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*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurating the Games Fest and the Games Village at Sovima, Chumoukedima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024*



*Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along addressing the Fourth Session of the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly Session on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024*



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

## DC PEREN INFORMS

The Deputy Commissioner Peren, Vineet Kumar in a circular has informed all the individuals that the allotment of Patta for the Land in New Site, Peren HQ as per the approval received from the SLAA (First list) is in process. In order to process the allotment to private individuals, the following documents will be required: Aadhar Card, Indigenous Certificate, Survey Map issued by DLRSO, Verification Report from DBs, Treasury Challan (for the amount as per below mentioned rates), Passport Photo (4 nos) and Provisional Allotment Order.

The circular also stated that it is mandatory for all individuals to submit the above mentioned documents for the issue of patta. Failure to provide these documents may result in the rejection/cancellation of the allotment order.

The DC further requested all individuals to ensure that they have the necessary documents ready and submit them at the earliest to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Peren during office hours.

Payment for Land Premium and Land Rent may be made through the Treasury Office, Peren under the head 0029 and the Treasury Challan in original be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Peren. The Premium Rate (one time) Area: 60x100 = 6000 Sq. fts. Rate=6000x0.20 = Rs. 1200. The Land Rent (yearly) Area: 60x100 = 6000 Sq. ft. Rate=6000x0.10 = Rs. 600.

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## DC & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KOHIMA ISSUES PUBLIC NOTICE ON TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT ACQUIRED LAND

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In a public notice issued by the DC & District Magistrate Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant IAS stated that unauthorized transfer of Government acquired land is illegal liable to penal action under relevant section of law. The Notice also stated that private party/parties selling and buying land falling under Government Acquired Land at Lerie and New Kohima College area shall be doing so at their own risk. Therefore the public is advised to report any such dubious land transaction promptly to authority at [revenue.dc.kohima@gmail.com](mailto:revenue.dc.kohima@gmail.com).

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## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION NOTIFIES

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State Election Commissioner, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS (Rtd), has notified that in pursuance of sub rule (3) of Rule 9 of the Nagaland Municipal Election Rules 2023 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 31 (1) of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023, the Deputy Commissioners in the State have been designated the “Appellate Authorities” under their respective districts on behalf of the State Election Commission for disposing of appeals during the period of the conduct of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2024 in the Municipal and Town Councils.



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Following is the list of Appellate Authorities in their respective districts.

SN	Name of Officers	District	Designation
1	Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner	Kohima	Appellate Authority
2	Thsuvisie Poji, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Mokokchung	Appellate Authority
3	Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Dimapur	Appellate Authority
4	A. Zibenthung Kithan, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Tuensang	Appellate Authority
5	Rahul Banudas Mali, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Zunheboto	Appellate Authority
6	Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Mon	Appellate Authority
7	Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Wokha	Appellate Authority
8	Vineet Kumar, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Peren	Appellate Authority
9	Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Kiphire	Appellate Authority
10	John Tsulisie Sangtam, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Phek	Appellate Authority
11	Dharam Raj, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Longleng	Appellate Authority
12	Arikumba, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Noklak	Appellate Authority
13	Rohit Singh, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Tseminyu	Appellate Authority
14	Y. Chingyak Konyak, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Shamator	Appellate Authority
15	Abhinav Shivam, IAS Deputy Commissioner	Chumoukedima	Appellate Authority
16	Sara S. Jamir, NCS Deputy Commissioner	Niuland	Appellate Authority

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## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAUNCHES CHAKSHU FACILITY

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Chakshu facility for reporting suspected fraud communications was launched by Minister of Communications, Railways and Electronics & IT, Government of India, Ashwini Vaishnaw on Sanchar Saathi Portal ([www.sancharsaathi.gov.in](http://www.sancharsaathi.gov.in)) on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

Chakshu facilitates citizens to report the suspected or unsolicited communications received through call, SMS or WhatsApp which are intended for cyber-crime, financial





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frauds, Impersonation, fake customer services / lottery offer / loan offer / job offer / installation of mobile tower / disconnection of services or KYC update / loan etc. or any other misuse. Such proactive reporting of suspected fraud communication helps Department of Telecommunications in prevention of misuse of telecom resources for cyber-crime, financial frauds etc.

How to report suspected fraud communications on Chakshu facility:

Following steps are to be followed:

- Visit Sanchar Saathi portal at [www.sancharsaathi.gov.in](http://www.sancharsaathi.gov.in);
- Click Citizen Centric Services and then click on 'Chakshu - Report Suspected Fraud Communication';
- Select the medium and category of suspected fraud communication;
- Provide the details of suspected fraud communication. Screenshot of the communication received may also be uploaded which is optional;
- Verify your mobile number with OTP and enter your name;
- Click submit button to submit the request.

Other facilities available on the Sanchar Saathi Portal:

- i. Block Your Lost/Stolen Mobile (CEIR): CEIR module facilitates tracing of the lost/stolen mobile devices. This also facilitates blocking of lost/stolen mobile devices in network of all telecom operators so that lost/stolen devices cannot be used in India. If anyone tries to use the blocked mobile phone, its traceability is generated; once mobile phone is found it may be unblocked on the portal for its normal use by the citizens.
- ii. Know Your Mobile Connections (TAFcop): TAFcop module facilitates a mobile subscriber to check the number of mobile connections taken in his/her name, it also facilitates to report the mobile connection(s) which are either not required or not taken by the subscriber.
- iii. Know Your Wireline Internet Service Provider (KYI): Know Your Wireline internet Service Provider (KYI) module facilitates citizens to check the details of Wireline Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The module enables the citizens to search for presence of any ISP across the length and breadth of the country by entering PIN code, address or name of the ISP.
- iv. Report Incoming International Call With Indian Number (RICWIN): RICWIN module facilitates citizens to report the incoming international calls received with local Indian number (+91-xxxxxxxxxx). RICWIN enables citizens to be government's eye to report such calls for busting/unearthing suspected illegal telecom setups which cause loss to Government's exchequer and pose threat to national security.



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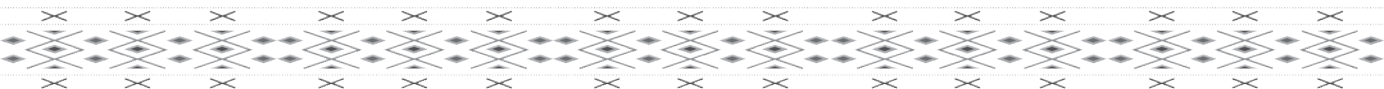
## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION NAGALAND DESIGNATES OFFICERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

In connection with Nagaland Municipal Act, 2023 and in consultation with the State Government, the State Election Commission, Nagaland has designated the following officers to act as Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers for the Municipal and Town Council in the State against the name for the purpose of conduct of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll 2024 till the completion of the revision works.

SN	Name of Officers & Designation	Designated	Municipal/Town Councils
1	Smt. Lanusenla Longkumer, NCS, ADC	ERO	Kohima Municipal Council
2	Dr. Riku Khutso, NCS, EAC	AERO	
3	Shri. Alemyapang Jamir, NCS, ADC	ERO	Chiephobozou Town Council
4	Smt. Ane Khieya, NCS, EAC	AERO	
5	Shri. Longasen Lotha, NCS, ADC	ERO	Tseminyu Town Council
6	Shri. Ruokuoetuo Tetso. NSC, EAC	AERO	
7	Shri. W. Manpai Phom, NCS, ADC	ERO	Dimapur Municipal Council
8	Shri. Litsenthung Kikon, NCS, EAC	AERO	
9	Smt. Imlijungla Lemtur, NCS, EAC	AERO	East Dimapur Town Council
10	Smt. Mhalo Humtsoe, NCS, ADC	ERO	
11	Shri. Yanthungbemo Kikon NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Chumoukedima Town Council
12	Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo, NCS, ADC	ERO	
13	Shri. Kevethito Rose, NCS, EAC	AERO	Medziphema Town Council
14	Shri. P. James Swu, NCS ADC	ERO	
15	Smt. Selemela S. Sangtam, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Mokokchung Municipal Council
16	Shri. Chumlamu Humtsoe, NCS, ADC	ERO	
17	Kum. Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Tuli town Council
18	Shri. Seyievillie Pfukri, NCS, EAC	AERO	
19	Shri. Relise Sangtam, NCS, ADC	ERO	Chantongya Town Council
20	Shri. Nukshimatong, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	
21	Shri. C. Wangan, NCS, SDO (Civil)	ERO	Mangkolemba Town Council
22	Er. Mechietscho Koza, NCS, EAC	AERO	
23	Shri. T. Lankonsen Tsanglao, NCS, ADC	ERO	Peren Town Council
24	Shri. Hotolu Sema, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	
25	Shri. Japheth Woeh, NCS, ADC	ERO	Jalukie Town Council
26	Shri. Seyiekhrietuo Solo, NCS, EAC	AERO	
27	Shri. T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir, NCS, ADC	ERO	
28	Shri. Sizin Renttah, NCS, EAC	AERO	

