



Nagaland Police according the gun salute to Late Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, during the State Funeral held in his honour on 3rd July 2021 at Purana Bazaar, Dimapur. He passed away on 1st July 2021 at New Delhi.





Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam and Chief Secretary of Assam, Jishnu Barua in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland also Minister, Home and Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton and Assam's Education Minister, Ranuj Pegu sign an agreement to de-escalate the tense situation prevailing in Desso Valley Reserved Forest/Tsurangkong Valley on 31st July 2021 at Chumukedima Police House, Dimapur.



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam addressing a meeting of Administrative Heads of Departments/ Heads of Departments held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 19th July 2021.



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DoSE NOTIFIES

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that individuals/societies/organizations running private schools including pre-primary schools without obtaining permission from the Department of School Education, Nagaland were directed to close down their schools immediately vide the Office Notification of even number, dated, 17th March 2020.

It was also brought to the notice of the Department that few individuals/societies/organizations are still running schools without obtaining prior permission from the Department of School Education, Nagaland.

It stated that a one-time opportunity has been given to all individuals/societies/organizations running pre-primary schools without the permission of the Department of School Education, Nagaland to apply for permission in the prescribed format made available at <https://education.nagaland.gov.in> within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of the notification. No application will be accepted for granting of ex post facto permission to pre-primary schools after the expiry of the grace period.

Further, it informed that the one-time measure is applicable only to pre-primary schools and stringent punitive measures will be initiated against those running other levels of schools without prior permission from the Department.

DoSE DIRECTS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

In pursuance to Government Order No. NSDMS-ER-COVID19/301/2020 (Part II), dated, 30th June 2021, Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified that the following directives have been issued to all teachers, school heads and officers serving under the Department of School Education:

1. All Heads of Institutions should be in their respective place of posting and should attend schools regularly.
2. A roster shall be prepared and notified so that 50 % of the teaching and non-teaching staff attends school on a particular day subject to adherence of COVID-19 behaviour at all times. The 50 % of staff not attending on any day shall work from home and shall be available on phone/mail for dealing with any urgent school works.
3. List of teachers not present at their respective place of posting as on 6th July 2021 should be submitted to the concerned DEOs/ Senior SDEOs / SDEOs through email on 7th July 2021. The concerned DEOs/ Senior SDEOs/ SDEOs shall compile the lists and send the consolidated list to the Directorate through email (director.se.nagaland@gmail.com) on or before 9th July 2021.
4. School Heads should prepare class wise list of students who have not taken admissions in the format (Sl. No./ Name of Student /Gender/ Class/Total no. of students supposed to take admission in that Class/ Name of School/ District) in MS Excel File and submit to respective DEOs/ Senior SDEOs/ SDEOs on or before 9th July 2021. Concerned DEOs/ Sr. SDEOs/ SDEOs shall compile the data and upload the same at the file shared with them through Google Drive on or before 13th July 2021.
5. School Heads should contact Parents/Guardian of dropout students with the help of teachers/NGOs/student bodies/church leaders and encourage admitting their children to appropriate classes and resuming schooling.
6. The last date prescribed for admissions in the Academic Calendar 2021 stands extended to 13/08/2021 for classes up to Class VII. The extended last date for admission to classes VIII and above shall be as per notifications issued by NBSE.

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7. Class wise list of students admitted through the above stated Special Admission Drive shall be submitted to the Directorate of School Education in the prescribed format (will be issued in due course of time) during the period 14th to 18th August 2021.
8. School Heads and teachers should explore all possible ways to assist students in making best use of the online/offline Teaching-Learning activities being undertaken by the schools and the Department.
9. All possible efforts should be made to implement the directives/guidelines issued regarding online/offline mode of Teaching-Learning activities vide this Office Notification of even number, dated, 20th May 2021.
10. All DEOs/ Sr. SDEOs / SDEOs should assign inspection duties to JEOs/AEOs/SISs posted in their establishments and ensure that these officials inspect schools assigned to them regularly.

H&FW DIRECTS HEALTH WORKERS

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Neikhrrielie Khimiao has directed all the health workers in both public and private hospitals who have not been vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine to produce COVID-19 negative test certificate by getting tested every 15 days as and when they report for duties to ensure the safety of patients, co-workers and community.

The Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent of all districts have been directed to ensure compliance of this Order by all health workers.

The Principal Director further stated that the District Task Force should also ensure that the private hospitals also follow the same directions.

DoSE ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON SUBMISSION OF REPRESENTATIONS

The Directorate of School Education (DoSE) has notified for the information of all employees serving under the Department of School Education that submission of petitions/representations by employees directly to higher authorities by-passing the prescribed channel of communication is viewed seriously by the Department and appropriate disciplinary action shall be initiated against those violating these instructions as it amounts to unbecoming conduct attracting the provisions of Rule 4 (1) (iii) and Rule 19 of the Nagaland Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1968.

Rule 19 of the Nagaland Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1968 is reproduced below for ready reference:

Submission of Petitions: No Government Servant shall submit any petition directly to the Government or to any higher authority otherwise than through the immediate departmental superior and no Government Servant shall serve copies of such petitions to outside authorities, that is to say, authorities who are not directly connected with the consideration thereof (e.g. Ministers of other departments, Members of Legislature).

Note: A Government Servant wishing to press a claim or to seek redress of a grievance in any matter connected with the service rights or conditions, shall address his immediate official superior or the head of his office or such other authority at the lowest level, as is competent to deal with the matter. An appeal or representation to a higher authority must not be made unless the appropriate lower authority has already rejected the claim or refused relief or ignored or unduly delayed the disposal of the case. When such an appeal or representation is made, it shall be submitted through the proper channel, though an advance

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copy of the appeal or representation may, at this stage, be sent directly.

Further, it is reiterated that every Government Servant making a representation should do so separately and in his/her own name. Making of joint representations by government servants in matters of common interest will be viewed as subversive of discipline and will not be entertained.

GOVERNMENT REVOKES ORDER

The State Government has stated that the incidence of COVID-19 cases in the State has seen a decline over the last few weeks, with a similar decrease in the number of such patients requiring hospitalization.

The matter was discussed in the State Level COVID War Room and it was felt that the number of beds available in government hospitals and dedicated COVID-19 Hospitals is sufficient to meet the requirements at present for treatment of COVID-19 patients. Keeping this in view, the mandatory reservation of beds in the private hospitals may not be required.

Therefore, the direction to reserve 50% of the bed capacity available with the private hospitals vide Order No. HFW-27/B-30/nCoV/2020 (Pt) dated 5th May 2021 shall stand revoked till further orders.

RELAXATION OF LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS - UNLOCK 2

The High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in its meeting held on 8th July 2021 reviewed the COVID-19 situation, and noted that while the seven days moving average of the positivity rate of COVID-19 in the State was showing a declining trend, it still continues to remain above 5%. It also observed that there has been a significant decline in the total number of active cases, number of hospitalization cases and number of persons requiring oxygen support across the State.

The High Powered Committee on COVID-19 viewed that there has been improvement in the overall COVID-19 situation as reflected by the various parameters, and further relaxations and re-opening of more activities need to be considered while continuing with the existing lockdown measures as the positivity rate is still above 5%, and the requirement for consolidating the gains made so far due to the lockdown measures.

After taking the views of the Health & Family Welfare Department, and the District Task Forces, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, Chief Secretary, J. Alam, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, has directed for extension of the existing lockdown measures for one more week up to 17th July 2021, with further relaxations and re-opening of activities as under:

1. Shops/business establishments dealing with all kind of goods/items/articles will be permitted to open from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Takeaways, home delivery and other e-commerce services will be permitted to open/operate on all days.
2. Outdoor sports activities other than competitions will be permitted, subject to attendance of not more than 100 persons, and adherence of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and all the applicable SOP issued from time to time.
3. Long distance trains will be allowed to stop at Dimapur Railway Station. However all the inbound passengers should be asymptomatic and shall be required to produce certificate of having completed their COVID-19 vaccination (both doses taken).

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4. Inter-district movement is allowed subject to the person(s) being asymptomatic and having completed their COVID-19 vaccination (both doses taken) and subject to adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviours.
5. Bus service, intra and inter-district taxi service and pillion riding on two-wheeler shall continue to remain suspended.
6. A separate SOP with regard to Para 3 and 4 will be issued by the Home Department.

58 - SHAMATOR-CHESSORE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY SEAT DECLARED VACANT

Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Dr. P. J. Antony has informed that Toshi Wungtung, Member of the 13th NLA, elected from 58 – Shamator - Chessore Assembly Constituency, who was holding the charge of Advisor for the Departments of Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and the Village Guards, passed away on 1st July 2021 in New Delhi. The Commissioner & Secretary informed that consequent upon his demise, the 58-Shamator-Chessore Assembly Constituency seat has become vacant with effect from 3rd July 2021.

PHASE I BROADCAST OF VIDEO AND AUDIO LESSONS TO STUDENTS OF CLASSES I TO IV

The Directorate of School Education has hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the Phase I Broadcast of Video and Audio lessons for students of Classes I to IV through Doordarshan, Kohima, All India Radio, Kohima, Youtube Channel (DoSE Nagaland) and Facebook (School Education, Nagaland) will commence from 19th July 2021.

In this regard, the following directives are issued for strict compliance by all concerned:

1. Heads of all schools (both government and private) shall sensitize parents of students studying in their school about the various modes of broadcast made viz., Doordarshan, Youtube, Facebook and All India Radio so that they could access the broadcast as per their convenience.
2. Heads of government schools shall effectively utilize all kinds of resources available at schools so as to ensure that the benefits of the broadcast reach all sections of the society. Heads of government schools of a particular area/region shall coordinate and share resources among their schools.
3. All DEOs/ Senior SDEOs/ SDEOs in coordination with the District Administration, school authorities, Village Education Committees, NGOs, student unions, church bodies and well-wishers shall make arrangements for making best use of community resources for the benefit of students who do not have access to television/ computer/ smartphone/ radio at home.
4. Heads of government schools shall ensure that services of teachers are utilized to supplement the tele/radio online education programme. Data of students accessing the various modes of the broadcast should be maintained and furnished as and when asked for.
5. Broadcast for students of Classes V to XII will commence shortly. Till such time, teachers shall advise students to make use of the video lessons broadcasted in the year 2020 which are available at the Department's Youtube channel and Facebook page.

All concerned have been requested to take note that the sign language interpretation has been incorporated in the video broadcast for the benefit of children with disabilities.

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RELAXATIONS OF LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS - UNLOCK 3

The High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in its meeting held on 16th July 2021, reviewed the COVID-19 situation, and after taking the views of the Health & Family Welfare Department, and the District Task Forces decided for continuation of the existing lockdown measures with further relaxations and re-opening of more activities, subject to certain conditions and strict adherence to all the applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (6) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, Nagaland Chief Secretary, J. Alam, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, has directed for extension of the existing lockdown measures with effect from 18th July 2021, for 15 (fifteen) more days up to 1st August 2021 in the State, with further relaxations and re-opening of activities as under:

1. Colleges are allowed to reopen from 2nd July 2021 subject to all the teachers and non-teaching staff having been fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19 or having taken the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and at least 15 (fifteen) days have passed since taking the first dose, and strict adherence to the SOP including the maximum allowed percentage of attendance of the students in the classes to be issued by the Home Department.
2. Schools are allowed to reopen for Class XI and XII, from 2nd August 2021, subject to all the teachers and non-teaching staff having been fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19, or having taken the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and at least 15 (fifteen) days have passed since taking the first dose, and strict adherence to the SOP including the maximum allowed percentage of attendance of the students in the classes to be issued by the Home Department.
3. Opening of in-house skill development institutes/ establishments with 50% capacity from 26th July 2021 will be permitted, subject to all the trainers, assistants and non-teaching staff having been fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19, or having taken the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and at least 15 (fifteen) days have passed since taking the first dose, and strict adherence to the SOP to be issued by the Home Department.
4. Social, political, religious, entertainment, academic, cultural gatherings and other public gatherings are allowed up to a maximum of 50 (fifty) persons when the events are held indoors, and up to a maximum of 100 (hundred) persons when the events are conducted outdoors, and subject to strict adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviours and all the applicable SOP. In the event of exceptional requirement of holding of function/ programme with a larger gathering, the prior permission of the DTF will be required.
5. Opening of restaurants for dine-in, up to 50% capacity are permitted, subject to all the attendants/staff of the restaurants having been fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19, or having taken the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and at least 15 (fifteen) days have passed since taking the first dose, and strict adherence to the applicable SOP.
6. All the District Task Forces shall map areas for micro-containment zones in case the situation so warrants, as per the detailed guidelines to be issued.
7. The returnees/ travellers entering the State, and tourists, who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will not be required to be tested for COVID-19 at the Point of Entry or required to quarantine. Those who have taken the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19 and at least 15 (fifteen) days have passed since taking the dose, will not be required to be tested for

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COVID-19 at the Point of Entry but will be required to quarantine for 7 (seven) days. For all other cases, the persons concerned will be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 on payment as per the Government approved rates at the Point of Entry and further undergo 7 (seven) days quarantine. The DTF concerned will make arrangements for the screening/ testing and paid quarantine in case adequate and proper facilities for quarantine at home are not available to the persons concerned.

8. Inter-district movement of person for non-essential service or purpose including private journey by light vehicle is allowed subject to the person(s) including the driver being asymptomatic and having completed their COVID-19 vaccination or taken at least a single dose of vaccine against COVID-19 and 15 days have passed since taking the dose.
9. All the District Task Forces should enforce the directives issued for displaying the vaccination status of the shopkeepers, barbers, taxi drivers, etc.
10. Detailed SOP with regard to Para 1, 2, 3 and 6 will be issued by the Home Department in consultation with the departments concerned.

ATTENDANCE IN OFFICE AND REQUIREMENT OF VACCINATION FOR EMPLOYEES/STAFF IN NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT AND DIRECTORATES

In pursuance to the decision taken by the High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in its meeting held on 16th July 2021, and in the interest of public health and safety, the State Government has ordered as under for strict compliance by all the government employees in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat and Directorates:

1. All employees/staff in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat and Directorates will be required to be vaccinated to attend office, or to produce COVID-19 negative test report by getting tested every 15 days through either RT-PCR/TrueNat/CBNAAT on self-payment basis as per Government approved rates.
2. The salaries of those who have not taken a single dose of vaccine against COVID-19 or who have failed to furnish COVID-19 negative test report will be stopped beyond 31st July 2021, and they will not attend office. The period of absence of such employees will be treated as leave without pay.
3. The Administrative Head of Departments/Head of Departments shall enforce the directive, and submit report to the Home Department on or before 15th of every month giving in detail the status of vaccination or submission of COVID-19 negative test report, as the case may be, for all the employees/staff, and the salaries deducted on account of the staff/employees concerned availing leave without pay, until further notice.

