, Director, H&FW, Dr. Vikato Kinimi, MP, Rajya Sabha, K. G. Kenye, MLA, Chizami A/C, Kezhienyi Khalo and Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie

Dozo.

The inauguration programme was chaired by CMO, Phek, Dr. Khriezotuo Paphino, welcome address was given by Chairman, Chizami Village Council, Kewepelo Tsuhah and vote of thanks was delivered by Convenor, COLA, Colo Mero.

RIO INAUGURATES LANGTO TEA INDUSTRY

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Langto Tea Industry Sangsa, Tizit in Mon on 31st August 2021. He was accompanied by Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye, Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, Paiwang Konyak and MLAs, C. L. John and Yollow Konyak.

Rio in his inaugural address appreciated the

Langto Tea Industry owners for opening such a big industry privately for the upliftment of the tea growers. He advised the people of Tizit to increase their farming and produce quality tea.

The Chief Minister said that Tizit has a favourable climate condition and has sufficient land and other resources. He added that the industry will uplift not only the people of Tizit but the entire Mon district.





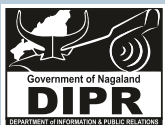
Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, Longshithung Ezung, NJS in the presence of officials inaugurating the Legal Aid Clinic Office at ADC's Office compound, Pungro on 7th August 2021.



Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Noke Wangnao along with dignitaries during the inauguration of the new Social Welfare Department's Directorate Office building on 24th August 2021 at Phezoucha, Kohima.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu; Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye; Advisor, Information Technology & Communications, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon; Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and officials during the launch of 'Nagaland SDG Vision 2030' at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th August 2021.



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