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29	Smt. T. Lemlila Sangtam, NCS, ADC	ERO	Tening Town Council
30	Shri. Imliwapang Aier, NCS, EAC	AERO	
31	Shri. K Fürhesie Nyuwi, NCS, ADC	ERO	Wokha Town Council
32	Shri. Tsidi, NCS,SDO (Civil)	AERO	
33	Shri. Longdiba Sangtam, NCS, ADC	ERO	Bhandari Town Council
34	Shri. Wetsho Lasushe, NCS, EAC	AERO	
35	Shri. Keyiranding Hegui, NCS, ADC	ERO	Zunheboto Town Council
36	Shri. Mopling M. Phom, NCS, EAC	AERO	
37	Shri. M.S. Thangpong, NCS, ADC	ERO	Satakha Town Council
38	Kum. Imtinungla Longkumer, NCS, EAC	AERO	
39	Smt. Nukutulu S. Venuh, NCS, ADC	ERO	Atoizu Town Council
40	Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak P, NCS, EAC	AERO	
41	Shri. Pakon Phom, NCS, ADC	ERO	Aghunato Town Council
42	Shri. Alongdhimen Jamir, NCS, ADC	ERO	
43	Shri. Meyazungba Jamir, NCS,SDO (Civil)	AERO	Longleng Town Council
44	Shri. Neilezo Tep, NCS ADC	ERO	
45	Shri. Puhan Khiammiungan, NCS, EAC	AERO	Tamlu Town Council
46	Smt. K. Temjennaro Longkumer, NCS, ADC	ERO	
47	Smt. Nyamok N. Konyak, NCS, EAC	AERO	Mon Town Council
48	Shri. N. Zubenthung Ngullie, NCS, ADC	ERO	
49	Shri. Obangnener Jamir, NCS,EAC	AERO	Naginimora Town Council
50	Shri. Phuleshe K. Yepthomi, NCS, ADC	ERO	
51	Shri. Merishan Ezung, NCS, EAC	AERO	Aboi Town Council
52	Shri. Zhoi Lohe, NCS, ADC	ERO	
53	Shri. Tumben P. Tsanglao, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Tizit Town Council
54	Shri. Shaying Sheu, NCS, ADC	ERO	
55	Shri. Sukhalu Chishi, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Tobu Town Council
56	Shri. Thungchanbemo Tungoe, NCS, ADC	ERO	
57	Shri. Toking Yimchunger, NCS, EAC	AERO	Tuensang Town Council
58	Shri. Anoka H. Assumi, NCS, ADC	ERO	
59	Smt. S. Chingmei, NCS, ADC	AERO	Longkhim Town Council
60	Shri. D. Robin, NCS, ADC	ERO	
61	Smt. Chubamongla Kichu, NCS, EAC	AERO	Kiphire Town Council
62	Shri. Imsenperongwati, NCS, ADC	ERO	
63	Shri. Ihoilung Chuilo, NCS, EAC	AERO	Seyochung Town Council
64	Shri. Vekusheyi Rhakho, NCS, ADC	ERO	
65	Shri. Yithachu Thur, NCS, EAC	AERO	Pungro town Council
66	Shri. Ruopfukuotuo Noudi, NCS, ADC	ERO	
67	Shri. Tsenthungo E. Ngullie, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	Phek Town Council





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68	Shri. Moakumzuk Tzudir, NCS, ADC	ERO	Pfutsero Town Council
69	Shri. C. Phuniang, NCS, SDO (Civil)	AERO	
70	Shri. Albert Ezung, NCS, ADC	ERO	Meluri Town Council
71	Shri. Sakuchingmak, NCS, EAC	AERO	
72	Dr. Diana Patton, NCS, ADC	ERO	Chozuba Town Council
73	Shri. Sangpangchang Longkumer, NCS, EAC	AERO	
74	Smt. S. Athsangla, NCS, ADC	ERO	Niuland Town Council
75	Shri. M. Khenpa, NCS, EAC	AERO	
76	Shri. Bodi Kapfo, NCS, SDO (Civil)	ERO	Shamator Town Council
77	Shri. Yentinoungbou, NCS, EAC	AERO	
78	Shri. Vikhoto Richa, NCS, SDO (Civil)	ERO	Noklak Town Council
79	Shri. Menlom Phom, NCS, EAC	AERO	

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## T. JOHN LONGKUMER SWORN IN AS THE NEW STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

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T. John Longkumer, IPS (Retd), former DGP of Nagaland was sworn in as the new State Election Commissioner, Nagaland during a programme held at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on March 7 2024.

During the oath taking ceremony, Commissioner & Secretary Urban & Municipal Affairs, Kenilo Apon, IAS initiated the proceedings while Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS administered the oath of office.

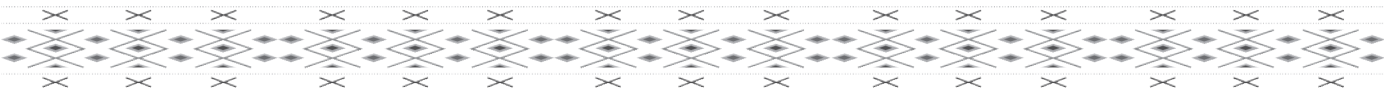
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## ECI APPOINTS OBSERVERS FOR 1-NAGALAND P/C

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The details of the Observers appointed by the Election Commission of India for General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024 in respect of 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency is furnished for information of all stakeholders including political parties, candidates and the General public.

1. P. Ramesh, IAS is assigned as General Observer for the district of Dimapur, Peren, Kohima, Phek, Zunheboto, Wokha, Pughoboto and his contact number is 9863844113.
2. General Observer, Avinash Champawat, IAS is assigned for the district of Chumoukedima, Tseminyu, Mokochung, Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, Shamator and his contact number is 9863902371.
3. Vivek Chauhan. IRS is the Expenditure Observer for the district of Dimapur, Chumoukedirra, Peren. Kohima, Phek, Mokochung, Tseminyu, Pughoboto and contact number is 9863898256
4. Satya Batra, IRAS is the Expenditure Observer for the district of Zunheboto, Wokha, Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak. Shamator and his contact number is 9863894951.
5. Sukesh Kumar Jain, IPS is the Police Observer for the state of Nagaland and his contact number is 9863898256/ 6909377316.



## NLA MEMBERS VOICE CONCERNS ON ASSAM HEALING (PREVENTION OF EVIL) PRACTICES BILL 2024

Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang expressed his concerns over the 'Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024' deliberated under Rule 50 during the last day of the fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Zeliang emphasized the significance of the discussion on the Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024. Emphasizing Nagaland's Christian majority, Zeliang asserted the duty to defend faith and beliefs, citing constitutional provisions safeguarding freedom of religion (Article 25-28). He criticized the Assam Bill, alleging it undermines secularism and targets Christian practices.

Zeliang argued that Assam's diversity mirrors India's secular fabric, emphasizing coexistence among religions in the Northeast. He criticised the Bill's restriction on healing practices by Christian missionaries, asserting healing as integral to Christian faith, protected under constitutional rights.

He condemned religious intolerance incidents in Assam, including detentions of American citizens for alleged Christian preaching and demands to remove Christian symbols from schools. Zeliang urged Assam to revoke the Bill, calling it a threat to India's secular principle. Highlighting constitutional guarantees of religious autonomy, Zeliang urged Assam to respect minority rights and repeal the contentious Bill. He proposed conveying the Assembly's opposition to Assam's Legislative Assembly.

Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along addressed the Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil)

Practices Bill 2024 wherein he said that it was within the Nagaland legislature's rights to appeal to the Government of Assam and assert their faith-based practices. He further raised concerns regarding whether this legislation targets a specific minority.