SOP FOR INTER-DISTRICT TRAVELLERS

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation in the State, and gradual increase in the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination, inter-district movement of person for non-essential service or purpose including private journey by light vehicle is allowed subject to the following:

1. The person(s) including the driver are asymptomatic and have completed their COVID-19 vaccination (both doses taken) or has completed at least 15 (fifteen) days after taking the first dose of the vaccine against COVID-19, and is asymptomatic.

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2. Not more than two persons are sitting in the rear seats.
3. Complete adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviours.
4. Shall be required to produce on demand COVID-19 vaccination completion certificate or provisional certificate for COVID-19 vaccination- first dose; in soft or hard copy or show the SMS from AX-NHPSMS.

With regard to the movement of person(s) who have not completed their vaccination (i.e. not taken both the doses) or less than 15 (fifteen) days after taking the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, inter-district movement may be allowed for essential and emergency purposes with special permission from the concerned District Task Force as per the provisions contained in Para 4 of Home Department's Office order of even number dated 11.05.2021. Further the following should be adhered to by all travellers:

1. The person(s) including the driver are asymptomatic.
2. Not more than two persons are sitting in the rear seats and only light vehicles will be allowed.
3. Complete adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviours.
4. Intimation regarding the journey undertaken and the local address of stay shall be made to the local administrative officer on arrival at the destination.

This SOP will be uniformly implemented throughout the State without any deviation and will not be modified by District Task Force, Urban Local Bodies, village authorities or community-based organizations.

Any person violating the instructions in the SOP will be liable to be prosecuted against as per the relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act 2005, besides action under Section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

REVISED SOP FOR RETURNEES AND INBOUND TRAVELLERS

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation in the State, and gradual increase in the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination, and in supersession of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for returnees and travellers entering Nagaland issued vide order No.NSDMA-ER-COVID-19/368/2021/5274 dated 29th April 2021; the revised SOP for the returnees and travellers entering Nagaland will be as under with immediate effect till further orders:

A. Returnees and Travellers Entering the State of Nagaland

1. All the returnees and travellers entering the State of Nagaland, shall undergo COVID-19 screening test at the following Points of Entry (PoE):
 - a. Dimapur Airport
 - b. Dimapur Railway Station - haltage of only long distance trains
 - c. Dimapur - New Field Check Gate and the Dillai Gate
 - d. Kohima - Khuzama
 - e. Mokokchung - Tsutapela and Watiyongpang
 - f. Mon - Naginimora and Tizit
 - g. Wokha - Bhandari
 - h. Phek - Lanye Junction and Akash Bridge.
2. Every traveller/returnee entering Nagaland should be asymptomatic and shall be required to produce a COVID-19 vaccination completion certificate or provisional certificate for COVID-19 vaccination first dose and 15 days should have passed after taking the first dose, in soft or hard copy or SMS from AX-NHPSMS at the PoE.

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3. The returnees/ inbound travellers including tourists who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (taken both the doses) will not be required to be tested for COVID-19 at the PoE and further, they may not be required to quarantine. Those who have taken only the first dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and at least 15 days have passed since taking the dose, and are asymptomatic, will not be required to be tested for COVID-19 at the PoE but will be required to quarantine for 7 days. For all those who are symptomatic, or not taken any single dose of the vaccine against COVID-19, or taken the first dose of the vaccine against COVID-19 but less than 15 days have passed since taking the vaccine; the persons concerned will be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 on payment as per the Government approved rates, and further undergo quarantine for 7 days.
4. The persons who need to quarantine shall also furnish an undertaking/declaration as given in Annexure-1 at the PoE. The undertaking can be downloaded from
5. The concerned District Task Force should put in place a mechanism for facilitating the testing and paid quarantine. Home quarantine may be permitted if there are provisions for separate room and toilet.
6. In case of a resident of any North East (NE) State other than Nagaland, who is arriving in Nagaland by road/air/train, and is a transit passenger and directly travelling onwards to any other NE State, the person concerned should have a negative COVID-19 test result through RT-PCR/TrueNat/CBNAAT, with the swab for test taken not earlier than 72 hours of entry into Nagaland, or COVID-19 vaccination completion certificate or provisional certificate for COVID-19 vaccination – 1st dose and has completed at least 15 days after 1st dose, and should also satisfy the requirements of the SOP of the final destination State, failing which, the person concerned will not be allowed to enter the State of Nagaland. Further, the person concerned should be asymptomatic and must produce:
 - (a) Ticket for the onward journey or proof of self-arranged vehicle
 - (b) Proof of address in the other State and
 - (c) Observe COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and norms at all times.

In case of any person who cannot undertake onward journey, or is unable to go back because of non-fulfilment of the requirements of the SOP as mentioned above, he/she shall be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 on payment and mandatory quarantine in a paid facility in the State.
7. There will be no exemptions from the requirement of having COVID-19 vaccination certificate or from quarantining/self-isolation as mentioned above in Para 2, 3 and 6.
8. In case of dignitaries and senior government officials entering the State, the Home Department will provide necessary facilitation and make arrangements as the case maybe.
9. In case of officers /staff/ personnel of military/ para military entering the State, the respective military/para military formations units will make arrangements at the PoE for transportation of their staff/personnel to their respective camps units, for testing of COVID-19, and quarantining for 7 days in the event of any such category of person found to be symptomatic on arrival, or who does not possess COVID-19 vaccination completion certificate or less than 15 days have passed after the 1st dose of COVID-19 vaccination. The military/para military formation/unit, wherever required, may contact the respective DIF for any assistance.

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10. The Village Councils/Urban Local Bodies under the supervision of DTF:
 - a. Shall identify any inter-state traveller arriving in their respective jurisdictions.
 - b. Shall immediately report to the Sub-Divisional Task Force or the DTF as the case may be and inform such person(s) to remain in self isolation while in quarantine if they are not in possession of certificate of having completed their vaccination or
 - c. Shall monitor any breach of quarantine norms or COVID-19 appropriate behaviours by the person concerned and immediately bring to the notice of the Sub-Divisional Task Force or the DTF for taking suitable action.
- B. This SOP will be uniformly implemented throughout the State without any deviation and will not be modified by District Task Force, Urban Local Bodies, village authorities or community-based organizations.
- C. Any person violating the instructions in the SOP will be liable to be prosecuted against as per the relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act 2005, besides action under Section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INFORMS

Director, CPS, Department of Social Welfare, A. Tosheli Zhimomi has notified that, in case a child in distress below the age of 18 years falls under the following category:

- 1) Lost both parents to COVID-19.
- 2) Child of a single parent who became orphan due to the parent's demise from COVID-19.
- 3) Lost the bread earner of the family to COVID-19.
- 4) A child with no parental care and support due to COVID-19.

Such cases are to be reported to the Child Protection stakeholders, with reference letter from the (Village/Ward, Block, Panchayat, and Colony COVID-19 Core Committees) within 20 days of the demise of parents. So that necessary care and support can be given to the vulnerable children through the following contact details:

District Details of the stakeholders contact numbers and e-mail addresses:

1. Dimapur DCPO - 8837287345
CWC - 7005660609
Childline - 1098 DCPO-Pikamuru@gmail.com
CWC - dimapurcwc@gmail.com
2. Kohima DCPO - 9436000344
CWC - 9436601013
Childline - 1089 DCPO - Povezopuro@gmail.com
CWC - cwckohima@gmail.com
3. Kiphire DCPO - 8730835184
CWC - 8415964215
Childline - 1098
CWC - cwcllg@gmail.com
4. Longleng DCPO - 9612511613
CWC - 9612893146
DCPO - Yangthrisang@gmail.com
CWC - cwcllg@gmail.com

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5. Mokokchung DCPO - 9615712057
CWC - 9889321844
Childline - 1098 DCPO - Moaasen77@gmail.com
CWC - cwcmsg16@gmail.com
6. Mon DCPO - 9402684280
CWC - 986172 2817
Childline - 1098 DCPO - samuelkapuh@gmail.com
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CWC - 7085177291
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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON GUIDELINES

Transport Department has informed that the following guidelines on Issue of Permit for all Passenger Service Vehicles in the State 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 Passenger Service Vehicles are fixed as under:

- (i) In respect of a taxi cab/tourist taxi, Rs. 200/- per year.
- (ii) In respect of a stage carriage/city bus/omni bus, Rs. 300/- per year.

The Registering Authorities have been authorized to issue base permits to all category of Passenger Service Vehicles on the basis of which the State Transport Authority shall issue All India Tourist Permit Authorization, Inter-State Permits, All Nagaland Tourist Taxi Permits, Inter District Contract Carriage (Bus) Permits, provided that the applicant must first obtain an assurance certificate from the State Transport Authority for issue of the above permits.

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NBSE INFORMS ON NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL HEADS' AND TEACHERS' HOLISTIC ADVANCEMENT

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has launched a capacity building programme for improving quality of school education through National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA). The NISHTHA is a holistic and integrated programme under Samagra Shiksha, a flagship programme of Ministry of Education, Government of India. The modules developed under NISHTHA are centred on learning outcomes and learner-centred pedagogy in line with the recommendations of NEP 2020 and aims at holistic development of teachers and school heads in a time bound manner. In the current year, the programme will cover training of secondary and higher secondary teachers through online mode and will be coordinated by the Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland.

The training is for six months, starting from August 2021 to January 2022 in which twelve generic courses and one subject specific pedagogy will be covered.

The Department of School Education, Government of Nagaland has directed the registered private schools under NBSE to be part of this training programme. Therefore, to meet the requirement of the continuous professional development, the NBSE has directed all the private schools registered with the NBSE to enroll i.e. the Heads of Institutions and the teachers of Secondary and Higher Secondary for the said training without fail within 31st July 2021. Further information and guidelines on the courses will be intimated on registration.

The digital clips on the steps for registration online shall be made available in the Board's Portal nbsenl.edu.in.

NIC OFFICE SHIFTED TO NEW LOCATION

The Nagaland Information Commission (NIC) in a notification dated 26th July 2021 informed that the Office of the NIC, Nagaland, Kohima had been shifted to a new location, and all necessary correspondences may be communicated to the under mentioned address:

Nagaland Information Commission
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STATE FUNERAL ACCORDED TO LATE TOSHI WUNGTUNG

The Government of Nagaland accorded a State Funeral in honour of Late Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards on 3rd July 2021 at Purana Bazaar, Dimapur. He passed away on 1st July 2021 at New Delhi and his mortal remains was flown to Dimapur on 2nd July 2021.

At the funeral service, Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer on behalf of the NLA, expressed grief and shock at the untimely demise of Late Toshi and offered condolences to the wife, mother and family members of the departed soul. He highlighted on the colourful profile of Late Toshi, his past and present personal experiences, where he served as the President of Naga Students Union, Delhi, his active participation with the NSF, his association with ethnic/ native studies at the University of Texas, USA, NEPED, UNICEF State Co-ordinator for HIV/AIDS. Besides many others, Late Toshi served as the Spokesman of ENPO, General Secretary, ENPO, and as a member in bilateral talks between Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) and ENPO, the Speaker said.

Late Toshi Wungtung also worked on issues with the Government of Nagaland (GoN), GoI and Myanmar relating to international border pillars and survey, the Speaker mentioned. Further Late Toshi was actively working on wildlife conservation, particularly along the Saramati mountain and cross-border areas, Longkumer mentioned.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu, offered condolences on behalf of the GoN and termed the demise of Late Toshi as irreplaceable. Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang dubbed Late Toshi as a smart and a promising leader of the Nagas and noted that his participation both within and outside the country, as remarkable. His immense contribution for the cause of the Nagas

particularly Eastern Nagaland will be remembered, Zeliang added.

Convenor, PDA and President, NDPP, Chingwang Konyak said that Late Toshi has worked tirelessly for the socio-economic and political development of Frontier Nagaland.

Delivering a short speech on behalf of Eastern Nagaland Legislators' Union, (ENLU), Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom termed his demise as colossal loss for the Nagas, particularly Eastern Nagaland, who was still serving as the Secretary General of ENLU. He was an asset who worked with wide range of knowledge in all spheres, Pangnyu observed and said that his absence would be deeply felt.

Wife of the deceased, Lipokla described her late husband as her soulmate and a confidant with highest calibre and added that she is honoured to be his wife. Married in 2006, wife of Late Toshi said that she shared a lifetime of love with her husband and said she would cherish the memories forever. She further added that he was a God fearing man who had high respect for the elders and always maintained good relations with family members and siblings. She thanked the GoN for arranging a State Funeral in honour of her late husband and to all present for comforting them during their time of grief and sorrow.

Others including I. Toshitsungba Aier, IPS (Retired), Doki Kecham (elder brother) and nephew, Robin spoke on behalf of the family.

Many others including ENPO, Advisor, ENPO, Yimchunger Union, Dimapur delivered short speeches, where they described the departed soul as the tallest ENPO leader, armour of ENPO, refined gentleman endowed with knowledge and a man of international figure. Yimchunger Students Union, Dimapur appealed to the State Government for taking into consideration the proposals submitted by Late Toshi, specially his desire to have a district for the Yimchungers.





State Chaplain, Reverend, T. W. Yamyap shared the word of God and also offered the benediction. The programme was chaired by Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha. The

mortal remains of Late Toshi Wungtung was taken to Dimapur Airport and airlifted by Nagaland Helicopter to his native village for final service and burial.

NSCW APPEALS FOR SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN

The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW), appealed to all citizens to ensure and secure, safety and dignity of women in Nagaland in a press release. Chairperson, NSCW, Khrienuo Tachu, stated that crime against women, especially domestic violence, sexual harassment and mental violence against women are on the rise, more so amid the pandemic, within the State. The Commission said that it has been on its toes, alongside Sakhi One Stop Centres (OSC), women organisations/ hohos and women cells across the districts of Nagaland.

NSCW said that it is appalled to know that gang-rap even had seeped into our society, which the Commission condemns outright. While steps are taken with law enforcing bodies to award severest punishments and non-bailable warrants towards the perpetrators, it also appealed for positive mindset change towards women and the girl child, adding

that a just society must ensure the safety and well-being of women against all odds, not just airing condemnations after crime against women are committed. Outside court settlements are harming Naga women more than ever as it compromises with the future safety and security of women, it said.

NSCW stated that it is pained that many 2020 returnees had gone back to the metros for earning pittance in non-liveable accommodations, posing themselves to vulnerable situations often times and as such, a replay of 2020 cases of molestations, poverty and distress calls are on the rise again. It also appealed for better networking of student organisations, pastors and other stakeholders of Nagas living outside the State, as they become the precious hands and legs of families in Nagaland. It informed that the NSCW is also coordinating and availing assistance from all stakeholders outside the State during emergencies.

KASHIHO SANGTAM CALLS ON UNION MINISTER GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT



Minister for Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, Nagaland, V. Kashiho Sangtam with the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the latter's residence in New Delhi on 6th July 2021.

Minister for Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam, called on the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at his residence in New Delhi on 6th July 2021.

Sangtam had a fruitful discussion with the Union Minister wherein he apprised Shekhawat of the

flood situation in the State, during monsoon every year due to heavy rainfall.