Minister Along urged his fellow lawmakers to critically examine the intentions behind the bill and inquire if it unjustly discriminates against any particular religious group. Emphasizing that the misuse of faith has occurred across religious communities, he reminded the House of the importance of maintaining a fair and inclusive approach. Furthermore, the Minister made a plea to his fellow legislators, urging them not to rush into condemning the bill. Instead, he called for a diplomatic approach, suggesting that they present their concerns and opinions to the Assam Government. Minister Along also took the opportunity to extend his appeal to Christian brothers and sisters residing in Assam, encouraging them to seek guidance from the state's Chief Minister. Underscoring the need for peace, the Minister emphasized that it is a matter of utmost significance not only for Nagaland but also for the entire nation.

The Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) practices Bill 2024 negates secular ideals enshrined in the preamble of the Indian constitution, said MLA Dr. Sukhato Sema.

Secularism, he added, in India, not only implies existing of diverse religious communities but also separation of religion from state power, therefore if the state infringes on religious freedom of citizens through controversial laws then the fate of

secularism is at stake.

This controversial legislation not only jeopardizes religious freedoms but also undermines the concept of unity in diversity that India proudly showcases on the global stage.

Secularism in India, Sema said that it goes beyond mere coexistence of various religious communities; it entails the separation of religion from state power. Consequently, any attempt by the government to impinge on religious liberties through such contentious laws puts the essence of secularism at risk. The call to action now lies with the esteemed legislature to revisit and reconsider the Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill 2024, specifically addressing the concerns raised regarding the Christian communities in Assam and Manipur.

Sema appealed the August House to project a strong united voice in support of revision and reconsideration of this bill, ensuring the preservation of India's secular

fabric.

Taking part in the discussion on matters of urgent public importance, Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo called the terms used in the Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill 2024 as incorrect and misleading. He stated that the bill is a direct violation and infringement of the Constitution of India and is against the fundamental principles of secularism. He said that such a divisive policy in the name of religion, caste, etc is against the visions and ideas of the freedom fighters.

Khamo also said that instead of bringing out such a bill, the Assam government should appreciate the contributions of the Christians. He called upon the members of the August House to stand together, promote and inculcate religious tolerance, social harmony and peaceful coexistence. He appealed to the members to reject the bill and take necessary steps to ensure free and fair practices and belief of all religious groups.

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## LEGISLATORS DISCUSS VARIOUS QUERIES RAISED DURING ASSEMBLY SESSION

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Members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Legislative Assembly raised various queries during the fourth session at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Replying to the query raised by MLA, A. Nyamnyie Konyak regarding the status of the Foothill road, Minister PWD (Roads & Bridges), G. Kaito Aye said that the earthwork in formation cutting and embankment of 128 km (single lane road configuration) from Dimapur to Tizit along with one RCC Bridge near Governor's Camp has been completed.

He further informed that the project cannot come under NEC as the project amount is too high for NEC to bear. He however expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for allotting an amount of Rs. 148.50 crores out of the State Fund from the budget towards the project.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also supplemented the reply by saying that the Foothill Road project is a concern for the whole State and that his government is fully committed towards making the foothill road functional at the earliest and would

work towards bringing more funds from the center. Rio also informed that he would have a consultative meeting with the officials of the concerned department along with the elected members of the areas under which the road passes through to deliberate on how best to move forward with respect to the construction of the road as well as the utilization of the funds allotted.

MLA, A. Nyamnyi Konyak raised a starred question on establishment of Election Office at Tobu and whether the Government is contemplating to create any Election office. He also highlighted about the grievance face by the people of Tobu during election. He questioned as to why the concerned department was facing difficulty to establish an election office at Tobu. Konyak stated how Pughoboto was allotted an election office and

Tobu was excluded. Replying to the query Chief Minister assured he will re-examine and do the needful.

On the starred question raised by MLA, Nuklutoshi on the road construction of Foothill Project from Tuli to Niuland NH 61 (2) via Longchem - Champang - Governor's Camp under SARDP - NE Phase - B, Minister in-charge, National Highway TR Zeliang replied that a sum of Rupees one crore forty three lakh forty three thousand has been slated for the said project by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India but also mentioned that the centre suggested to the state government to apply for the given project under PM Gati Shakti Scheme and not under SARDP. He added that the state is now pursuing the sanction for the project under PM Gadi Shakti Scheme.

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## STATUS OF POWER SUPPLY DISCUSSED IN ASSEMBLY

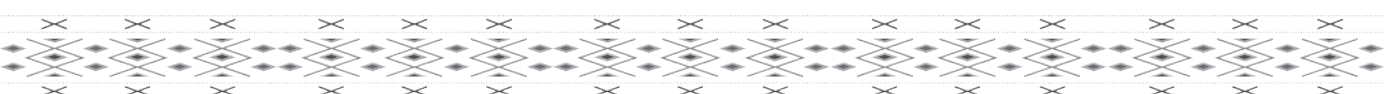
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During the fourth Session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA held at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, MLA, Küzholuzo Nienu advocated for the use of thermal and solar energy to address the power shortage in the state. During a discussion on the status of power supply, Nienu suggested that these sources should be explored. In response to the starred question, the Minister in charge revealed that the peak demand is 180 MW, while the state's generation during the monsoon is 21 MW and the average generation during the lean season is 7 MW. Moreover, the state-owned hydroelectric projects currently generate a maximum of 6-7 MW for 10 hours. The Minister also acknowledged that the average shortfall ranges from 14.1 MW to 60.5 MW.

Explaining the cause of the erratic power supply, the Minister in charge noted

that the average availability of power from inter-state generating stations and state-owned generation stations is only 138 MW during the monsoon and 110 MW during the lean season. This is significantly lower than the peak demand. Additionally, hydro generating stations are unable to meet their full potential during the lean hydro season (December to April), and several thermal power stations in the region undergo shutdowns for maintenance, reducing the central sector allocation for the state.

The Minister also highlighted inadequate infrastructure in transmission and distribution systems as a contributing factor to the power supply issues. Outdated and overloaded transmission and distribution infrastructure further exacerbate the problem of erratic power supply in the state.





## ACHUMBEMO QUESTIONS COAL MINING REGULATION AND ITS PROFITABILITY IN THE STATE

During the last day of the fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA at Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, Chief Minister & Minister-in-charge, Neiphiu Rio, provided the list of 10 (ten) documents required for obtaining Coal Mining License (CML) in reply to starred question put up by MLA, Achumbemo Kikon on the terms of references for issuing Coal Mining License in the State.

Kikon, taking part in the discussion, said that the required conditions were not fulfilled and illegal mining has become rampant in many parts of the state, which calls for proper scientific mining methods and stringent regulations by the government. He also questioned the low revenue generation from coal mining and the huge revenue gap between 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The revenue generated by the Department out of the coal mining in the State was reported as Rs. 9,91,82,730/- during 2022-2023 and Rs. 3,41,42,645/- during 2023-2024.

Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, cited the high sulphur content of coal from Nagaland which makes it low quality with less profitability. The limited import of coal imposed by the Ministry of Coal led to increase in demand for coal from Nagaland, which added substantial revenue to the state exchequer in 2022-2023, he said. The General Election in January 2024 in Bangladesh, which is a major consumer country of Nagaland coal, and the subsequent availability of cheaper imported coal from

the US and Indonesia led to decrease in demand for Nagaland coal and decline in the revenue generation during 2023-2024, he added. However, the demand for Nagaland coal at both the domestic and export markets are expected to rise, he said.

Minister of Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along suggested the establishment of government authorized depots, issuing of license to capital-backed miners only and advance GST bookings to curb non-repayment of GST and preventing exploitation of people and coal resources in the state. He also suggested the Department to initiate capacity building for judicious and maximum profitability of coal mining in the state. MLA, Nuklutoshi said that 45 licenses have been issued legally but the mining operation is being done illegally and hazardedly. He suggested bringing in big companies who can ensure proper and ethical mining for the benefit of the people and the state.

Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang reiterated that license holders are prohibited from extracting coal through open cast mining and should follow government guidelines. Any discrepancies will be verified by expert team and local MLAs will be invited during the verification process, corrective measures then will be taken accordingly, he said. He also mentioned that designated depots are in operation since 2014 and royalty is to be paid through challans while coal is to be transported through transit pass.

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## MEMBERS DISCUSS ON RECRUITMENT IN HOME DEPARTMENT

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During the last day of the fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA at Assembly

Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu, posed a question to Deputy

Chief Minister (Home), Yanthungo Patton regarding the recruitment of constables under the Home Department. Responding to the query, Yanthungo Patton confirmed that the recruitment of constables will be carried out through open recruitment. He provided detailed information regarding the categories of posts, the number of posts to be advertised and the eligibility criteria.