The Minister also submitted a proposal to the Union Minister for dredging three main rivers in the State during the current financial year, to which the Union Minister assured to look into the matter for consideration.



APC HOLDS COORDINATION MEETING WITH CORE COMMITTEE

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS addressing a meeting of the Core Committee of Agri & Allied Departments held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th July 2021.

A core committee meeting of Agri & Allied Departments under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS to take stock of drought in the State was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th July 2021.

Chairing the coordination meeting, APC, Kikheto Sema said these are extraordinary times for us not only because of the pandemic but the fact that nature and climate is not favourable due to very less rain this year. He added that crops failed to germinate in most of the fields and even the germinated crops were attacked by the Fall Army Worm (FAW).

The APC also said that due to insufficient rain, jhum cultivation has been adversely affected and gradually it will affect the terrace cultivation also if similar trend continues. He also expressed that the State should create more water bodies, check dams, rejuvenation of ponds and streams and rain harvesting so that agricultural activities are not hampered due to drought, as experienced this year. Also stressing on food securities, he said that much has been said about food securities but less importance given to water securities. He therefore said that food security and doubling of crops is possible only when there is availability of water. Sema appealed to all the Agri & Allied Departments that their schemes and programmes should be implemented properly and timely, and any

department that fail to implement them will be seriously dealt with.

After thorough discussion among the members, the decisions taken in the Core Committee meeting were - All the departments involved in deliverance of projects and schemes related to irrigation and water should make initiatives for creation of water bodies, etc. which will help in agricultural activities; distribution of rabi seeds to the farmers by September so that the loss borne by them may be compensated to some extent; encouraging rearing of eri, goats and other livestock to supplement the income and livelihood of the marginal farmers of the State; all the AHoDs/HoDs shall ensure that the district/sub-divisional officers are stationed in their posting place and timely monitoring and supervision of the schemes and programmes; the Core Committee and district officers shall make field visit to the drought affected areas to take stock of the ground situation and to plan out necessary required interventions for the affected farmers. A review meeting shall be held in the month of September 2021. The committee also proposed for housing all the district officers of Dimapur Agri & Allied Departments at Administrative Building at Agri Expo, Dimapur for better co-ordination and to facilitate the farmers under one roof.



During the meeting Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Fisheries, Land Resources, Sericulture, Water Resources, Cooperation and Soil & Water

Conservation departments presented PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the extent of damage of various crops across the districts in Nagaland due to erratic rainfall.

WORKING COMMITTEE VISITS NAGA MODEL INTEGRATED SETTLED FARMING AT BOKE BOTSAS

The Working Committee led by Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS visited Boke-Botsa on 17th July 2021 to review the progress of activities being implemented under the Naga Model Integrated Settled Farming (NISF). Under, NISF all the Agri & Allied departments are converging under one umbrella to develop a cluster where the farmers will be facilitated to carry agri and allied related activities. The Model is envisaged to be self-sustaining for the villagers and at the same time the surplus produce can be sold off to the nearby markets enhancing the earnings and the livelihood of the farmers.

Sema informed the farmers that the State is going through a prolonged drought, facing deficit rainfall which has adversely affected the agricultural activities. However, Boke-Botsa has been naturally blessed with a perennial water catchment area and also the villagers have maintained a large stretch of conserved areas thus the brunt of the drought is felt less in these areas. APC, further appealed to all the villagers and the farmers to focus on more conservation of forests to reduce the effects of climate change phenomenon such as droughts and flash floods. He further urged the farmers to focus more on settled farming rather than jhum, as the former requires lesser area and produces better yield and is eco-friendly.

Kikheto conveyed his appreciation to all the farming families in Boke-Botsa for giving cooperation to the departments and urged them to keep working hard for improving their livelihood. He further exhorted the farmers to be more innovative and entrepreneurial and not to depend only on the government. In today's era of free market economy there is a limit to government intervention and the role of the government is to be more of a facilitator and provide an enabling environment, he added.

The APC stated that under PM-KISAN, altogether 2 lakh farmers have benefitted in the State, and an amount of Rs. 251.75 crore has been directly credited to their individual bank accounts by the Central Government. He advised the farmers to invest this amount prudently in meeting the agricultural requirements of their farms rather than in wasteful consumption expenditure.

The APC stated that once this project is successful, the same would be implemented in other districts too. The Working Committee members include officials from Agriculture, Fisheries, Sericulture, Soil & Water Conservation and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department and they also visited piggery farms, mini soil plant, fishery ponds, coffee plantation, and fields under terrace cultivation.

CMMSF AWARDED TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS IN HSLC 2020

The Chief Minister's Meritorious Students' Fellowship (CMMSF) was awarded to 50 students who secured top ranks in the High School Leaving Certificate 2020, conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), during a virtual felicitation programme held on 19th July 2021.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio congratulating

the achievers said that their success is a result of their hard work and determination, and expressed hope that they will bring more laurels to the State in future. He expressed his appreciation that in spite of the hard times faced due to COVID-19 pandemic, the result of the last Board's examination has shown improvement in the pass percentage. Rio urged the



whole student community to be committed, stay focused and not allow the pandemic to stand in the way of their studies or their future careers.

Rio encouraged the students to select their line of study carefully keeping in mind their talents and subjects of interest, and advised them not to limit their arena to a government job in the State. Also raising concern at few Naga youth qualifying for the IAS and Central Services, he advised the students who are academically gifted to prepare for various competitive examinations under the Union Public Service Commission.

With the world changing at a rapid pace, especially in science and technology, Rio called for the Education Department to reorient the education system so as to equip students to face the new world with confidence and to help them realize their full potential. He informed that the State has introduced various skill/ vocational subjects at secondary and higher secondary levels in 35 government schools and 3 private schools keeping in mind the importance of practical life skills.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu

speaking at the programme commended the awardees for their achievement and called them to be torch bearers for all the students who will be following in their footsteps. While stating that there is so much ahead of them, he advised the students not to get distracted.

Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose highlighted about the CMMSF and the eligibility criteria for the award. NBSE grants fellowship to the top 50 students as per the HSLC examination. The fellowship is available for Indigenous Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland. It provides financial assistance to the selected students for further studies and is valid for five years, and will depend on the performance of the student which shall be continuously monitored.

Awardees, Azizi Phesao from Model Higher Secondary School and Ngamjong Jn Yanlem from St. John Higher Secondary Residential School, Dimapur also spoke on behalf of the award recipients and thanked the Chief Minister, Directorate of School Education, NBSE and various organization for coming up with the CMMSF initiative.

MEETING OF AHOds AND HOds HELD

A meeting of Administrative Heads of Departments (AHOds)/ Heads of Departments (HOds) was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 19th July 2021.

The meeting deliberated on the attendance of Heads of Offices and staff in the districts, Directorates and Secretariat, and decided that Special Vaccination Camps would be organised, as requested by various departments to the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare.

The meeting, discussing on the Nagaland Rules of Executive Business 2020, asked all the AHOds/HOds to be thorough with it, as these are the main guidelines about the day to day transactions of the Government.

Many departments and directorates have appointed Legal Advisors/Legal Consultants on full time basis or on various terms and conditions. In this

regard, the Department of Justice & Law has been asked to examine the engagements of the Legal Consultants/issue the guidelines regarding such appointments, and to submit a report within 15 (fifteen) days.

The meeting also raised concern regarding department websites which have not been updated for a long time, or are not updated on time. On this line, the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS said that whenever major developments take place, it should be updated in the respective department website, and on this line, asked the Nodal Officers in-charge of every department website to ensure that such updation should be carried out by the 2nd of August 2021. The Information Technology & Communication Department would provide the necessary assistance.





SIT FILES CHARGE SHEET IN THE CASE RELATING TO LAMHAINAMDI INCIDENT

The Special Investigation Team of PHQ in the State Crime Police Station Case No. 02/2021 has submitted charge sheet against nineteen (19) accused persons belonging to different factions on 22/07/2021, relating to the firing and killing of three persons in Lamhainamdi village on 22/03/2021.

According to a communiqué from the Superintendent of Police (Crime) & PRO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima, the charge sheet has been filed U/S 302/120B/436/34 IPC r/w 25 (1A/25(1B) (a)/ 27(3) Arms Act and 7/8 NSR. While seven accused persons out of nineteen persons charge sheeted have already been arrested by the SIT and currently in judicial custody, the lookout for other twelve (12) absconding accused persons continues. The seven (7) arrested accused persons against whom charge sheet has been filed are Kisheto Zhimomi (Head GB, Vihuto village), Munwang Konyak (NSCN-IM), Tongkhalhao Sitlhou of Athibung, Vikheshe Achumi of Thilixu, Yepeka Kiba (NSCN-IM), Lentilen Hangsing (NSCN-U), and Livingson Awomi of Thilixu. Four (4) suspected persons who were arrested earlier in this case connection and subsequently granted bail are released from the case.

Earlier, a suo motu case in Crime No. 02/2021 under Sections 302/120B/188/34 IPC R/W

25 1B/27 (3) Arms Act was registered on 23/03/2021 against unknown persons by State Crime Police Station (SCPS) relating to the firing and killing of three persons in Lamhainamdi village on 22/03/2021. Subsequently, an SIT headed by a senior police officer was constituted for investigation of the case. The investigation had revealed that the nineteen (19) charge sheeted accused persons were part of deep-rooted criminal conspiracy to plan, prepare and execute the killing of three persons at Lamhainamdi village.

The SIT had visited the makeshift camp in the jungle, which is 2-3 Km away from Vihuto village, that was used for accommodation and preparation by the charge sheeted accused for the commission of the crime, and collected various incriminating evidences. During the course of investigation, the SIT had seized various incriminating evidences such as photographs of accused with arms during their stay at makeshift jungle camp, videos, certain technical evidences, crucial material evidences, such as ammunitions and other incriminating materials from the scene of crime. Identities of few other unknown persons involved in this case are also being established. Further investigation in the case continues.

ADVISOR IMNATIBA ADDRESSES DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING



Advisor, Industries & Commerce and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir addressing the departmental co-ordination meeting held at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 22nd July 2021.

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& Commerce on 22nd July 2021.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce and Employment, Skill Development &



Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir addressing the meeting stressed on the need and the urgency to bring out the Nagaland Trade, Investment and Industrial Policy (NTIIP), to provide better facilities to entrepreneurs and industrialists in accordance with the policies and programmes of the State Government and other allied departments of the State as well as the central ministries.

Imnatiba also challenged the department officers of a paradigm shift in implementing departmental programmes so that Nagaland can be

brought at par with other states.

During the meeting, senior officers and programme officers made a presentation of ongoing departmental development programmes such as MSME Projects, Startup, PMEGP, Food Processing, Handloom & Handicraft, Border Trades, Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) NEIDS, etc. Achievements, issues and challenges were deliberated upon, and with inputs from senior officers as well as from the Advisor, trouble shooters were also recommended.

DUDA CALLS ON DoNER SECRETARY

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, Kashiho Sangtam and Advisor, Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA), Bonkhao Konyak along with department officials called on Secretary, Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr. Inderjit Singh and Joint

Secretary, DoNER, Sourabh Endley on 26th July 2021.

The team briefed them about the proposals for special development programmes in Eastern Nagaland under DUDA. The Secretary assured to forward the proposals to the link ministries for necessary action.

CHIEF SECRETARY CONVENES MEETING ON e-SERVICES



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS held a meeting on e-services with the Departments of Home, Information Technology & Communication and Commissioner, Nagaland at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 28th July 2021.

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It was appraised in the meeting that there is increasing use of the following online services: NPSC – over 40,000 applications processed since 2018; Online Scholarship – 53,666 (2019) and 41,680 (2020) applications received; Online ILP (Tourist) – 8,971 applications received and 5,509

ILPs issued since November 2019.

In order to improve online service delivery in the State, it was decided to enable online applications for Schedule Tribe and Backward Tribe Certificates through the eDistrict Portal soon. Necessary training of district officials will be conducted through online modules for the same.

As an enhancement to the existing online ILP for tourists, a module to enable renewal of ILP through online mode would be added. The pilot implementation of e-Office in the Civil Secretariat was also discussed during the meeting.



KOHIMA MAKES IT TO TOP 11 IN THE INDIA CYCLES4CHANGE

The Government of India awarded 11 cities with the prestigious title of being India's Top 11 Cycling Pioneers. The Cycles4Change Challenge was launched on 25th June 2020 for all the 100 Smart Cities and the capital cities of India. The award marks the start of the next stage of the first season of India Cycles4Change Challenge where 107 cities across the country come together to test, learn, and scale up different cycling-friendly initiatives, kick starting India's cycling revolution. From the top 25 cities that were shortlisted earlier this year, a jury of renowned national and international transport experts selected the top 11 cities who will receive an award of Rs. 1 crore each to scale up their cycling initiatives.

Kohima Smart City informed that through an online event held on 28th July 2021, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Durga Shanker Mishra announced the Top 11 winning cities. The event was attended by officials from Central and State Governments, and other stakeholders from all cities participating in India Cycles4Change Challenge. The event also marked

the release of the first Challenge report, and an online exhibition showcasing cities' cycling journey. The Ministry also announced the second season of the Challenge, beginning in August 2021, wherein fresh applications will be invited from all Smart Cities, capital cities of States/UTs and cities with a population of over 5 lakh.

The Kohima Smart City thanked all stakeholders and all citizens for their support and especially the cycling community for the zeal and passion for cycling and the tireless efforts put into making the intervention possible in Kohima city. It stated that the achievement goes to prove that cycling is not only possible in a hilly city but a small city in North East India can also make it to the Top 11 cities among 107 cities who participated in the challenge.

The Top 11 Awardees: Bengaluru, Karnataka; Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana; Kohima, Nagaland; Nagpur, Maharashtra; New Town Kolkata, West Bengal; Pimpri Chinchwad, Maharashtra; Rajkot, Gujarat; Surat, Gujarat; Vadodara, Gujarat; and Warangal, Telangana.

DEPUTY CM VISITS BORDER AREAS UNDER MOKOKCHUNG DISTRICT

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister, Home and Roads & Bridges, Nagaland, Y Patton addressing a meeting on border issues at Chungtiayimsen, Mokokchung on 30th July 2020.

Both the police forces of Nagaland and Assam have agreed to withdraw from their respective outpost in the Assam and Tzurangkong border area, stated Deputy Chief Minister,

Nagaland, Y Patton during a meeting with Ao Senden, Tzurangkong Union, Northern Sumi Union and Tzurangkong Naga Youth Front at Chungtiayimsen under Mokokchung district on 30th

July 2020. He stated that the Chief Ministers of both the States have agreed to withdraw their police forces and maintain a peaceful atmosphere in the border areas.

The Deputy Chief Minister however stated that Nagaland State Police will not withdraw from their outpost unless and until Assam Police withdraw from their outpost. He stated that in the past agreements with Assam, both State Police forces had agreed to withdraw from the border areas, however, Assam did not withdraw its forces and has in fact increased their number of outpost whereas Nagaland withdrew its forces. We will not make the mistake again, he stated. Patton also added that one should not test the patience of the Government of Nagaland or the Naga people even as he called on the people not to take law into their own hands but to approach the State Government and work together to solve the issue. He assured the meeting that he will be available for the people anytime, and stated that the border issue is been taken up at the highest level for peaceful resolution.

Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS appreciated the Tzurangkong

range people for not taking the matter into their own hands and worsening the situation. He further stated that he has spoken with his counterpart in Assam on the issue of withdrawing forces along the disputed area.

Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS stated that the difficulty faced by the people on economic blockage and harassment is being taken up at the Chief Secretary level of both the State and the Government machinery is working towards resolving the issues amicably. He also reiterated that physical confrontation should be avoided at any cost.

Others who spoke at the meeting included Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts and National Highways, Dr. Longrineken, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, President, Ao Senden and President, Tzurangkong Union. The meeting was chaired by ADC, Mangkolemba.

Earlier the Deputy Chief Minister along with DGP, Commissioner, Nagaland, IGP (Range) and Joint Secretary, Border Affairs made an aerial survey of Vikuto village and Ao Senden village.

DGP NAGALAND LAUNCHES BOOKLET TITLED 'CLINICAL MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL: COVID-19'

A programme for the distribution of COVID-19 medicines and supplement kits to all units under the Police Department in Nagaland and also launching of a booklet titled 'Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19,' sponsored by NPRIS, PHQ was undertaken by the Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 30th July 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, T. John Longkumer said that the programme was successful due to the combined efforts of the senior officers of the Police Department who have looked for ways and means to deal with the COVID-19 issues in all the units of the State, and procuring medicines and supplement kits directly from the manufacturers from Delhi. The DGP mentioned that COVID-19 cases in the Police Department was 2,338, out of

which 2,291 personnel recovered and 11 personnel were victims of COVID-19. He said that the recovery rate was excellent and gave credit to the Unit Commanders and senior officers who have instilled COVID-19 SOP and protocols in their Units to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the barracks. He also added that the Police Department was the first department in the State to undertake vaccination drive apart from the Health & Family Welfare Department and appealed to all who are not vaccinated to be vaccinated to stop the spread.

Longkumer also said that since COVID-19 pandemic started, the personnel of the Department became frontline workers to ensure that law and order enforced in the State were followed, helping the people by setting up a 1000 bedded Quarantine Centre in Ganeshnagar and also creating a 100



bedded COVID Care Hospital at Chumukedima.

The programme was initiated to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in the State and to ensure some basic precautions for personnel and families especially in far flung areas of the State, the department along with its welfare society viz., Nagaland Police Risk Insurance Scheme has initiated COVID Emergency Relief Fund from NPRIS and has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 35 lakh to

the Department for procurement of COVID-19 medicines and supplement kits with monetary assistance to units under Police Department, keeping in mind the health services of police personnel in general and families in particular.

The Department has also come up with an idea to issue guidelines in the form of a booklet entitled 'Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19' for all units under Nagaland Police Department.

FIVE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE MAYANGNOKCHA AWARD

Specific toppers from HSCL Examinations conducted by Nagaland Board of School Education are given accolades for their academic excellence by the Mayangnokcha Award Trust (MAT) for the last 28 years. The MAT, established in 1993, a philanthropic organization, has been awarding the HSLC toppers, conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education with a vision and mission to further the quality of education in the State and has been working for the uplift of the Naga youngsters, especially in the academic sector.

According to Secretary, MAT, Dr. Furkumzuk, the MAT recognizes, honours and encourages the meritorious Naga students at the High School level. It also aims to create spirit of healthy competitiveness among the students in the field of education in order for them to bring out their best and worth, thereby improve the overall standard of education. This has been a source of encouragement to the recipients of the awards as well as the students' community in general. Recipients of the Mayangnokcha Award Trust, 2021:

Sl. No.	Name of Award & Category	Recipient	Award Component
1	Mayangnokcha Award 'for Academic Excellence' The Overall Topper	KENEINO THORIE Trinity School, Kohima	25,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit
2	MAT-RC Award Subject Topper - Ao (MIL) Rockdale: Rockdale Club of Mokokchung (in commemoration of their Silver Jubilee – 1978-2003).	ATULA W. MONGRO Nagaland Christian Residential School, Mokokchung	5,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit
3	MAT- YRSD Award Subject Topper - Social Sciences. YRSD: Youth Resources & Sports Department, Government of Nagaland.	KENEINO THORIE Trinity School, Kohima	5,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit
4	MAT-TY Award Subject Topper - Science Tir Yimyim: Dimapur based news daily (Ao).	YIMYATETLA LONGKUMER Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Dimapur	5,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit

5	MAT-EFoM Award Subject Topper - Mathematics EFoM: Education Forum of Mokokchung.	VIBELI KACHUMI Fernwood School, Kohima	5,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit
6	MAT-CEC Award Subject Topper – English CEC: C-Edge College, Dimapur.	TIAMAONG AIER Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Dimapur	5,000/- Memento + Certificate of merit

CHIEF SECRETARIES OF NAGALAND AND ASSAM SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SECURITY PERSONNEL

With a view to de-escalate the tense situation prevailing in Desso valley Reserved Forest/ Tsurangkong valley due to stand-off between the Armed Police Forces of Nagaland and Assam, an agreement was signed between the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J Alam and Chief Secretary of Assam, Jishnu Barua on 31st July 2021, at Chumukedima Police House, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland also Minister, Home and Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton and Assam Education Minister, Ranuj Pegu.

Both sides agreed that to maintain peace and tranquillity in the areas around Ao Senden village and Vikuto village, as they are known in Nagaland, and known as Jankhona Nala/Nagajankha and Compartment No.12, respectively in Assam, urgent and effective steps are required for diffusing the stand-off between the security forces of Nagaland and Assam.

In this regard, it was decided by both sides that security personnel of both states shall simultaneously move back from their present locations to their respective base camps in the next 24 hours as far as possible.

Further, it was agreed that Nagaland and

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

Y. Patton thanked Minister, Ranuj Pegu and Chief Secretary of Assam, Jishnu Barua for taking the trouble and coming all the way to Nagaland for signing the agreement. He informed that the signing of agreement for simultaneous withdrawal of security personnel was decided after interaction with Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on 24th and 25th July 2021. Patton also requested the Assam counterpart for safe passage of Naga commuters not only in some particular gates but in all the gates so the travellers are not harassed.

Assam Education Minister, Pegu congratulated Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, CM, Nagaland, Deputy CM, Nagaland and CM, Assam for their statesmanship in resolving the border issue, and expressed optimism that cordial relations between the two states would prevail.



TUENSANG DTF MEETING DELIBERATES ON UNLOCK-1

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting on 1st July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang which was chaired by DC and Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant.

The DTF reviewed the latest guidelines of the Unlock-1 for the district. The members also reviewed the updates on relief aid given to those shopkeepers whose shops were affected by the lockdown.

The DTF informed that shopkeepers and taxi drivers who have been vaccinated will be issued

a sticker, 'I Am Vaccinated' by the concerned department as part of the vaccination campaign. Salons and beauty parlours are to be open on alternate days.

Nodal Officer for COVID-19, Tuensang, Dr. John gave the statistical report on testing and positivity rate of the district for COVID-19 while Dr. Sunep gave a report on the statistics of the COVID-19 Hospital Tuensang. Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Amit Nigam also gave a report on the successful vaccination of the DEF personnel.

VACCINATION AND SENSITIZATION FOR COVID-19 CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS**PUNGRO:**

The administration and medical team conducted vaccination drive at Pungro town with an aim to cover all eligible beneficiaries under Pungro.

On 2nd July 2021, the medical team carried out vaccination drive at Tsvong Ward, Shorih Ward, Khiangtopong Ward, Pungro village, Officer Ward, Mission Ward and Rest House Ward at Pungro town. During the drive, 127 beneficiaries availed vaccine from the covered wards.

On 3rd July 2021, a medical team led by Dr. Siku and Dr. K. Nakhro along with the administration carried out a sensitization programme at Pungro village, Kiphire. It was followed by a vaccination session where a total of 103 beneficiaries were vaccinated during the drive.

On 5th July 2021, vaccination was undertaken at three places in Pungro Circle under Kiphire district. At Old Vongti village, 31 beneficiaries received the vaccine, while at New Vongti village, 47 people were vaccinated. Another 44 beneficiaries were vaccinated at the Community Health Centre, Pungro town. The team was led by Dr. Siku and Dr. Nakhro at New Vongti and Old Vongti, respectively.

On 6th July 2021, a team led by Dr. Sato, accompanied by medical staff from Likhimro and Mimi village vaccinated 21 people from Khonka

village, 4 people from Kaha village and 31 from Mimi village. While at Hokumati village, 26 people have been vaccinated till date.

KIPHIRE:

Nagaland State Transport (NST), carried out sensitisation programme on COVID-19 vaccination drive under the supervision of DTF, Kiphire at three villages on 5th July 2021.



An elderly person receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at Deluxe Point, Kiphire on 11th July 2021.

The NST Department led by Station Superintendent, L. Meshu Khiam conducted sensitisation programmes on COVID-19 vaccination at Langzanger village, Natsami village and Yangsekyu village.

The District Task Force in collaboration with Assam Rifles, Kiphire carried out a special vaccination drive on COVID-19 at Helipad Ground, Kiphire, and a sensitisation programme at multiple villages on 4th July 2021. During the drive a total number of 276 beneficiaries availed the vaccine.

The medical team led by DIO, Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo, conducted sensitisation on COVID-19 vaccination at Kesitong village, Changchore village and Kichang village. Dr. Khalo stated that the team spoke on importance of vaccine, and people's response on COVID-19 vaccine was positive.

A vaccination drive was held on 4th July 2021 at Salomi village under Pungro, Kiphire. A total of 170 beneficiaries received the COVID-19 jab. The team was led by SMO, Dr. Nakhro and Dr. Siku in presence of ADC, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS. On 7th July 2021, a team led by Dr. Sato vaccinated 12 beneficiaries from Kiuro village at PHC, Likhimro while 64 people got vaccinated at Khonjiri village. Another team led by Dr. Sato L Hep led a vaccination drive where 27 people from Longkhimong village and one beneficiary each from Tsurevong and Moya village got vaccinated.

The Kiphire District Task Force on COVID-19 and in collaboration with 41 Assam Rifles, Kiphire carried out a special vaccination drive for both 18-44 years and 45 years above on 11th July 2021 at Deluxe Point, Kiphire. During the drive a total of 143 beneficiaries were vaccinated.

PFUTSERO:

As part of targeted intervention, a three-day random testing-cum-special vaccination drive was organized for high risk groups at Pfutsero Town Sports Complex from 2nd to 4th July 2021 by the Block Task Force on COVID-19, Pfutsero.

The first two days of dedicated COVID-19 random testing and vaccination sessions were organized for road construction workers of Pfutsero-

Phek and Kohima-Jessami roads.

On the 4th July 2021, a special vaccination drive was organized for shopkeepers, labourers, taxi drivers, vegetable/fruits suppliers and the general public. A cumulative total of 738 persons were inoculated during the three days random testing-cum-vaccination drive.

TUENSANG:



Vaccination mela for COVID-19 was held at Town Hall, Tuensang on 11th July 2021.

Vaccination mela for COVID-19 vaccine was held on 11th July 2021 at Town Hall, Tuensang under the initiative of the District Administration and Health & Family Welfare Department.

BHANDARI:

Special vaccination camp was held at Bhandari Town Hall under the initiative of the District Administration in collaboration with Health & Family Welfare Department on 13th July 2021. During the drive at Bhandari town for 18 years and above, 260 beneficiaries were vaccinated and 267 beneficiaries from Merapani were also vaccinated.

The medical team was led by Dr. Renathung, Community Health Centre (CHC), Bhandari and SDO (C), Sulanlung. The total number of beneficiaries for COVID-19 vaccine under CHC Bhandari from 18th January 2021 till 14th July 2021 stands as follows, with a total of 5,061 beneficiaries: CHC Bhandari – 2,550; PHC Yanmhon – 53; PHC Yimpang – 134; HWC Merapani – 1,613; HWC Liphi – 245; HWC Tssori – 117; SC Changpang – 75; SC Lio Longidang – 107; SC Pangtong – 112; SC Wozhu – 25; Amboto – 30.

During a vaccination drive-cum-health



camp at Akahaiqa village and Sumito village on 24th July 2021 for 18 years and above, 76 beneficiaries from Akahaiqa village and 36 beneficiaries from Sumito village were vaccinated, and more than 90 patients were treated. At Ruchan village, on 25th July 2021, 185 beneficiaries were vaccinated and 21 patients were treated. The medical team was led by SMO, Dr. Caroline, Dr. Chundemo Ngullie, Dr. Renathung and Dr. Lydia.

KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 organized a sensitization programme on COVID-19 testing and vaccination for the villages of Kohima village, Chedema, Chedema Model, Tsabazou, Kijümetouma, Kijümetou Basa, Rüsoma and Dihoma. The programme was held at Kohima Village Council Hall on 19th July 2021.

On 20th July 2021 the Kohima DTF conducted a sensitization on COVID-19 testing and vaccination programme for Northern Angami villages under Chiephobozou sub-division and Botsa Circle at DB Customary Court Hall, ADC Chiephobozou Office and Conference Hall of EAC Botsa, simultaneously.

Culminating the sensitization programme on COVID-19 testing and vaccination at DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd July 2021, the Kohima DTF along with apex organisations and leaders of the Wards of Kohima held the 6th day campaign of testing and vaccination, which started on 16th July 2021 covering the Northern, Southern, Western, Tseminyu area and Kohima Municipal areas.

TSEMINYU:

The District Task Force, Kohima led by Minister in-charge, Tongpang Ozukum and accompanied by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire; Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing; Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yokha; Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie; CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo and her medical team, organised sensitisation

programmes on COVID-19 testing and vaccination at Tseminyu Town Hall with the leaders from 25 villages under Tseminyu sub-division and 14 villages at Chunlikha Local Ground on 22nd July 2021. The Minister exhorted the gathering and said that the government cannot force the people to get vaccinated, but it is the responsibility of the public to follow the protocols of COVID-19.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Mokokchung District Task Force on COVID-19 organized a sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination for all unvaccinated government employees at Mokokchung on 27th July 2021 at Town Hall, Mokokchung.



Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir speaking during the sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination for all unvaccinated government employees at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 27th July 2021.

Delivering the keynote address, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir said that the objective in organizing the programme was not to force anybody to get vaccinated but to interact and sort out any problems or doubts that are holding back people from getting vaccinated.

Dr. Yanger, who was the resource person, explained on the importance and advantage of getting vaccinated. He said the only solution to combat the incoming third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is to vaccinate every eligible individual. He maintained that vaccines are proving to be efficient against hospitalization and death and disclosed that most COVID-19 deaths in the district were unvaccinated.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu and senior government officials along with recipients of Chief Minister's Meritorious Students' Fellowship, awarded to top rank holders in High School Leaving Certificate 2020, during a virtual felicitation programme held on 19th July 2021.



Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS handing over the COVID-19 medicines and supplement kits to all Units under the Police Department in Nagaland, and also launching of a booklet titled 'Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19,' at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 30th July 2021.



The Public Health Engineering Department, Kiphire Division during the launch of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' ahead of fifty eight weeks of 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. Marking the anniversary, the Department organised cleanliness drive and tree plantation activities at Main Water Source, Yingshikiur village, Kiphire on 6th July 2021.



Public Health Engineering Department, Wokha Division conducted behavioural change communication, capacity building and training on Solid Liquid Waste Management and Participatory Rural Appraisal exercise on Open Defecation Free - Plus under Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin at Yonchucho village (Right) and Soku village (Left) on 24th and 27th July 2021, respectively.



ATMA Jakhama Block along with DAO field staff and officers conducting field demonstration on various farming methods at Jakhama Block on 21st July 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier along with officials during the inauguration of a Coffee Bar set up by Land Resources Department at District Project Officer's Office, Jalukie on 12th July 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier flagging off the Mobile Teaching Unit vehicle at DC's Office Complex, Kiphire on 29th July 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS along with beneficiaries during the launching programme of the cooperative marketing pick-up vans, assisted under Integrated Cooperative Development Project 2020-2021, ARCS, Tuensang on 28th July 2021.

SUMI HOHO RECONSTITUTES NEW TEAM OF OFFICE BEARERS



Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye along with officials and dignitaries launching a book on Sumi Migration at Sumi Hoho's General Conference held on 2nd July 2021 at Town Hall, Zunheboto.

The apex Sumi tribal body, Sumi Hoho held its General Conference on 2nd July 2021 at Town Hall, Zunheboto and reconstituted a new team of leaders headed by Nikheto Zhimo as its President, Dr. Vihuto Asumi as General Secretary and other nominated members from different Sumi inhabited areas as Sumi Hoho office bearers and executive members for the tenure 2021-2024.

Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye lauded the Zunheboto Health & Family Welfare Department for tirelessly working and having achieved the highest number of vaccinated individuals in Nagaland and said that it was the only weapon to fight against the COVID-19 virus and appealed the leaders from various areas to act as an instrument to clear false speculations among the

citizens. The Minister also launched the Sumi Migration book during the programme.

Convenor of the Sumi Migration Committee, Dr. Hokishe Yephthomi, highlighting on the book launch said that, the Committee started its venture of accumulation of data from the year 2014 under the Presidentship of Hovishe Arkha and added that the book was written as per the reports collected from the village heads of different villages.

Principal Secretary, Urban Development and President, Sumi Officers' Union Nagaland, Himato Zhimomi called upon the leaders of all areas to give detailed road map of their village and submit it to Sumi Hoho, then to the legislators so that all Sumis and the upcoming generation will have clearer knowledge about the road map of every village.

LAUNCHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FRUIT TREE SAPLINGS AT PFUTSERO

Launching and distribution of fruit tree saplings under 'Trees for Wealth' was held at Pfutsero with Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as the Special Guest on 5th July 2021.

'Trees for Wealth' movement was started by Entrepreneurs Associates (EA), Nagaland. The programme was chaired by, EA Zonal Head, Cukhoyi Chiero while CEO, EA, Neichute Doulo, gave an introduction of 'Trees for Wealth.'

Former Chairman, Pfutsero Town Council, Dingulo Khutso, delivered words of appreciation.

Later the Special Guest distributed the fruit tree saplings.

NEW TRAFFIC PLAN FOR PFUTSERO

Under the initiative of Pfutsero Administration and SDPO, Pfutsero a new traffic plan was launched at Pfutsero town on 5th July 2021. The plan was flagged off by Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu.

Speaking at the launching programme, the Minister thanked the Administration of Pfutsero for taking the initiative in making the plan. He said that traffic problems are faced all over the world, but it depends on citizens for traffic management and therefore everyone should follow the traffic rules laid by the authority. He opined that all the alternate routes around Pfutsero town should be opened to ease traffic problems. He appealed to the public of

Pfutsero town to cooperate with the administration and traffic police.

The launching programme was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pfutsero. He lauded the SDPO, Pfutsero for personally making the bamboo barricades, and also sought cooperation from the public.

The new traffic plan for Pfutsero include, one minute parking, one side public parking, local taxi stands, pickup/Tata mobile parking, two wheeler parking, timings for goods trucks for entry in town, clearing of construction materials and other no parking zones to ease the traffic in the town. New road signs, boards and barricades were also installed around the town.

SAKHI ONE STOP CENTRE ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT PEREN DPDB

Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of July was held on 6th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren and DPDB, Vice-Chairman, Sentiwapang Aier.

The board deliberated on the following agenda: Schemes for 6th Tening A/C under LADP 2021-22; Forwarding of application in respect of grant-in-aid for St. Francis De Sales School, Peren; Proposal for opening of new school i.e., St. Joseph School at Songlhuh under Ahthibung sub-division; and shifting of Peren Government College.

Counselor, Grace gave a brief PowerPoint presentation about the schemes, aims, objectives and activities conducted in the district by Sakhi One Stop Centre, Peren. The board members appreciated the services rendered by the organisation and further assured to provide all possible help in carrying out their noble endeavour.

The DC informed the members about the directive received from the Office of the Chief Secretary regarding 50% attendance of officers and staff. He expressed concern about the absence of many officers and staff and requested them to perform their duty diligently and sincerely.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 6th July 2021 at Town Hall, Zunheboto under the chairmanship of Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and Taxes, Pukhayi Sumi.

The Advisor thanked and appreciated Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto and Chairman District Task Force (DTF), Peter Lichamo and members of the DTF for their contributions in different ways in the fight against the pandemic and also appealed to continue to work sincerely towards



the society. He also expressed his appreciation to all the frontline workers, who have been working day and night for the safety of the society.

Pukhayi Sumi asked the agri and allied departments to intensify their sensitisation and encouragement programmes to the farmers in order to achieve a self-reliant and sustainable society. He said that the government was trying its best to provide and meet the needs of the citizens but it is

high time to focus on self-sustainability.

During the meeting, agenda on creation of Government Primary School at Lotisa Old village; grant-in-aid for St. Clare School, Akuluto; upgradation of Public Health Sub-Centre to PHC, Satami; and finalisation of LADP 2021-2022, Zunheboto, were thoroughly deliberated and approved by the board for further necessary process.

YANGSEO CALLS FOR TEAM EFFORT

Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th July 2021 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, T. Yangseo Sangtam.

Yangseo Sangtam stated that Kiphire being an aspirational district, the government has envisioned many developmental policies, schemes and projects to be implemented in the district. He urged everyone posted in the district to work together as a team and to come forward for successful implementation of all government programmes while also urging landowners not to hamper developmental activities in the district.

Yangseo stated that during the COVID-19

pandemic, many have been affected especially daily wage earners and labourers. He also condoled all those who lost their lives during the pandemic. He further lauded the District Task Force, medical team, tribal leaders, civil societies, NGOs for their fight against the pandemic and especially the frontline workers for risking their life to save people.

The members discussed various agenda which were decided to be recommended for approval to the higher authority: Registration of Eastern Sumi Kukami Hoho; Proposal for approval of LADP 2021-22 under 59 A/C and 60 A/C; Forward the proposal for establishment of Community Based Eco Tourism at Mimi to the NEC.

DPDB DIMAPUR RECOMMENDS FOR UPGRADATION OF NIULAND TO DISTRICT

Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) members approved and recommended the proposal to the higher authority, for upgradation of Niuland ADC sub-division to full fledged district. The decision was taken by the board during the DPDB meeting held on 6th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Dimapur under the chairmanship of Zhaleo Rio, Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs.

Deliberating on the issue, Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Nagaland, Jacob Zhimomi who has brought up the proposal for concurrence of the board members, observed that Niuland which falls under the periphery of Dimapur district has the potential for fast economic

development and added that it was a very promising area.

Advisor, Power, Tovihito Ayemi also felt that it was very apt for upgrading Niuland to a district, stating that it fulfills all requirements, being one of the oldest sub-division created way back in 1987.

ADC, Niuland, Athrila while highlighting on the issue, informed that presently there are 109 villages under Niuland sub-division with four administrative circles and covers an area of 454 Sq. Km. She further informed that Niuland is situated in a strategic location geographically, which shares borders with two major towns of Assam and connectivity with important districts of Nagaland, including the State Capital.



DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS informed that Dimapur district has achieved the highest coverage of vaccination in the State and that the target is for 100% vaccination in the district. He urged upon the public to strictly adhere to all COVID-19 behaviours and not to be complacent although the positivity rate of the district showed a declining trend.

In the meeting, proposal for setting up

Norman Putsure College at Ward 10 Chumukedima was also approved by the Board.

DHO, Dimapur, Temsu presented the activities taken up by the District Horticulture Department. DPDB Chairman called upon the members to be torchbearers in following COVID-19 SOP and also encouraged them for more participation during DPDB meetings.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES

The Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 6th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Advisor for Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo.

The board discussed on the following agenda - Creation of RD Block at Nokhu Circle; Soiling and upgradation of Noklak town Cemetery Approach Road; Society registration of Taste of Noklak; Construction of Nokyan Village Guard Barrack; Inclusion of Noklak town under Urban Development - (a) Marketing Complex (b) Urban Haat; Upgradation of Assistant Commandant, VG's Office to Deputy Commandant and various district offices upgradation; Constitution of Aspirational Block Committee in respect of Thonoknyu Block;

Highlight on TB Mukht Bharat by CMO; Comprehensive development proposal for consideration of NITI Aayog. The agenda were approved and recommended to be forwarded to the concerned department for necessary consideration and action.

DIO, Tuensang, Dr. Thungchanpeni Patton highlighted the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and IRCS, Secretary, Lachomong briefed on the contributions and participation of IRCS, Noklak during various occasions.

Advisor, Khumo and DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS expressed their concern for the development of the new district, Noklak and also advised the members to bring forward the requirement and problems of their respective department, and advised the members to positively attend meetings.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

WOKHA:

In commemoration of the 75th Year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (1st July –



Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Wokha, Er. Imnazulu Ao with the Department's staff during the cleanliness and plantation drive in commemoration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Wokha on 6th July 2021.

14th August 2021), the Department of Public Health Engineering (PHE), Wokha, kick started its calendar activities on 6th July 2021.

The Department, led by Executive Engineer, Wokha, Er. Imnazulu Ao carried out plantation drive-cum-cleanliness drive at the office premise and at Etsutchukha, which is the main water source for Wokha town. The Department's intention to clean and plant trees at the main water source is to sensitize the public about the importance of consuming clean and safe water.

KIPHIRE:

The Department of Public Health

Engineering, Kiphire Division marked the launch of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', ahead of fifty eight weeks of 75th anniversary of Indian Independence on 6th July 2021.

Marking the anniversary, the Department organised cleanliness drive and tree plantation activities at main water source at Yingshikiur village

under Kiphire division. The Department officials along with village community took active participation in the drive.

The officials expressed their gratitude towards the village community for their active participation and also encouraged them to continuously check their water source in order to consume safe water.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON SPECIAL VACCINATION CAMP

The Tseminyu Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held on 8th July 2021 at ADC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of ADC Tseminyu, Manpai Phom.

The board deliberated on special awareness and vaccination camps for government employees in the sub-division. It also recommended

for forwarding of 'Shajuchu Welfare Society' at Nsunyu, to the government for registration.

The board decided to organize a mass social work by all the offices on 7th August 2021 where every department will adopt and nurture few of the 100 cherry tree saplings that were recently planted in commemoration of the 50 years of Tseminyu New Town.

ATMA ACTIVITIES HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

ATMA Chunlikha Block, Kohima inaugurated a farm school on sugarcane cultivation and processing unit at Yikhanyu village on 9th July 2021 with Sesinlo Kent as the Farm Teacher.

ATM Chenobu discussed about organic pest management and how to utilise it for controlling pest in the sugarcane farm as well as other crops.



Demonstration on organic pest management was conducted by Chunlikha Block, Kohima at Yikhanyu village on 9th July 2021, and at K. Station village on 12th July 2021.

A demonstration on kholar cultivation was conducted by ATMA Chunlikha Block, Kohima at Kandinu village on 10th July 2021. ATM, Sinlo Khing demonstrated to the farmers the proper method of sowing the seed. Line sowing, proper spacing and cultural practices were also demonstrated to the farmers, and kholar seeds were distributed to the farmers for cultivation.

ATMA Chunlikha Block, Kohima district conducted a demonstration on cultivation practices of soybean at Nsunyu village on 8th July 2021 and at Tesophenyu village on 12th July 2021. ATM Sinlo Khing demonstrated on the proper sowing method of soybean seeds, line sowing and proper spacing of seeds were demonstrated to the farmers, and cultural practices were also briefed to the farmers. One FSG group was formed and the group was briefed on proper cultivation technique. Soybean seeds were distributed to the farmers.

A one-day training programme on capacity building on Dairy Farm Management & Practices for Farmers was conducted by ATMA, Kohima at Nagaland State Dairy Farm, Kohima on 16th July 2021 with Farm Manager, SCBF, Lerie, Dr. Ketholelie Mere as the resource person.

The trainees were given a tour to the dairy farm for practical demonstration by Pedenuo Shuya, Wonchibeni Ezung, Lejao Konyak and Khrietseimenuo Chadi. The training programme had a turnout of 30 progressive farmers from Kohima district. The programme was chaired by Deputy PD, ATMA, Kohima, Rokoshuno Angela.

YIKHANYU VILLAGE:

Demonstration on organic pest management was conducted by ATMA, Chunlikha Block, Kohima. Demonstration on organic pest management was conducted at K. Station village on 12th July 2021 and field day-cum-demonstration on organic pest management at Yikhanyu village on 9th July 2021.

Resource person, Chenobuseb, ATM, ATMA, Chunlikha Block highlighted the importance

of organic approach towards pest management which will enhance habitat for the beneficial insects to increase population, reduce stress on crop plant and use non-chemical method to control pest, identification and monitoring of crop pest and other tactics like cultural, mechanical/physical, biological and bio pesticides methods to be used individually or in combination for pest prevention and suppression, which in present market context will give a good source of revenue to the farmers under the brand name of organic produce.

The farmers were demonstrated on the use of yellow sticky trap, guidelines on use of bio pesticides available in the market and extraction and use of bio chemical from neem leaves and seeds which are locally available. Yellow sticky trap and bio pesticides were also distributed to the farmers.

KIPHIRE DTF TO AWARD VILLAGE/WARD ACHIEVING 100% VACCINATION

The Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 in its meeting has resolved to award those securing 100% vaccination amongst the eleven wards and to award for highest percentage at village level. The meeting was held on 9th July 2021 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kiphire and was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) & Chairman DTF, T. Wati Aier.

The DC informed that despite efforts being carried out in the district, it has the lowest percentage in COVID-19 vaccination amongst the districts in the State, wherein he urged the members and ward chairmen, ward GBs and ward representatives to put more effort in vaccination drive to achieve target of government directive. Aier also informed that financial assistance will be given to all the eleven wards to help monitor COVID-19

activities in their respective wards. The DC also expressed his concern and suggested the DEO to educate teachers to create awareness on vaccination drive.

CMO, Motsuthung while briefing on COVID-19 status said that six people in the district died by COVID-19 disease and out of six people, only one person received the first dose.

DIO, Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo highlighting the status of COVID-19 activities said that around 30 villages have not yet vaccinated even a single person. He also said that as per the government directives, the target is to achieve 90% vaccination.

The members deliberated on COVID-19 third wave preparation, with certain strategies and activities to be carried out in the entire district.

KOHIMA DTF TAKES MEASURES TO RAMP UP TESTING AND VACCINATION

With the High Powered Committee (HPC) indicating to take up more testing and ramp up vaccination exercises, the Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 took up the issue in its meeting held under the chairmanship of Deputy

Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, DTF Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 13th July 2021. The meeting was attended by Minister in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and



Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Neikiesalie Kire, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Kevithutuo Sophie, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo and other DTF members.

On the issue of ramp up of testing and vaccination, Minister Ozukum informed that the Prime Minister of India during a video conference with Chief Ministers of North Eastern states on 13th July 2021 pointed out three issues, where NE States need to intensify testing and vaccination, and need to bring down the wastage of vaccine. On wastage of vaccine, he informed that out of eight NE states, four states had reported nil wastage of vaccine while other four states reported a total of more than 90,000 doses of vaccine wastage, Nagaland State was listed in the last second. He therefore said that though Kohima district recorded 4% of vaccine wastage, the Minister said the district still needs to have proper planning in this exercise to bring down the wastage of vaccine to zero percentage and further called for everyone's effort in these matters.

The DTF assessed the current level of testing and ongoing vaccination and discussed on various measures to increase and improve the testing and vaccination exercises in the district in order to achieve the district target of 1,026 daily

testing set by the higher authority. As per the 2011 Census, total population of the district stands at 2,70,063 where a total of 60,465 samples tested was recorded, with an average weekly test of 1,437 and daily test of 205 done while the Government has set the district target at 7,185 per week and 1,026 per day.

CMO, Kohima highlighted the 'District Micro Plan' on COVID-19 testing strategy during the meeting where the DTF decided to approve it with some minor modification for further necessary action. CMO also updated on the current status of positivity rate where she mentioned on the recent detection of delta variant in the district, which is very transmissible and infectious. She said that both the delta variant and delta plus variant has the capacity or ability for immune escape, which means an individual infected in the past can still become infected again.

On the ongoing vaccination in urban and rural areas, the CMO informed that there are some certain pockets where people are not coming forward to get vaccinated. The CMO team has therefore conducted Community Health Officers training on RAT testing and awareness on vaccination. She said that at this juncture the focus has to be on the ongoing vaccination to cover all the eligible beneficiaries, for which she called for every individual to come together to achieve the target.

WOKHA DTF REVIEW MEETING REITERATES ON TIMELY TESTS

An emergency meeting of Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 was held on 13th July 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. Deputy Commissioner & Chairman DTF, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the district.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Deputy CMO, Wokha briefing on the current status of the

COVID-19 pandemic in the district stated that, the district has so far vaccinated 35,560 persons, while 3,856 samples have been collected during the random test. So far the district has conducted random testing 16 times. The district currently has 255 positive cases and 9 numbers of deaths recorded while the positivity rate stands at 6.61%, recovery rate at 83.78% while death rate stands at



3.47%, he stated.

The DC stated that some persons are in the habit of circulating and spreading unconfirmed/unverified and fake news in many social media platforms, and warned that such acts are punishable offence which will invite punishments under relevant sections of the Nagaland Disaster Management Act 2005 and Nagaland Epidemic

Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 and warned public to refrain from such kind of activities.

Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Chumdemo highlighted the management of COVID-19 in the district, while Seyiekhrienuo, Rapid Response Team (World Health Organization) member highlighted on COVID-19 assessment of Wokha district.

CAVACH PROJECT LAUNCHED AT KIPHIRE

Project Cavach was formally launched at Kiphire, Aspirational District, by the Chairman of Empowered Group of Medical Structure, Dr. Vinod K. Paul on 15th July 2021.

The Cavach project is created with an aim to enhance COVID-19 vaccination drive as Kiphire district has a low coverage percentage. It is based on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and the project is funded by NSC Foundation in partnership with Karuna Trust.

Some of the activities to be implemented are awareness at panchayat level, community champion programme, distribution of screening

material to 25 Sub-Centre, door to door visit by community champion and mass communication activities such as song, video, FM radio advertisement on distribution of IEC materials.

Karuna Trust in partnership with the District Administration is going to implement it in all the villages in the district for a period of nine months. The programme was launched virtually through video conference which was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier and Dr. Chinole Magh Rengma of Karuna Trust and District Collectors from three districts of the country.

WOKHA DPDB APPROVES LADP & COMMON POOL

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 15th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. The meeting was chaired by Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmholnomo Kikon.

During the meeting, the members discussed on the establishment of Veterinary Health Centre at Ralan and proposal for upgradation of Chukitong Primary Health Centre to Community Health Centre and recommended it to the higher

authority for consideration.

The meeting focused on the approval and finalization of LADP & Common Pool 2021-22, which was deliberated at length and the board approved for recommendation.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe while highlighting the COVID-19 scenario said that the district has so far received 40,780 doses of vaccines out of which 36,680 vaccines have been utilized, and added that there are 4,100 doses left in the district. He also highlighted on the status of all Cold Chain Point COVID-19 vaccine



stock as on 14th July 2021, where 11 cold chain point in the entire district are functional, to intensify the vaccine activities.

Discussing on the status of COVID-19 scenario in the district, Mmhoneumo Kikon said that deduction of 10% from the LADP fund for the year 2021-22 is to facilitate the infrastructure and other

facilities of the healthcare system in the district to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. He urged the Wokha District Task Force to give more effort to ramp up for more testing and intensify vaccination and to involve the churches and other frontal organizations to create awareness on the benefits of vaccination.

NOKLAK GETS ITS FIRST 100% VACCINATED VILLAGE



Peshu Nyukya village under Thonoknyu sub-division of Noklak district became the first village in the district to be 100% vaccinated on 15th July 2021.

Peshu Nyukya village under Thonoknyu sub-division of Noklak district became the first village in the district to be 100% vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible beneficiaries above 18 years of age was

completed on 15th July 2021. A special intensified vaccination drive has been initiated by District Administration and Health & Family Welfare Department of the sub-division spearheaded by the Noklak District Task Force.

PAINTING COMPETITION ORGANISED AT PEREN

Peren District Administration and Sakhi One Stop Centre, Peren organised a painting competition based on the theme 'Imagining a Gender-Equal World' and the prize presentation

programme was held at DC's Office Chamber, Peren on 15th July 2021.

The programme was chaired by EAC and Nodal Officer, Sakhi One Stop Centre, Ane Khieya



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier along with officials of Sakhi One Stop Centre, Peren and winners of the painting competition held at DC's Office Chamber, Peren on 15th July 2021.

and the winners received their prizes from the Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Sentiwapang Aier where four paintings were adjudged winners based on the criteria of originality, creativity, theme relevance and overall presentation.

The DC in his short speech encouraged the winners to use their talents in contributing for the betterment of society specially in creating a more

gender-equal world.

The 1st position was bagged by Kemchina Ndong (15 years old), 2nd position by Toshinaro Aier (43 years old) and the 3rd position by Isiba (25 years old) and Kiriahungle Hiahing (25 years old).

The winning paintings will be displayed at the DC's Office and Sakhi One Stop Centre, Peren.

MON DPDB FELICITATES TOPPERS

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 15th July 2021 at the Conference Room, Deputy Commissioner's (DC), Mon. The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The board approved two proposals to be forwarded to the concerned department, namely registration of Ahng Kins Foundation, Sheanghah Mokok village and setting up of Sainik School in Mon.

The board also felicitated HSLC and HSSLC 2020 toppers under Mon district. Following are the names of the toppers:

HSLC 2020 - Lynee Konyak W, Wangyuh Konyak Y, Keamyng, Mitali Chauhan, Hangpo Shongpohru.

HSSLC 2020 (Arts) - M Phoawang, Changlang Y, Phangnyo Konyak, Ayin Wangsha, Ngipam S Konyak

HSSLC 2020 (Science) – Watlong, Nachat Rebecca, Lily Mongyu.

The DPDB meeting was followed by a meeting of the Road Safety Committee, Mon where the following officers were appointed as members of the Committee: ADC Mon & Administrator Mon Town

Council; CMO, Health & Family Welfare; District Education Officer.

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner and SDPDB Vice Chairman, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 17th July 2021.

The board approved the LADP 2021-22 schemes, which includes the COVID-19 relief for Pughoboto sub-division. SMO, CHC Pughoboto, Dr. Esther Kath who highlighted the vaccination drive said

that total vaccinated number for the entire 24 village as on 14th July 2021 stands at 4,568. The total vaccinated persons in the 18-44 years category was 2,365 while in the 45-59 years category, it stood at 1,177. Further, 810 beneficiaries in the 60 years & above were vaccinated, and 123 and 93 frontline workers and healthcare workers, respectively have been inoculated.

EE (Public Works Department), Chengkato Kath highlighted on the status of the road condition in the sub-division.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

Coordination meeting of all the Heads of Departments under Medziphema sub-division was held on 16th July 2021, at ADC's Office, Medziphema under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Imsongmeren.

The ADC reminded the members to render and support each other as a team in delivering their duties sincerely.

SDAO, Rosemary, highlighted on the farmers' plight, current situation faced by the farmers

and how the Department is intervening in project areas in various villages. SDO, Public Health Engineering Department, Medziphema, Ichirang Zeliang briefed on the Jal Jeevan mission for urban sector.

Medical Officer, CHC Medziphema, Dr. Temsu highlighted on the COVID-19 situation and importance of COVID-19 care. SDO, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Kihozhe briefed on the roads and bridges condition in the sub-division.

REVIEW-CUM-SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON COVID-19 HELD AT JAKHAMA

A review-cum-sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination and testing for Jakhama sub-division was held on 17th July 2021 at Bamboo Hall, Kisama, organised by Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19. Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire also attended the programme.

Minister for Public Works Department (Mechanical and Housing) and Minister in-charge, Tongpang Ozukum in his speech stated that Nagaland has recorded the lowest when it comes to testing and vaccination but highest in death rate in the country, and in order to improve the situation the public need to take individual responsibility and follow all SOP as laid down by the government.

Ozukum also appealed on behalf of the government to the Village and Block Level Task Force to use their authority to strictly implement the SOP and COVID-19 protocol in their jurisdiction. The Minister also shared his optimism that the review and sensitization programme undertaken by the District Task Force will not go in vain, and will bear encouraging news in the next two or three weeks. He further encouraged the gathering to be united against the fight towards the pandemic through understanding and cooperation.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha said the prevailing rate of positive cases in the district was a concern and called for every responsible individual to contribute by following the



Minister for Public Works Department (Mechanical and Housing), Tongpang Ozukum addressing the gathering at the sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination and testing for Jakhama sub-division held at Bamboo Hall, Kisama on 17th July 2021.

SOP in order to stop the transmission. He said the only way to protect oneself from this virus was to get vaccinated and called upon the village leaders and apex organisations to disseminate and sensitise the people on the importance of testing and vaccination for the safety of the community.

Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha also stated that the government has opened the Unlock-II not because the State is now safe from the virus but because of sheer necessity. He therefore stressed on the importance of maintaining COVID-19 protocols and to follow the SOP and get vaccinated in order to defeat this virus.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawellie also stressed on the three tools of COVID-19 appropriate behaviours and the provision of law laid down under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897/ Nagaland Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Rules 2020 and relevant section under IPC 188. He said that under this Act one can be penalised for violating the guidelines and called upon the area leaders to spread the message on the importance of testing and vaccination in respective areas for the safety of the community and to achieve the district's target.

CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo

speaking about the COVID-19 vaccine said the protective effects of Covishield are - to prevent infection - 65%, to prevent hospitalization - 77%, reduce need of oxygen - 92% and reduce ICU admission - 94%. She therefore urged every 18 years and above to get vaccinated as it was the only way to go back to normal life.

Highlighting on the COVID-19 vaccine status under Jakhama Block, CMO informed that overall vaccinated percentage stands at 52.39 %, out of 24,186 Head Count (HC), 14,972 received 1st and 2nd dose and 12,673 received 1st dose. The breakup is as follows: Under Viswema CHC, HC - 3,215, 1st dose - 3,334 with 103.79 % coverage where people from different areas were also vaccinated; Khuzama H&WC, HC - 2,118, 1st dose - 781, coverage - 36.87 %; Jakhama PHC, HC - 3,626, 1st dose - 1,335, coverage - 36.81 %; Kimipfuphe PHC, HC - 7,330, 1st dose - 2,396, coverage - 32.68 %; Pfuchama H&WC, HC - 2,490, 1st dose - 276, coverage - 11.08 %; Kezocha PHC, HC - 1,576, 1st dose - 753, coverage - 47.77 %; Dihoma H&WC, HC - 760, 1st dose - 67, coverage - 8.81 %; Sakhabama H&WC, HC - 1,599, 1st dose - 745, coverage - 46.59 %; and Kidima H&WC, HC - 1,472, 1st dose - 341 with 23.1 % coverage.

DEAD BODY MANAGEMENT TRAINING HELD AT KOHIMA VILLAGE

With the initiative of Kohima District Task Force, the Kohima Village Task Force and the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department, conducted a

training and demonstration on dead body management at Christ King Church, Kohima village on 17th July 2021.



Deputy CMO, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dr. Khriesilie Sachü and his team with the volunteers demonstrating the donning and doffing of PPE kit for dead body management at Christ King Church, Kohima village on 17th July 2021.

Resource person, Deputy CMO, H&FW, Dr. Khriesilie Sachü elaborated on the updated guidelines of COVID-19 dead body management which was issued by the Directorate of H&FW, Nagaland and stated that there is a minimal risk of spread of COVID-19 infection from dead body if standard precautionary measures are followed, however, misconceptions, stigma, and discrimination of the families still remain when a person dies of COVID-19.

Dr. Sachü comprehensively highlighted on the preparation of a dead body in a healthcare institution setting, the transportation process, the procedure at the burial site/crematorium. He also briefed on the additional sections on handling COVID-19 deaths in a home/community setting, safety guideline for the caregiver of the deceased, and prevention of stigmatization and discrimination during COVID-19 deaths.

Dr. Sachü reminded that COVID-19 death should not be stigmatized and families affected should not be discriminated. The dead should be honoured and families allowed to pay their last respect to the deceased in a safe manner, he added.

Kohima Village Council, Chairman, Helievi-o Solo in his brief address applauded the Kohima village volunteers, the Kohima village Scouts and Guides for coming forward to accept the challenges at this trying time and tagged them as the 'Peoples Warrior' of the village.