The constable recruitment will include the following categories of posts: Constable (GD), Constable (MT) and Constable (NPTO). While the total number of posts to be advertised in each category is yet to be finalized, the process is currently underway.

Patton mentioned that the eligibility criteria for the recruitment will include the following factors: Candidates must be between 18 to 35 years old. However, there will be a one-time relaxation of age by 3 years, allowing candidates up to 38 years old as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Candidates from the general category must have passed Class VIII, while candidates from backward tribes must have passed Class VI. Under physical/medical Standards, the Minister said that candidates will be required to meet the predetermined standards and norms set by the Department.

Furthermore, Patton clarified that the recruitment would not be based on the existing reservation policy but on tribal quotas as per the population ratio.

The announcement of open recruitment for constables in the Home department comes as a positive development, providing opportunities for individuals in Nagaland to join the police force. As the recruitment process progresses, the Minister urged the interested candidates to stay updated with the official announcements and fulfill the necessary eligibility criteria to be considered for the positions.

## NLA ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON FREE MOVEMENT REGIME ALONG INDO-MYANMAR BORDER

The 14<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Legislative Assembly passed a resolution on the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Indo-Myanmar Border at the Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton, introduced the resolution on the floor of the house which was moved for consideration and adoption by the August House.

The full text of the resolution on Free Movement Regime (FMR) along Indo-Myanmar Border is as follows:

“Whereas the Government of India has recently announced its decision to suspend the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Indo-Myanmar border, and also to fence the

Indo-Myanmar border;

And whereas these measures will cause immense hardship and inconvenience, and also agony to the Naga people living in the Indo-Myanmar border areas due to the fact that the traditional land holding system straddles across the international border in many areas, and people have to cross the international border on a daily basis for their normal cultivation activities;

And whereas these measures will seriously disrupt the age-old historical, social, tribal, and economic ties of the Naga people living on both sides of the international border;

Now, therefore, in view of the special

and unique situation mentioned above, this House, hereby, resolves to request the Government of India to reconsider its decision, and to abandon the plan of suspending the FMR and fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border.

The House also resolves to request the

Government of India to work out regulations for movement of people across the borders in close consultation with the people inhabiting the border areas, and for suitably bringing in the village council authorities concerned in the entire system of regulations.”

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## NLA PASSES RESOLUTIONS ON REGULARIZATION OF EMPLOYEES IN GROUP A, B, C & D POSTS

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Resolutions on regularization of employees in Group A, B, C and D posts appointed prior to 06.06.2016 were passed by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on the final day of the fourth day of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio moved for consideration and adoption of the resolutions by the House.

The full text of the resolution regularization of employees in Group A & B is as follows:

“Whereas, the State being a welfare State as guaranteed in the Constitution is responsible to provide basic economic security to the citizens and to protect the livelihood of the employees working in any Department,

Whereas, the Cabinet in its decision vide CAB-1/14/2023, dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 has resolved to adopt a resolution to regularize Group A & B employees appointed prior to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and appointed against Gazetted sanctioned posts at the time of their appointment and have completed 10 (ten) years of service under the State Government and whose appointments are not subjudice,

This house unanimously resolves:

To adopt a policy to carry out a one-time exercise for regularization of Group A & B employees appointed on contractual or ad-hoc basis against sanctioned posts prior to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and completed 10 (ten) years

of service, by conducting a suitability test by which they may be regularized against the post they are occupying provided they fulfill all the criteria as laid down in this Policy”.

The full text of the resolution regularization of employees in Group C & D:

“Whereas, the State being a welfare State as guaranteed in the Constitution is responsible to provide basic economic security to the citizens and to protect the livelihood of the employees working in any Department,

Whereas, the Cabinet in its decision vide CAB-1/14/2023, dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 has resolved to adopt a resolution to regularize Group C & D employees appointed prior to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and appointed against sanctioned posts at the time of their appointment and have completed 10 (ten) years of service under the State Government and whose appointments are not subjudice,

This house unanimously resolves:

To adopt a policy to carry out a one-time exercise for regularization of Group C & D employees appointed on contractual or ad-hoc basis against sanctioned posts prior to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and completed 10 (ten) years of service, by conducting a suitability test by which they may be regularized against the post they are occupying provided they fulfill all the criteria as laid down in this Policy”.

## **SPEAKER SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER CALLS FOR SENSITIZATION AND COMMITMENT TOWARDS A RESURGENT NAGALAND**

Speaker Sharingain Longkumer shared his reflections on the fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA before adjourning the session sine die at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on March 1, 2024.

Breaking away from traditional conventions, he offered an apolitical view on the Budget 2024-2025 and the conduct of Members of the august House.

He praised the presented budget as one of the finest before the august House, expressing sincere gratitude to the Chief Minister who is the Minister-in-Charge of Finance for its formulation.

Describing the budget as holistic, progressive and people-centric, he emphasized its humane approach and comprehensive coverage necessary for the socio-economic upliftment of the people and the State.

Longkumer acknowledged the tireless efforts of the Chief Secretary, Financial Commissioner and senior government officials in translating the budget into action, reflecting the aspirations and vision of the state's leadership.

Reflecting on Nagaland's 60<sup>th</sup> year of Assembly, he urged introspection on whether the state's inhabitants are proud of their current position, expressing confidence that the present budget would help answer that question in the days ahead.

Highlighting the budget's focus, he noted its emphasis on connectivity, strengthening of agricultural activities, infrastructure development, support for sports and cultural endeavors, as well as schemes benefiting the elderly and entrepreneurs.

The Speaker NLA drew attention to the significance of the Budget 2024-2025 in addressing core economic activities of the state, setting a path for growth and development in Nagaland.

The Speaker endorsed the sensitization and spreading of awareness among the populace regarding changes in the government's approach to development matters. He emphasized the importance of encouraging each other to lead by example and to govern with integrity, starting with themselves.

Longkumer urged for a shift from a dependency-driven mentality to a self-reliant attitude through the promotion of professional work cultures, enabling global employability, and bringing remittances to Nagaland.

He expressed his hope for the budget to mark the beginning of a resurgent Nagaland, emphasizing that its utilization is a collective responsibility towards achieving a "State of Excellence."

Speaker emphasized the role of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA in strengthening Nagaland's socio-economic foundation, ensuring a transformed and highly skilled state for future generations.

Acknowledging the move towards paperless Assembly proceedings, Longkumer thanked all members for their participation and support. He extended sincere appreciation to the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and other officials for facilitating the session effectively. Additionally, he commended the hard work of the officers and staff of the Assembly Secretariat and expressed gratitude to



the media fraternity for their role in disseminating House proceedings to the people of Nagaland.

On completion of all the business, Speaker NLA Sharingain Longkumer adjourned the Fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA sine die.

## TOT COURSE ON THREE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS HELD

The Nagaland Police under the aegis of BPR&D, MHA organized 5 (five) days TOT course on the 3 (three) New Criminal Laws – the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BSN), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyan (BSA), 2023 commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for Police officer from the rank of ASI to Addl. SP, at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima to sensitize the officers and to equip them with a comprehensive understanding of the new laws. The New Criminal Laws shall replace the old laws i.e Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC), 1973 and The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

During the Inaugural Program, the Addl. DGP (Admin) Renchamo P. Kikon IPS gave an overview on the new provisions of the three criminal laws stating that the

Indian Criminal Justice System was now poised to be citizen and victim centric while at the same time empowering the police. Various path breaking facets and provisions in the new criminal laws were also touched upon during the address. The Addl. DGP (Admin) encouraged the participants to keep an open mind and diligently participate and be responsive during the course.

Earlier, the welcome note was delivered by Aboli Metha NPS, Principal, Nagaland Police Training School, Chumoukedima and a brief introduction of the course was delivered by Rajashekara N, IPS, Dy. Director BPR&D who is also the main resource person for the training programme. The programme was attended by Khalate Vikram IPS, IGP (CID), Vilhousie Peseyie NPS, Joint Director FSL and 81 Officers from all the District Police of the State.

## TRAINING ON FINANCIAL LITERACY UNDERWAY

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) in collaboration with NSE Academy Limited (NAL) have been imparting financial literacy course at the secondary level for the last 8 years (since 2016). The course called Concepts of Financial Literacy has been designed by NSE Academy which will help students in familiarizing about the basics of Finance and Financial Planning and acquire an essential life skill which everyone needs irrespective of jobs, profession, rich or poor in order to make their life better through

management of the financial resources available at their discretion. NBSE and NSE Academy had so far imparted the course to more than 1.5 lacs students in a structured manner. The Board is working to make the course more accessible to all students and it is compulsory for all the students of classes IX and X for the schools registered under the NBSE since 2023 academic session.