Convenor, VTF, Dr. Khriesatalie Yhome highlighted on the importance of dead body management at village level and sensitizing the people about COVID-19. MO, Botsa, Dr. Atsei-ii Yhome and her team demonstrated the donning and doffing of different Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kit.

PEREN DTF ON COVID-19 & VACCINATION COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

Peren District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 and vaccination committee meeting was held on 19th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC)

Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, who is also the Chairman of DTF.



Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Lanuakum highlighted on the positivity rate of COVID-19 and testing report in the district, where he informed that so far, positive cases in the district is 741, with currently active cases at 18 and positivity rate at 8.1%.

Dr. Kiholi highlighting on the vaccination status of the district stated that as on 18th July 2021 report, a total of 19,843 doses (inclusive of both doses) has been administered in the district and overall coverage stands at 26%.

In the meeting, the DTF & Vaccination Committee members deliberated on the review of Unlock-III guidelines, ramping up of testing and vaccination exercise in the district and improper functioning of ambulance services in the district.

Representative from Kuki Inpi Nagaland expressed their concerns regarding the posting of doctors at Primary Health Centre Anthibung, for which the DTF Chairman assured to take up the matter urgently.

ENFORCEMENT DRIVE ON SALE OF TOBACCO AT MON

For the effective implementation of COTPA 2003 at Mon, an enforcement drive on sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions was carried out under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) on 22nd July 2021 at Mon. The team consisted of representatives from District Administration, Excise Department, Police Department and Konyak Student Union (KSU), Mon.

The team was led by District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi and District Consultant, NTCP, Mon, Nyeamyang Konyak.

29 shops around the educational institutions under Mon town were found selling tobacco products and were penalized. The team seized the products and later destroyed the items at the dumping area.

TENING SUB-DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND HEADS OF OFFICES HOLD MEETING

Tening sub-divisional administration and Heads of Offices meeting was held at DB's Court, Tening on 21st July 2021 under the chairmanship of ADC, Tening, Rosietho Nguori.

ADC, Rosietho Nguori raised concern regarding giving effect to government directives on reopening of offices and mandatory weekly attendance from all Heads of Offices in the sub-division. During the meeting it was decided to open

all offices for public interviews on all working days, meanwhile the District Administration will follow up on the monitoring of attendance as per government directives.

MO, AYUSH, CHC, Tening, Dr. Nuksang Jamir briefed on the latest updates on COVID-19 related activities such as vaccination drive, status and appealed to the house to sensitize the general public on the general benefit and safety of being vaccinated.

FELICITATION FOR MERITORIOUS STUDENTS HELD

LONGLENG:

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng organized a felicitation programme for meritorious girl students of the recently declared results of the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations, 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Longleng on 24th July 2021 under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.' A total of 34 meritorious girl students under Longleng district were awarded with cash prize and certificate.



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M. Shayung Phom presenting the cash prize and certificate to a student at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 24th July 2021.

DC, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom in his speech encouraged the students to work hard and have ambition in life. He spoke on the importance of giving special preference to girl child education and also appreciated the teachers for their contribution towards the success of the meritorious students.

Education Secretary, PSC, Longleng, Purtoshi congratulated and wished the students a bright future. Keynote address was delivered by SDO (C), Longleng, Trongdiba Sangtam where he highlighted about the BBBP programme.

TUENSANG:

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Tuensang under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Tuensang conducted a felicitation programme for HSLC toppers on 27th July 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang.

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS congratulated the toppers and encouraged them to keep going even if they face hindrance, and strive till they reach their goal. He felicitated two toppers, three subject toppers and subject teachers with cash prize and certificate.



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS presenting a certificate to a student at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 27th July 2021.

DTF WOKHA DISCUSSES ON PREVENTIVE STEPS FOR COVID-19

A meeting of the District Task Force for COVID-19 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 22nd July 2021.

Focusing on matters relating to management of COVID-19 pandemic, the ADC stressed on the importance of having proper coordination and efficient communication between the healthcare workers/frontline workers and the community, especially with regard to COVID-19 testing and vaccination.

For effective and timely dissemination of information from the war room, it was decided that a WhatsApp group comprising of all Colony Council Chairmen and other frontline workers would be created. To create awareness and thereby remove the fear psychosis from the general public regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccination, the meeting decided to make an IEC

about the benefits of COVID-19 testing and vaccination and dissemination through the colony chairmen. In this regard, Chief Medical Officer and District Public Relations Officer were entrusted to coordinate and work out the modalities.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe requested all the colony chairmen to submit data of those who are not vaccinated and basing on the data the vaccination drive would be carried out. It also decided to conduct random testing in all the colonies of Wokha town on need basis.

The DTF members deliberated upon the report that some schools/pre-schools were conducting classes for students and the colony chairmen were entrusted to keep strict vigilance and to report to the DTF if they found any schools violating the SOP of COVID-19.

PHEK DLCC MEETING HELD

The Phek District Level Co-ordination Committee (DLCC) held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Phek on 26th

July 2021 for civil registration system on birth and death under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo.

District Economics & Statistics Officer and Member Secretary, Kewekolo Khalo highlighted on how to achieve births and deaths registration.

The DC also emphasized on the importance of disseminating information relating to

registration of births and deaths among all section of people.

The meeting was attended by District Medical Superintendent, representatives from District Education Officer and District Public Relations Officer, Phek.

DPDB TUENSANG DISCUSSES ON BIFURCATION OF ICDS PROJECTS

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 27th July 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The board discussed on the agenda for the approval of LADP for the current year of 2020 - 2021 under 51 A/C Noksen, 52 A/C Longkhim Chare, 53 A/C Tuensang Sadar 1, 54 A/C Tuensang Sadar - 11 and 58 A/C Shamator - Chessore. The Chairman also thanked the elected members for their

contribution of Rs. 10 lakh each to COVID-19 schemes.

The board also discussed on the bifurcation of ICDS Sangsangnyu into two projects which was tabled by Nungsang Lemba Chang. He stated that Sangsangnyu ICDS was the biggest project, as it covers 92 Anganwadi Centres covering villages of three Constituency Assembly, 51, 53 and 54. The board further approved for the induction of permanent member in DPDB Tuensang from Confederation of Chang Students Union, Tuensang.

TRAINING ON ERI FARMING HELD

District level training on Eri farming, organized by ATMA, Kohima district was held at Tseminyu Town Hall on 23rd July 2021. The resource person, for the technical session was Assistant Sericulture Officer, Kohima, Eyareno Chuse.

The resource person highlighted on the importance of rearing of Eri silkworm which can ultimately lead to the economic upliftment of the rural people, especially woman farmers. She gave a

detailed presentation on the important growth stages of the worm and explained the life cycle ranging right from the hatching of the eggs to its maturity. Pest, diseases and its management, the economic benefits and potentials of the Eri silkworm with the prices it can fetch in the markets were also discussed.

Altogether, 26 farmers from Tseminyu and Chunlikha Blocks benefited from the training.

PRA ON ODF - PLUS SUSTAINABILITY HELD AT NOKYAN VILLAGE



DWSM, Public Health Engineering Department, Tuensang Division officials with participants during a programme on Open Defecation Free – Plus sustainability at Nokyan village, Noklak on 27th July 2021.

PRA activity on Open Defecation Free (ODF) - Plus sustainability was conducted at Nokyan village under Noklak district on 27th July 2021. The programme was organized by DWSM, PHE, Tuensang and sponsored by WSSO, PHE, Nagaland.

IEC Consultant, DWSM, PHE, Tuensang, Fairyson Sangtam said that ODF status has to be sustained through continued behavioural change communication. He also spoke on the key objectives

of SBMG to sustain ODF status. The importance of grey water management and various technological options available such as soak pits, leach pit at household and community level was shared by Er. Khaoshai Lam, SDO, PHE, Noklak. He also spoke on retrofitting of toilets and for appropriate treatment of black water and faecal sludge.

The exercise was attended by Village Council, WAT SAN, Swachhagrahi, Anganwadi/health workers.

MOBILE TEACHING UNIT VEHICLE FLAGGED OFF AT KIPHIRE

Mobile Teaching Unit (MTU) vehicle for Kiphire Aspirational District was flagged off on 29th July 2021 at DC's Office Complex, Kiphire.

Flagging off the MTU vehicle, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Samagra, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier said that Kiphire has been very fortunate to be the only district in the State to be among the 'Aspirational Districts' in the country. He stated that a lot of opportunities has been extended by the Government through the programme so far. The DC said the purpose of MTU is to reach out to the villages and educate the students. He also requested the Department's authority to provide teachers in school establishments in the district

where there is shortfall of teaching staff.

Joint Mission Director, Samagra, Nagaland, Dr. Kevi Rio in his short speech, displayed a tablet that contains all the subjects according to NBSE syllabus. He said that tablets have already been distributed for Class 8 to 10 students, while for Class XI and XII, it will be delivered shortly, adding that Kiphire is the only district to avail such privilege.

Vice President, USSC, Setrongba lauded the government/agency for providing MTU vehicle for the students of Kiphire district, and he also requested the staff to utilise the property in a judicious manner and for specific purpose.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDER SBM-G, PHE WOKHA

Under the flagship programme of Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin (SBM - G), the District Water & Sanitization Mission (DWSM) team PHE, Wokha conducted a behavioural change communication, capacity building and training on Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercise on Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus at eight different villages under Wokha district which kick started on 21st July 2021.

With the key objective of SBM-G Phase 1 attained, i.e. to make India open defecation free, the government has renewed its commitment to further enhance the sanitation and hygiene status in rural areas through SBM-G Phase-2 (2020-21 to 2024-25). The DWSM team carried out these activities at

Tsungza, Khumtsu, Yonchuchho, Sunglup, Upper Baghty, Soku, Makharung and Yimparasa from 21st – 29th July 2021. The objectives of these activities were capacity building and strengthening so as to sustain the achievements under Phase-1 and to sensitize and nudge the people into adopting better sanitation and hygiene practices.

During the campaign, the team emphasized on the sustainability of ODF, grey water management through the use of soak pit, leach pits, waste segregation and disposal methods, plastic waste management and the ill effects of burning plastic, benefits of using compost pit for managing bio-degradable wastes, fecal sludge management, advantages of twin pit latrines, etc. The team urged the gathering to adopt a lifestyle that generates less

waste and called upon community participation to achieve a clean, healthy and conducive environment for growth and all round development. To encourage and remind the gathering about the importance of hand washing with soap before having food and after

using the toilet, soaps were distributed to the participants.

The programme was attended by members from village councils, WATSAN committee, swachhagrahis, women organizations, youth organizations and Anganwadi workers.

ATMA JAKHAMA BLOCK CONDUCTS VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Under the initiative of DAO, Kohima, ATMA Jakhama Block along with DAO field staff and officers conducted field demonstration at Mima village on 21st July 2021 under the topic - SRI Nursery Bed Preparation and Drought Mitigation through Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) method using Api-seeder with the objective to help the farmers in the wake of deficient rainfall in the State. The SRI nurseries were prepared in order to replace the damaged conventional nurseries, which would be transplanted after 10 days with proper irrigation.

On 24th July 2021, Farmer's Field Day on harvest of millets was conducted by ATMA Jakhama team at Kezoma village. The programme was conducted with the objective to acknowledge the indigenous traditional cultivation methods of fox tail millets as it has been slowly degrading in the State. During the programme, the farmers stated that their

main aim is to provide local seed variety of fox tail millets to the neighbouring villages so that this tradition is not lost. The field day programme was attended by Angela Rokoshuno Zao, DPD, ATMA Kohima, Jakhama Block and 24 farmers.

In another occasion the team also inaugurated Agri-Dairy Farm School at Viswema village on 28th July 2021 and appointed Notho Angami as the Farm School Teacher. During the programme, BTM Jakhama Block highlighted on the aims and objectives of a farm school as well as duties and responsibilities of a farm school teacher.

ATMA Jakhama Block also conducted field demonstration on operation of cono weeder at SRI Farm School, Kigwema village on 29th July 2021 where the team helped the farmers in weeding the paddy field with the help of cono weeders which were distributed by DAO, Kohima.

PEREN OBSERVES WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 2021



EAC, Peren (Headquarter), Kevethito Rose speaking at the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons at Town Hall, Peren on 30th July 2021.

Peren District Administration in collaboration with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) MSK - District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) and Sakhi - One Stop Centre observed World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on the theme, 'Victims voices lead the way' at Town Hall, Peren on 30th July 2021.

Nodal Officer of BBBP and EAC, Peren, Headquarter, Kevethito Rose delivered the welcome address and highlighted about the key concept of the programme.

ASI, Women Police Station, Jalukie,

Tingkhovei Kuki said that there is a need for recognition, acceptance, respect and understanding of the victims to overcome human trafficking. She added that human trafficking has entered through forced labour, domestic help, sex-trafficking and organ trafficking where the victims do not have any choice but were forced into it. Kuki also said that the rescued victims require care, love and friendly approach to go back to normal life.

District Child Protection Unit, Advocate, Asungbe Hau shared on the topic 'Trafficking in Peren District.'



PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES COVID-19 WARD AT DIMAPUR

A COVID-19 Ward with all necessary equipment has been set up at District Hospital Dimapur under the project 'One More Breath' by Association of 41 Clubs of India in association with Round Table India (RTI), which was initiated by Indian Red Cross Society, Dimapur district branch, and was inaugurated by Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangnyu Phom on 30th June 2021.

The Minister acknowledged all NGOs, churches and individuals who have come forward to assist the State Government through various means during the pandemic in his inaugural speech and said that he was overwhelmed to see the works of RTI. He appreciated the valuable works towards uplifting the health sector and further stated that the assistance received under 'One More Breath' will tremendously help the needy.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan highlighted that Dimapur was the

worst affected district in the State, with 60% of the State's COVID-19 cases and maximum number of deaths and hospital admission. He also appreciated the noble deed carried out under project 'One More Breath,' which he said would help the district to a great extent.

Representative from Association of 41 Clubs of India and RTI, Naveen Kejriwal, briefing the gathering on the project said that 'One More Breath' was a dream project approved and rolled out in a short span of time, and he was hopeful that the effort will bring good health to the people of Dimapur.

Speeches were also delivered by Project Co-ordinator, Ashok Agarwal and Secretary, IRCS, Dimapur, KK Paul. Welcome address and vote of thanks was delivered by Chairman, IRCS, Dimapur, Chandu Agarwal and MS, District Hospital Dimapur, Dr. K. Metha respectively, while the inaugural programme was chaired by A. Rahman.

NATURALLY NAGALAND DIMAPUR OUTLET LAUNCHED

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS inaugurating Naturally Nagaland at 4th Mile, Dimapur on 9th July 2021.