NSE Academy conducts training of the new teachers annually, who then teach the course to the students. For the

2024 academic session, an online Train the Trainer program is underway on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the teachers of class IX and on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for class X teachers. 364 teachers had undergone the two-day training programme for class IX and 287 teachers are undergoing the training for class X.

Malhar Majumder is the resource person for the training. Currently, he is a partner and promoter of *investaffairs.com*, visiting faculty of IBS, Kolkata and various other management institutions and Director of Invest affairs Futuristic Pvt. Ltd & Pastel Entertainments and Media Pvt. Ltd. while working in close conjunction with NSE.

Chairperson of Nagaland Board of School Education, Asano Sekhose in the

welcome address urged the teachers to be receptive and learn the components of Financial Literacy in all details from the resource person so the course can be meaningfully transacted to the students. She emphasized the importance of Financial Literacy for everyone, regardless of background of students, educators or others.

During the four days training, the resource person will dwell on topics such as money, income and expense, financial planning, banks, making budget etc. to class IX teachers and saving and investments, loans and borrowing, insurance, mutual funds, financial markets etc. to the class X teachers.

## DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, GON SIGNS MOU WITH YES BANK

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, the Nodal department for promoting and advancing the successful implementation of the Open Network for Digital Commerce

(ONDC) initiative within the state, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with YES Bank and Sellmetric Pvt. Limited on March 7, 2024, at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce.



Commissioner & Secretary I&C, Kekhrievor Kevichüsa, IPoS, Director I&C, A. Temjen Jamir, Additional Director I&C, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar from the Industries & Commerce Department, and YES Bank officials during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding with YES Bank and Sellmetric Pvt. Limited on March 7, 2024.

Open Network For Digital Commerce (ONDC), is a flagship initiative of Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to democratize e-commerce. The primary aim of this tripartite agreement is to collaborate in facilitating digital sales for small businesses, farmers, entrepreneurs, etc., through the ONDC platform, which is a new initiative backed by the Government of India.

Present at the MoU signing were Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, Director, Industries & Commerce, A. Temjen Jamir, Additional Director, Industries & Commerce, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar from the department, and Nitin Kuchhal, Executive Vice President, Digital Banking Sales and Priyanku Sharma, Vice President, Digital Banking Sales, representing YES Bank.

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### **“WOMEN: THE BACKBONE OF SOCIETY” – SALHOUTUONUO KRUSE**

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International Women's Day was celebrated at The Heritage, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 under the theme 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress' with Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse as the special guest.

Speaking at the event Kruse said that throughout history, women have been the backbone of society, resiliently carrying the weight of their roles with grace, intelligence and unwavering determination. From taking care of their families and nurturing the next generation, to driving economic growth and leading in various sectors, women have proven time and time again that they possess incredible potential and yet, for so long, they continue to face countless barriers and inequalities that hinder their progress and limit their impact she said. She pointed out that the time has come to recognize the untapped potential that lies within women and invest in them: to provide them with equal opportunities, resources, and support so that they can thrive and succeed.

She highlighted the need to invest in girls' education saying that to educate a girl was to educate a nation and that by investing



*Minister for Women Resource Development  
Salhoutuonuo Kruse speaking at the International  
Women's Day Celebration programme at the  
Heritage, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

in a girl's education, the society is investing for a brighter future for all. She also spoke on the importance of economic empowerment of women and bringing about more awareness among our womenfolk on healthcare services, reproductive rights, gender-based violence, gender disparities etc. She also emphasized on the importance of investing in women's leadership and said that Women bring diverse perspectives, empathy and

collaboration to the decision-making table and when women are equally represented in positions of power and influence, policies are more inclusive, societies become more just and progress is accelerated.

In conclusion she urged both the men and women of the State to recommit themselves today to invest in women and continue to make efforts and provide them with the tools they need to succeed to accelerate progress, create a more sustainable future and reach new heights of an equitable society.

Advisor Department of Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak who also spoke at the event said that the significance of such a day lied in the fact that we reflect on our growth as society, which can be measured by the progress of women. He said that with the change in times it has now become necessary to integrate women into the decision making bodies of our society. He further added that the inclusion of women in leadership and decision making roles are integral to the progress of our Naga society and that investing in women through education, skill development and leadership guidance is a constructive way to build a progressive society.

Secretary, Social Welfare, Martha R. Ritse IAS, in her keynote address expressed her gratitude to the various departments that have come together to celebrate the social, cultural and economic progress of women in today's society. She highlighted the various programmes and schemes introduced by Government of India providing assistance and empowering women across the country.

The International Women's Day celebrations also witnessed the felicitation of women achievers of the State which included the two women Legislators of the State,

Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse and Advisor Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu and Member of Parliament, Phangnon Konyak and eight other women from the State who were awarded the Padma Shri. Chairperson Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) W. Nginyeih Konyak declared the winners of the NSCW Award 2024. The special guest of the event presented the NSCW Award 2024 to the following winners: C. Tsurila, Nengneithem Hengna and K.Ela.

The event concluded with Director, Social Welfare Tosheli Zhimomi delivering the vote of thanks which was followed by the Inauguration of the Myki fest and the DWRD interactive session. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Social Welfare, the Department of Women Resource Development, Nagaland State Commission for Women, Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission and State Hub Empowerment of Women- Mission Shakti.

### MINISTER SALHOUTUONUO KRUSE INAUGURATES MYKIFEST

Minister for Women Resource Development & Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse inaugurated the Myki Fest at The Heritage, Old DC bungalow, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The Myki Fest was first initiated during 2017 with the purpose to celebrate the achievements of local women in all spheres of life and also to celebrate their huge contributions towards the socio-economic development of the State. The Myki Fest platform also provides livelihood opportunities for start-up entrepreneurs, farmers and cultivators, artisans, and



artistes. It helps local women through provision of required resources to start livelihood activities, skill-development and skill-up gradation programmes, promotion of goods, marketing avenues and through other interventions wherever possible.

Stalls were set up Myki Nagaland, Products of SHG & NSRLM, Multi Training

centre and Cherry Blossom School among others.

The programme concluded with an Interactive session with the participants on the topic “women & entrepreneurship” and “Women & Food industry” by Padmashree Sentila T Yanger and Lonikhing.

## NAGALAND'S RICH CULTURAL ETHOS AND SPIRITUAL DEPTH: A TESTAMENT TO IT'S COMMITMENT TO HARMONY AND COMMUNITY LIVING – GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN

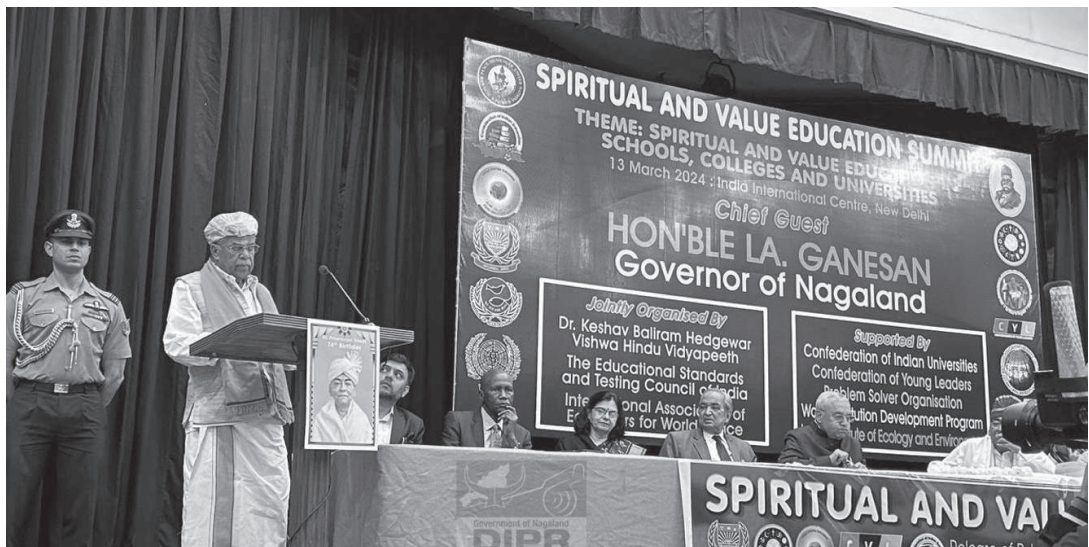
Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan graced the Spiritual and Value Education (SAVE) Day celebration as the Chief Guest on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held at India International Centre, New Delhi.

The event was jointly organised by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar Vishwa Hindu Vidyapeeth, The Educational Standards and Testing Council of India, International Association of Educators for World Peace, and supported by Confederation of Indian Universities, Confederation of Young

Leaders, Problem Solver Organisation, Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment.

Delivering the inaugural address, Governor La. Ganesan stated that Nagaland is an embodiment of rich cultural ethos and spiritual depth with the essence of traditional values and pursuit of spirituality deeply ingrained in people's way of life, which he said, stands as a testimony to the State's commitment to harmony and community living.

Highlighting the importance on



*Governor of Nagaland La. Ganesan addressing the gathering on Spiritual and Value Education Day celebration held at India International Centre, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

inclusion of spiritual and moral values within education in shaping the citizens of tomorrow, he stated that the need for spiritual and value education has never been more pressing and that educational institutions need to become beacons of holistic learning.

Explaining some of the core tenets of spiritual education such as interconnectedness, mindfulness and self-awareness, he stated that teaching students on meditation, reflection and contemplation can help them develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the world, which can help them navigate complexities of life with clarity and composure.

He stressed on the importance of students to be taught about appreciating diversity, practice inclusion, and foster the spirit of unity in diversity, the foundation upon which a peaceful, prosperous and harmonious society is built, he further added.

Governor called upon the professors and teachers to help mould the character and

outlook of the future generation and integrate value based lessons in their teachings. He also encouraged the students to be a light in illuminating the darkest corners of ignorance and prejudice. He further exhorted all concerned to create an environment where learning is not just about how much we know but also about how much we care for each other.

The Spiritual and Value Education Day celebration also coincided with the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar Vishwa Hindu Vidyapeeth. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. Priyaranjan Trivedi, President, SAVE Summit. A host of other distinguished guests also addressed the gathering. During the occasion, awards and appreciations were presented to various schools, colleges and universities. Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, Principals of various universities and colleges, teachers and students of schools and other dignitaries were among those who were present.

## NAGALAND TAKES PART IN PM-SURAJ PORTAL LAUNCHING PROGRAM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the PM-SURAJ national Portal and interacted with the beneficiaries on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. He approved credit assistance to one lakh entrepreneurs from the disadvantage communities.

Nagaland also joined the launching program at DC' Conference Hall, Kohima.

The event was graced by Advisor CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo as the special guest and C Manpon Konyak, MLA as the Honoured Guest.

Advisor Kudecho Khamo expressed gratitude for organising the significant

program for the safai karamcharis who clean the towns adding that many people can't do the job.

On behalf of the State government, he expressed gratitude to all the safai karamcharis for sacrificing their health and risking their lives to keep the towns clean.

He said under Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, the government is working towards bringing development to every section of the society since a nation can become progressive only when the lowest section are taken care and uplifted. He sought cooperation to realise

this dream of making India a developed nation.

Expressing gratitude to the bureaucrats, and the nodal department officials, he asked to ensure the schemes reach the targeted people. He also urged the beneficiaries of the schemes to make timely repayment of the loans and sincerely utilise them.

C. Manpon Konyak, speaking as an honored guest, hailed the launch of the PM-Suraj Portal as a significant milestone for marginalized communities. He emphasized its potential to uplift those who have long been neglected and considered of low status in society. Konyak highlighted the portal as a transformative tool, offering equal opportunities for all citizens to thrive.

He stressed the importance of transparency within the implementing agency to ensure the resolution of disparities between different societal strata. Konyak urged for the education of stakeholders on their responsibilities and the provision of proper guidance to uplift the marginalized.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant mentioned once the wastes are thrown out of the house, people forget about their waste, however, the safai karamcharis are the people who take care of the waste and make sure the towns are clean. He added that the Prime Minister has taken note of their plight and the program was being held to help them and their families.

Ramnikant expressed gratitude to the cleaners from Dimapur and Kohima who were present to witness the program and urged them to come forward for any clarification or help. He also said PM-SURAJ is like a light shone to the downtrodden. He asked the Urban Development, Social Welfare, KMC along with Administration to

ensure the schemes reach them.

In her address, Martha R. Ritse, IAS, Secretary of the Social Welfare Department, highlighted the significance of the PM-Suraj Portal as an outreach program aimed at providing credit support to socially disadvantaged groups. She emphasized that beneficiaries from scheduled castes, safai karmacharis, and backward classes would receive assistance through the Social Welfare Department, designated as the nodal department.

Ritse further disclosed that under the ongoing national program, concessional loans would be disbursed to one lakh beneficiaries through corporations such as the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), and National Safai Karamchari Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

Also, she highlighted a new scheme formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, aimed at ensuring the safety and dignity of sanitation workers. The scheme, named National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE), is envisioned to be implemented collaboratively with key stakeholders and line departments.

Advisor Kudecho Khamo also gave away PPE kits and Ayushman Health cards to Safai Karamcharis during the program.

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## NBSE CONDUCTS MEETING WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

A meeting with the newly appointed Heads of Institutions was held at Platinum Hall of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC), Bayavü Hill, Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> March





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2024. The meeting was attended by Heads of Institutions representing one hundred sixty (160) schools from all the sixteen (16) districts of Nagaland.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary, NBSE, Rangumbing Nsarangbe. He welcomed all the Heads of Institutions and informed them that meeting with the new heads is a regular activity of the Board every year. He also expressed that meeting with the heads has also become important with the introduction of New Education Policy (NEP)2020.

The key note address was given by Chairperson, NBSE Asano Sekhose. She extended Golden Jubilee greetings i.e. 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Board to all the participants. She also mentioned about the theme of the Golden Jubilee – Ever evolving and redefining and requests everyone to be ever evolving and redefining. The head plays a very important role in the school and he/she must be eager to learn and keep up the performance of

the schools not only academic performance but to do it differently as per the goals of education in line with the NEP 2020.

Education for 21<sup>st</sup> Century aims to translate and enable students to become lifelong learners, instill in students desire to learn, unlearn and relearn. She also reminded the Heads of Institutions about the importance of understanding the need of Competency-based Education and the need to emphasize on what the learners are expected to learn .

Dr. Bendangla, Associate Professor, SCTE, Kohima was the Resource Person at the meeting. She shared on the topic – Role and Responsibilities of the Head of Institutions in the implementation of NEP 2020. She dwelt on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Heads of Institutions such as curriculum Reforms, Community Engagement, collaboration and communication, Infrastructure and facilities, Assessment, Autonomy and Accountability, strategic planning, Technological literacy



and Integration. Inclusivity, Sustainability Education, Adaptability, Vision-Setting, Teacher Development, Problem solving, Learning Committees and School leadership are some of the roles and responsibilities she discussed. She also discussed the role of the school leaders in mobilizing learning comminute. In conclusion, she said that as school leaders they should lead by example and added that “the body is only as strong as the head” and also requested the heads to be school leader and not to be school manager.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the day started with the presentation of IT matters by Chief Coordinator IT, NBSE. He highlighted on

different IT matters of the Board such as the different WhatsApp groups; district-wise, Centre Superintendent, Financial Literacy Groups, NBSE portal, data collection software, social media (Facebook/Twitter) and different IT interventions that are taking place in the Board.

Joint Secretary (Academic), NBSE, Iluheing Nsarangbe dwelt on the activities and initiatives related to academic and examination matters particularly keeping in mind the linkage with NEP 2020

After a time of interaction, the Secretary, NBSE, gave the concluding remarks and proposed the vote of thanks.

## CHIEF MINISTER NEIPHIU RIO, INAUGURATES 3<sup>RD</sup> NORTH EAST GAMES 2024 GAMES FEST AND GAME VILLAGE

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, along with the Council of Ministers and Advisors, marked a significant milestone inaugurating the Games Fest and the Games Village at Sovima, Chumoukedima for the much-anticipated 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024 on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

Commencing with a solemn prayer led by Pastor Visasier Kevichüsa from Kingdom Culture Church, Dimapur, the inauguration ceremony set a tone of reverence and aspiration, seeking blessings for the success and prosperity of the forthcoming sporting event.