An outlet of Naturally Nagaland, a hand-holding initiative of the State Government for promoting organic agri and allied products, finest arts, crafts and handlooms of the State, was launched by Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS at 4th Mile, Dimapur on 9th July 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, the APC said that the outlet was launched for fulfilling the burning

desire of the State Government for promoting local entrepreneurs, farmers and SHGs for marketing their products within and outside the State. This is the first outlet in the State, while the next would be in Kohima, the APC informed.

Under the Naturally Nagaland brand, all the indigenous products can come together for sale thereby popularizing the culture, food and lifestyle of Nagas to the world, Sema observed. He further

mentioned that though many entrepreneurs want to sell their products in a standardized manner, they are unable to do so because of the financial and marketing constraints and therefore the State Government has come out with this novel idea to provide an identity to the unique local products of the State.

Naturally Nagaland will extend the required support by creating a market chain for the entrepreneurs while also identifying the indigenous and medicinal food products of different districts and tribes, Sema maintained. Sema informed that the idea of Naturally Nagaland was conceived last year and initiated by former Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Late Temjen Toy and in this regard, the State Government has rechristened the State Emporiums in Delhi and Kolkata as Naturally Nagaland Emporiums during February 2020.

While promoting the Naturally Nagaland brand, the Government will not derecognize those entrepreneurs who have already created their own

brand and established an image in the market, therefore, all the established entrepreneurs can also participate in selling their own brand through the window created by Naturally Nagaland, making it an umbrella organization for all the brands. Initially the Naturally Nagaland outlet will be in Kohima and Dimapur and it will be the link with the outlets outside the State.

Additional Director, Department of Underdeveloped Area (DUDA), Anungla while explaining that the Government has created a window for helping the farmers, said that the stall belongs to the people of Nagaland and encouraged one and all for availing the opportunity provided by the Government through the agri and allied sectors. She informed that Richard Belho would be coordinating for running the stall, where a sum of Rs.1000 per shelf per month would be realised from the entrepreneurs for displaying their products in the State outlet, and also displayed at Delhi and Kolkata Nagaland Emporiums.

COFFEE BAR INAUGURATED AT PEREN

From delicate to lively, to rich and bold, with Peren's best coffee roasts and coffee beans for all coffee lovers, 'Steaming Mugs - Coffee Bar' was set up by Department of Land Resources, and was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in the presence of dignitaries and officials from Agri & Allied Department at District Project Officer's Office, Jalukie on 12th July 2021

The DC applauded the Department for coming up with such an incredible idea which will not only promote coffee, but also create a space and hub for social interaction and also a fun

atmosphere to work. He also advised that, prior to taking up of any plantation, one should clearly understand the pros and cons and consult the nodal department for guidance and support. The DC encouraged the Department to consistently work for the promotion of coffee and also create avenues for market linkages.

Meanwhile, DPO, Alemia Aier shared a brief overview about the promotion and status of coffee plantation in the State as well as in the district. She also highlighted about the scope and benefit of coffee plantation.

ZALE NEIKHA INAUGURATES VILLAGE GATE AT KIDIMA

Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha inaugurated the Village Gate named 'Kidimi Kharu' in the presence of a host of dignitaries, government officials, frontal organisations and well-wishers at Kidima, Kohima on 13th July 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Neikha lauded

the people of Kidima village for erecting a gigantic and magnificent gate which he said was an epitome of unity and cooperation. He thanked the Department of Rural Development for extending financial assistance not only for the construction of the gate but also for all round development activities





Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha with government officials and village leaders during the inauguration of the Village Gate, 'Kidimi Kharu' at Kidima, Kohima on 13th July 2021.

in the village.

Neikha dwelled on the importance of increasing food grains and its productivity since the village has been declared as 'Vegetable Village' by the Government of Nagaland and said that such a

tag is rare and unique. He therefore urged the people of Kidima village to put concerted effort with renewed vigour in enhancing agricultural productivity. He emphasised on the importance of commercialization of agriculture produce instead of adopting subsistence agriculture in order to boost our economy.

BDO, RD Block Jakhama, Khovi Thaprü in his greetings expressed appreciation to the people of Kidima for all round development in the village. He said erecting a big gate is not only a pride for Kidima alone but also a pride for the whole neighbouring villages as well. He lauded the village leaders working at the grassroot level for showing unity and cooperation on all fronts. Therefore, he urged the new KVC and VDB members to continue with the same spirit.

VDB, Secretary, Kevizeho Rote in his report stated that 46.70 lakh has been incurred for construction of the gate which was funded by the Department of RD.

ADVISOR MHATHUNG YANTHAN INAUGURATES DISTRICT HORTICULTURE OFFICE AT NOKLAK

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan on 22nd July 2021 inaugurated the District Horticulture Office at Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Mhathung Yanthan stated that a new dawn of progress and development is being witnessed in the district and congratulated the people of Noklak for having a

separate district. The Advisor expressed hope that with the opening of District Horticulture Office in Noklak the people of the district will enjoy the fruits and benefits through the Department. He added that the farmers will have an opportunity to learn modern ways of farming and encouraged them to come forward to get the benefits from the Department.



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan speaking during the inauguration programme of District Horticulture Office at Noklak on 22nd July 2021.

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo said that with the establishment of the Office, traditional ways of farming will be improved which can lead to modern ways of farming in the region. Advisor, Khumo thanked the government under the leadership of Chief

Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan for establishing the District Horticulture Office. He also thanked Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture, Director, Horticulture, District Horticulture Officer and others involved in the establishment of the District Horticulture Office at Noklak.

CHARITABLE WARD INAUGURATED AT ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT HOSPITAL

A programme for the inauguration of a charitable ward at Zunheboto District Hospital was held on 24th July 2021.

A charitable ward at Zunheboto District Hospital was inaugurated on 24th July 2021 by Z Kasheto Yephthomi, contractor and former candidate from Ghaspani-1, the prime initiator of the goodwill gesture. Round Table India Trust and Association of 41 Clubs of India under 'One More Breath' charity project, donated hospital beds and equipments worth more than Rs. 40 lakh. The inauguration programme for the same was held at District Hospital Zunheboto which was attended by apex Sumi organizations, CMO, Zunheboto, MS, Zunheboto and other staff from the hospital.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto acknowledged Association of 41 Clubs of India and Round Table India Trust for their generosity at the time of pandemic to District Hospital Zunheboto. He lauded Z Kasheto Yephthomi, who took keen interest in the project, and mentioned that Kasheto personally requested the project to be implemented at the District Hospital. The DC highlighted on the plight of the District Hospital and urged them to continue to help the district in the future in every possible means. He encouraged the doctors, nurses and medical staff on the importance of judiciously utilizing the equipments received.

T. R. Nitesh, Bharech Guwahati, highlighting

on the project said that the vision of 'One More Breath' brought by Association of 41 Clubs of India in association with RTI, aims to provide 3000 beds in hospitals, oxygen concentrators, etc. across the country and transforming unused ward spaces to useful care centres in Nagaland hospitals. He further requested the district hospital authorities that the goods be used for the benefit of the people.

Z. Kasheto Yephthomi stated that Association of 41 Clubs of India and RTI is an NGO spread across India with offices in Chennai and Delhi and funding is purely private, they do charitable works across India. He added that when he came across the news that Dimapur was blessed through the project, he requested his friends to implement the same in Zunheboto as the district has been deprived of certain privileges and added that being born and brought up from there, he always had a concern for the people of Zunheboto.

Yephthomi spoke on the importance of taking the vaccination and encouraged the gathering to have confidence in the doctors and nurses. He also reminded on the impending third wave and asked the gathering to stay prepared. He lauded the DC, CMO and staff, Sumi Hoho, Dr. Aron, DIO and Dr. Shikato, who have been instrumental in bringing the project to the district

DISTRICT FISHERY OFFICE INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo Khamniungan inaugurated the District Fishery Office at Noklak on 27th July 2021.

In his inaugural speech, Khumo Khamniungan stated that, the State Government is working in all possible ways to reach out to the

people. He expressed his gratitude to Director, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, departmental officials and everyone who took the initiative in establishing the District Fishery Office at Noklak.

Khumo requested the public to cooperate with the Department. He said that for every developmental activity, land is required and for that,



he requested the people to give full cooperation to the government for any kind of developmental activities in the district.

While encouraging the farmers, Khumo urged them to get the proper knowledge and learn new techniques and modern ways of fisheries and aquatic farming from the experts of the Department.

Speeches were also delivered by

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS; Khiamniungan Tribal President, M. Thangou and Extra Assistant Commissioner, Noklak, P. Pukha Lam. Keynote address was delivered by Director, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Kevisa Kense, IAS. Dedicatory prayer was delivered by Pastor, Longdon Baptist Church, Noklak, A. Penglang.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING PICKUP TRUCKS LAUNCHED AT TUENSANG

The launching programme of the cooperative marketing pick-up vans, assisted under Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) 2020-2021, ARCS, Tuensang, was held on 28th July 2021 with Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DLCC, ICDP, Kumar Ramnikant as the Special Guest.

Kumar Ramnikant said that India with more than half of its population engaged in agri and allied sector, farmers should be given important recognition but unfortunately this is not so. He stated

that the country has a different set of system where population is more concentrated in urban areas and fewer in rural areas, where the whole workforce is concentrated, and it is a matter of concern for which there is a need to link the markets.

The beneficiaries of ICDP pickup trucks were Saoshou, VDB MPCS Ltd., Tsadang, VDB MPCS Ltd., Alisopur, VDB MPCS Ltd., Jung Yam Fishery CS Ltd., Shove Agri & Allied CS Ltd. and Chendang Village Integrated MPCS Ltd.

EXPORT OF RAJA MIRCHA (GI) FROM NAGALAND

The flagging off ceremony for export of the first consignment of Raja Mircha (GI) from Nagaland to London was held virtually on 28th July 2021.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS in his address, thanked the officials of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for continuously supporting the Nagaland's Agri & Allied Department in marketing the products of the State and called the success of exporting the first consignment of Raja Mircha (GI) from Nagaland to London a historical and landmark day for the Naga farmers. He called upon the people of the State to focus on Agri & Allied Department since the State does not have any small or medium industries. He also said that besides Raja Mircha, the State also produces pineapples, tree tomatoes, kiwi fruits, bamboo shoots, passion fruits and kholar which can also be exported internationally and also mentioned that Nagaland has been exporting coffee

to South Africa, Cape Town since 2017, and coffee farming is being taken up in 10,000 hectare. He added that by 2030 coffee farming will be taken up in 20,000 hectare.

Chief Executive Officer, Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board (NSAMB), G. Ikuto Zhimomi in his address also thanked the APEDA Guwahati Regional Office for their support and linking the farmers in the State for their production. He also said that the State would be exporting pineapples internationally in the coming years.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Director, APEDA, Tarun Bajaj, Kiega EXIM Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, Assam, Kaushik Baruah, General Manager, APEDA UK Vats and Secretary, APEDA, Dr. Sudhanshu, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Consultant, APEDA, Dr. Archana Nath.

The ceremony was flagged off by Director, APEDA, Tarun Bajaj and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS.

PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Source: Nagaland State Commission for Women)

Human trafficking cases are rising in the State. An overwhelming majority involves exploitation of young women and girl child for forced labour and commercial sexual exploitation. Human trafficking does not only mean organised crime, but it is a condition where individuals are trapped in forced labour, sexual exploitation, and inhumane working conditions against their own will. There have been several reports where dubious employers had confiscated vital documents of young people, making them work long hours without payment of salaries; Naga women and girls working in certain job sectors in the cities have been forced into prostitution or sexually exploited. The victims in these cases have been trapped and threatened, and many of them feel stigmatised and fearful to even reach out to the authorities and families.

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Nagaland State Commission for Women had dealt with several cases of sexual violence and exploitation of Naga women and girls. Most of these victims had gone outside the State to eke out a living or had been lured to the cities by nefarious individuals under the pretext of giving jobs. The issue is far more complex, but data show that young women and girls from rural areas and low income families are more vulnerable. Undeniably, search for livelihood and a need to support family have made young people leave the home state, only to be exploited in the cities. But the ignorance of people and lack of education and employment opportunities have certainly compounded the problem.

It may appear incredulous, but there are still some people getting duped by con artists and racketeers posing as African princes and Asian tycoons wanting to do business online. The access to correct information, sensitizing people on cybercrime, and a prudent use of the mobile internet will serve a huge purpose. The reach of mobile internet even to the remotest of villages has aggravated the problem of human trafficking, since

many unscrupulous individuals and organised gangs are luring vulnerable people through the cyber space – promising free education and good paying jobs, etc.

Lack of education raises the risk of human trafficking. Sustained efforts must be made to educate children and equip them with necessary life skills to face any eventualities in life. According to the UNODC Report, the most common form of human trafficking is sexual exploitation (79 per cent), predominantly of women and girl child. Educating the girl child is the need of the hour, since women empowerment and education go hand in hand. The victims of human trafficking in the State are mostly school or college dropouts. The society needs to address these difficult questions. Here, concerns should not only be in skilling young people, but also ensuring that they are working in a safe space and treated with dignity and respect, whether in the home state or elsewhere.

Creating employment opportunities, access to quality education, and improving livelihood patterns will definitely solve a lot of problem, but the world is shrinking and many young people will move out for work and studies, with unforeseen ramifications. We have to face a reality that young people – especially women and girl child – from the north-east states are becoming more vulnerable to human trafficking in the mainland. Sensitizing others in our own neighbourhood and villages is the need of the hour. Every concerned citizens should bear a responsibility in knowing where our friends or relatives are working or studying in the cities.

Efforts must be made to identify unscrupulous individuals who take young people to big towns and cities under the pretext of giving jobs, only to have them exploited. It is much advisable for young people to seek job outside the State through proper agencies, which will need the concerted effort of the State Government and other stakeholders to come up with new policies and





expand the programmes in providing required skills to the youths, and to ensure their safety in the work places.

It is impossible for the authorities or any organisations to monitor the whereabouts of people working or living outside the home state, but a collective effort of civil societies, student bodies, and church can take us a long way. The least thing young people going to towns and cities in the mainland can do is get in touch (and keep in touch) with Naga students' organisations (or North-East students' organisations), churches, or any organisations that will assist them whenever need arises. Even if the towns or cities they are living in do not have such

organisations, they should make their presence known (parents and relatives must insist) to students organisations or churches in the neighbouring cities.

Social stigma and lack of support for victims remains part of the problem of human trafficking. Addressing this issue needs a collaborative effort of the society. The theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Person 2021 is 'Victims Voices Lead the Way.' Reaching out and listening to the victims of human trafficking will help in taking important measures and making policy decisions to curb this scourge of humanity. Let us unite together to prevent human trafficking in the State and beyond.





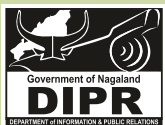
Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu flagging off the new traffic plan for Pfutsero town which was launched on 5th July 2021 at Pfutsero.



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo Khamniungan inaugurating the District Fishery Office at Noklak on 27th July 2021.



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS trying out a cono weeder, a mini tool used for ploughing fields during a visit to Boke-Botsa on 17th July 2021, to review the progress of activities being implemented under the Naga Model Integrated Settled Farming.



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