Neiphiu Rio, accompanied by the esteemed Council of Ministers and Advisors, then conducted a thorough visit to the Games Headquarters of the North East Games 2024, meticulously overseeing preparations and ensuring impeccable standards.

The Chief Minister extended heartfelt appreciation to all participating athletes,



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the 3<sup>rd</sup> North East games at the regional Centre for Sports Excellence (RCSE), Sovima, Chumoukedima on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

officials, volunteers, and organizers for their tireless dedication and unwavering support in ensuring the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games.

The inauguration of the Games Fest and the Games Village stands as a testament

to Nagaland's unwavering commitment to excellence in hosting major sporting events. With state-of-the-art facilities and meticulous attention to detail, the Games

Village exemplifies Nagaland's dedication to providing a world-class experience for athletes and visitors alike.

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## RUPIN SHARMA UNVEILS POLICE MEMORIAL AT NAP TRAINING CENTRE CHUMOUKEDIMA

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The Police Memorial, dedicated to the brave hearts of Nagaland Police who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty was unveiled on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at NAP Training Centre, Chumoukedima by DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion DGP, Rupin Sharma said that Nagaland Police has a glorious history as one of the Police Forces in the country bestow with presidential collars. It's truly recognition of what we have achieved, what we stand and what we have done. He said that each unit have some form of memorial and are celebrated on Police Commemoration Day on 21<sup>st</sup> of October every year and this Unveiling of Police Memorial in NAPTC is a small effort.

He pointed that there is a need to have a Central Police Memorial for Nagaland Police as in the State level memorial where all the units of Nagaland can participate altogether. This will give an opportunity to come together and show to the people that it's the khaki and the people that bind together and we are not divided in terms of tribes, religion, clans or villages. He assured to look into it and work towards it by choosing an appropriate location and manage some funds.

Sharma, suggest that the Police Memorial can be inscribed the names of the martyrs, or Come up with booklet or

pamphlet or a book about the fallen martyrs of Nagaland Police where a brief account of their contribution or the actual accident in the line of duty will be a befitting tribute, he said. He also informed to incorporate during the course of training to the jawans on case study on how ambushes are led or how to escape the ambush.

Expressing that Nagaland police have done very well so far with good basic training Rupin said adaption to new technology and new method of crime on how to manage crime, need to do more and urged all jawans and personnel of Nagaland Police to take training part seriously. In addition, he informed that they will be incorporating new methods of training curriculum from the NC Level upto Sub-Inspector and Inspector level during the training. With the passing of three criminal laws by the Parliament the Nagaland police will be trained and re-trained on the new laws as lot of things are going to change in the process. He Asserting that Police is not a developmental department he said Police job is to provide a safer platform in the society so that development and other activity of the Government can take place smoothly. He also informed that there is a plan to set up committee for rewards to the excellent performing person to be given away immediately and not after the six months. He appealed all personnel of Nagaland to contribute in whatever method they can for



the wellbeing of the police as well as for the society.

Commandant, NAPTC, Ben Longkumer, NPS in his speech stated that with unveiling of this memorial, it's not only a fitting symbol of sacrifices, contribution and achievements over the years by Nagaland police but also a gentle reminder to each one of us to make an important bridge between the past, present and the future. The Memorial reflects a shared collective faith, it gives a soul a meaning to loss, a tribute, dedication and positive reminder on due responsibility of all us alive and living to the memories of their death.

He stated that, the memorial is of great significance, not only a respectable and honourable tribute but also to truly honour the bravery and sacrifices of our brave hearts. We must share these stories to keep their legacy and braveries alive. He was optimistic that this memorial will not only provide as a place to pay tribute but set as a reminder the high prices they paid by police officers in line of duty. He urged his comrades to take Nagaland police to greater heights with a revive vision and commitment.

The ceremony included laying of Ceremonial Wreath by, DGP, Rupin Sharma, IPS and display of Shok Shastra Shraddhanjali Drill.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> NORTHEAST GAMES KICKS OFF AT SOVIMA

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Northeast Olympic was held at the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence (RCSE), Sovima, Chumoukedima, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 will conclude on March 23.

Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio, in his speech thanked the North East Sports Association (NESA) for providing a common platform to the eight states to unite and display their sporting prowess. He expressed the hope that the participants will one day bring glory not only to their respective states, but also to the entire northeastern region and the nation. Highlighting the region's abundant human resources, talent pool and natural resources and while also acknowledging the challenges by connectivity issues Rio lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to address these challenges and emphasizing on the imperative of developing the Northeast for the overall progress of India. Quoting Modi, Rio said "India will develop only if North East also develops".

Rio also mentioned the significant contribution of Northeast to the nation in the sports arena. In this regard, he cited the statistics showing that while the entire population of the region comprised only 3.1% of the country's total population, yet its people comprised 6.72% of the country's sports contingent at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games in 2016. While expressing gratitude for the privilege of hosting the event, Rio extended warm welcome to all participants on behalf of the state government and wished all participants a memorable experience.

In his short speech the President NESA, Dr. Th Radheshyam thanked Nagaland for providing great hospitality and the Chief Ministers and the governments of all the eight Northeastern states for the support rendered towards the development of games and sports in the region.

While wishing luck to all sportspersons he encouraged the athletes by stressing that participation was equally as important as

winning and losing. He appealed the state governments of the remaining states to take the baton of hosting the next North East Games.

Host of officials from various NE states Olympic Associations, dignitaries and well-

wishers attended the opening ceremony. The highlights of the opening ceremony included performances, cultural songs, dances and presentations, by various cultural groups under TaFMA.

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## HOSPITAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING COMMENCES

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The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Home Department in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare and Geo Hazards Society, India organized a three-day Hospital Disaster Preparedness & Capacity Building Program on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima.

During the Inaugural program Jt. CEO, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei presented a brief overview of the training which was followed by a speech from Managing Director

NHAK, H&FW, Dr. Sendimeren Aonok. A brief speech was also given by Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Ritu Thur and a Vote of thanks was proposed by Assistant Manager (Training & Education), NSDMA, Khrolou Koza Lohe. The resource persons for the program were Dr. Hari Kumar, Pranav, Shivangi and Tiakala Difusa. The program was chaired by Deputy Director & State Nodal Officer, DM Cell DoH&FW, Dr. Nyan Kikon.

The main objective of the training is



*Officials of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority along with Department of Health & Family Welfare and Geo Hazards Society during the three-days Hospital Disaster Preparedness & Capacity Building programme at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



for doctors and medical practitioners to be prepared for any hazards that Nagaland is vulnerable to. The training also aims to bring out Hospital Disaster Management Plans for all District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs. Various topics to be covered during the

training include earthquake preparedness in Health Facilities, falling hazards and fire hazards risk identification and mitigation, and Formation of Hospital Disaster Management Committee and Incident Response System etc.

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### CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER VYASAN R HIGHLIGHTS PREPARATIONS FOR FREE AND FAIR POLLS IN NAGALAND

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In view of the announcement of General Election to the 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, 2024, a meeting was convened to apprise media related matters to media personnel at Commissioner's Office Kohima on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Chief Electoral Officer Vyasani R declared that all preparatory measures are in place to ensure a free and fair poll in Nagaland. The main focus is on the Electoral roll, with a special summary revision completed and the final draft published on January 10<sup>th</sup>, except for the 43 Tapi Assembly Constituency where a By-Election is due. Vyasani R added that additions to the Electoral roll are ongoing through Form Number 6, with submissions allowed until March and disposal of names permitted until March 27<sup>th</sup>, which marks the last date of nomination.

Vyasani R informed that over 16,000 polling personnel will be involved in ensuring the smooth conduct of the parliamentary Elections in Nagaland. He urged media personnel to encourage voters, especially first-time voters, to cast their votes and ensure maximum voters turn out.

Commissioner & Returning Officer Nagaland, Sushil Kumar Patel, emphasized the significance of all stakeholders and the media in carrying out the responsibility of the Election process. He highlighted the media as a key ally of the Election commission, informing the public about the ECI's mandate and operations, and educating voters about democracy and Elections.

State Police Nodal Officer, Limasunep, IPS assured that full security measures are in place and will be further enforced according to different situations. He mentioned that several companies of central forces have arrived in Nagaland to assist the state police force in various Election-related duties, including providing security, area domination, setting up check posts, and searching vehicles to enforce the Model Code of Conduct.

Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Awa Lorin, affirmed that the entire Election process is proceeding smoothly and appealed to media houses to disseminate information for free and fair Election.

## HIGH-POWER COMMITTEE OF THE NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The meeting of the High-Power Committee of the JICA assisted Nagaland Forest Management Project Society was held in the Conference Room of the Chief Secretary, Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The objective of the meeting was to review progress of the project and approve the work programme for the coming financial year, 2024-25 and was chaired by the Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS, who is also the Chairperson of the High-Power Committee. The State Government representatives from the Finance Department, the Agriculture Production Commissioner, PHED, Director, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change also attended the meeting. The project was represented by the Project Management Unit, NFMP headed by the Chief Project Director, Dharmendra Prakash.

During the meeting, the progress of the project was highlighted through a PowerPoint presentation. It was highlighted that the project was now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and has so far covered an area of 35,082 Hectares in 144 villages against a target of 185 villages and an area of 79,000 hectares. Altogether, 410 Self Help Groups have received revolving

funds in the form of loan under the project and it was stated that the repayment of 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the loan was 100 % in the first batch villages. The presentation also stated that altogether, around 78 lakh seedlings have been raised and planted and around 18 lakh person days employment have been generated by the project. The work plan for the coming financial year presented the project target of 41 villages covering an area of 9129 hectares. A live demo of the inhouse developed MIS program was presented in the meeting. The Project Management Consultants highlighted the innovations and good practices taken up in the project and also gave a detailed presentation about the potential of forestry projects in the state in the international carbon market.

The Chief Secretary conveyed his appreciation of the MIS program developed by the project and stated that the program could be used by other departments also. He also lauded the Forest Department on the implementation and progress of the project and the efforts made by the project for convergence with other agencies. The Annual Report of the project was also released and the meeting concluded with the Chief Project Director thanking the Chairman HPC and all the other representatives for their support and presence.

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## NSDMA & DDMA's EXTENDS IMMEDIATE RELIEF

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, an extreme weather event affected the state of Nagaland especially in the districts of Peren, Niuland and Phek. The storm adversely affected houses, crops and also caused minor injuries.

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority and the concerned District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA's) have extended immediate relief to the affected families and communities especially in Peren

district while in Niuland and Phek districts, assessment of damage is underway.

The NSDMA, Home department through the concerned DDMA's are vigilantly monitoring and reaching out to the affected families and community. It is also informed that affected families and communities not reached by the concerned DDMA's may approach the concerned circle

Administrative officers and report in order to obtain necessary assistance.

The NSDMA also informs the public to be vigilant as an extreme pre-monsoon weather event may occur in the coming days. In the event of any eventualities public are advised to stay alert and report for any eventualities to the DDMA's.

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY CAMP HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

Nagaland Rural Bank, Purana Bazar Branch, Dimapur, supported under financial inclusion Fund (FIF) by NABARD conducted an informative and interactive “Financial Literacy camp” with special focus on loans on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 at CTC Hall Chumoukedima.

The camp was organised with an attempt to educate the people the needs, benefits and services offered by the banks. Financial literacy involves the knowledge and skills to manage one’s finances effectively. It includes informed decision-making about saving, spending, investing and utilising financial services. In today’s world, where digital transactions are common, being financially literate means one is equipped to handle online banking and digital payments safely and wisely.

Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS in his welcome address said that the financial literacy camp was organised to impart financial education to those who might not have an extensive financial background and also to promote economic well-being to citizens of Chumoukedima district. He stated that everyone thinks that Government jobs is secure but as per report out of 100 people in India only 3.5 people get government jobs. As of now, India is the fastest growing economic in the world and this development is not coming through government jobs but the development is through private enterprises, he said.

The DC urged the people to calculate our strategies as there are so many schemes and avenues of beneficial and subsidy loans. There is a market and scope but people are instead going to money lenders. The money lenders are coming up and Government

schemes are there which brings paradox where people are being forced to fall in debt trap and this is all due to lack of awareness. Nagaland have quality of human resources, hardworking, youths full of energy, what they need is little guidance and a holding.

Shivam, also highlighted on some schemes on education loan which provides 7.5 lakh, Start-up India which gives 10 lakhs with no collateral fees, livelihood mission which gives 50% subsidy, loan facility for agriculture & allied activities, Animal husbandry and housing loan etc, where there is something for everyone who wants to avail. He appealed to the people to avail the opportunity as figures of disbursement is very low and the fund which was allotted lapse. Whenever there is a lapse of fund, it’s an opportunity lapse, he stated.

Awareness regarding different schemes was imparted in a presentation on Education Loans by Bank of Baroda; MSME Loans by UCO Bank, Chumoukedima; Financial & Digital Literacy camp and social Security Agriculture loans SBI, Chumoukedima; SHG Loans by NSTBC, Chumoukedima; Social Security Schemes, Savings, etc by CFL Chumoukedima; NESFB and Nagaland Rural Bank; Sharing by SHGS, where they highlighted basic understanding of financial services on various schemes, subsidy, criteria, eligibility, interest rate etc.

Apart from presentation, there was an Interactive Session where the participants asked questions, sought clarifications and shared their personal financial experiences. The participants were guided on understanding the importance of financial goal- settings and making informed decisions about various financial services.



## ONE DAY TRAINING FOR ELECTION SECTOR OFFICERS HELD AT TUENSANG

In view of the forthcoming General Election to Lok Sabha 2024, One day training for Election Sector Officers was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at DC Conference Hall, Tuensang.

At the meeting ADC Tuensang Thungchanbemo Toungeo, highlighted the

duties, role and responsibilities of the Sector Officers while performing their assign duties and to ensure smooth and successful conduct of the election in the district.

Hari Prasad Gupta AHM, GHS, Hakushang Tuensang was the Master Trainer.

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## TRAINING ON ONLINE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM HELD AT WOKHA

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One day training on online Civil Registration System or Rural Registrars of Births & Deaths was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at DESO conference hall, Wokha.

ADC, Wokha K. Furhesie Nyuwi addressing the trainees, said this application is a common solution for Birth, death and still birth registration and certificate generation across the country, which provides centralised data management of all records events for birth and death registration. He also mentioned that, this application facilitates paramount importance in the socioeconomic planning and urged the trainees to do proper verification of personnel's details in the process of registration.

DESO, Wokha A. Chubathung Ezung while giving a brief introduction highlighted about the implementation of registration of Birth & Death which will now be done online. Where he urged all the rural registrars to follow the new guideline and do the registration accordingly. DESO also informed that similar training programme was also conducted at Bhandari and Sanis Sub-division on the 28th & 29th February 2024.

Resource person Lothungbeni, FI, DESO office Wokha briefed the trainees about the implementation of the online registration system.

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## 67<sup>TH</sup> RAISING DAY OF NAGALAND VILLAGE GUARD OBSERVED AT NOKLAK

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The 67<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Nagaland Village Guard was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at VG Museum cum Memorial Hall, Pangsha under Noklak district on the theme 'the guardian of the frontier villages'.

Deputy Commissioner & Ex-Officio Commandant, NVG, Noklak Arikumba speaking on the occasion as Guest of Honour mentioned that Nagaland Village Guards are

playing an important role in the region in maintaining law and order in the villages with the collaboration of district administration. In controlling the anti-social elements in the villages, VGs are the one who work tirelessly for the betterment of the villages. Village Guards are set up mainly for the purpose of protecting the lives and properties of the villagers and to this, DC requests them

to maintain peace and tranquillity for the progress of the villages.

Commandant NVG, Tuensang Mongkoyanchu in his short speech briefed on how the Village Guard was established at Pangsha in the year 1957 and he advised the Village Guards to perform their duties sincerely.

Dy. Commandant, NVG, Kiphire Wanmei Konyak spoke on how the Village Guards protect the Villages and was assisting the district administration in maintaining peace and security in the region. During the event, Yanthong who is the only surviving VG pioneer was felicitated.

## LAUNCHING PROGRAM ON IPPI 2024 AT LONGLENG

The Longleng district along with the rest of the country held its launching programme on IPPI at NST Junction on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DHS Longleng Dharam Raj, IAS, in his short speech said that Polio destroys the future of our children and encouraged all stakeholders and citizens of Longleng to cooperate and eliminate polio by taking the polio drops. Polio will be administered in booths and door to door immunization on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

March, he added.

In his keynote address the DPO (RCH/UIP) Longleng Dr. S. Imnameren Phom, stated that 66 immunization booths has been set up under Longleng and that there are 4,339 head counts for polio. He encouraged all citizens to cooperate so that no child is left behind.

Dr. Tiasunep, CMO Longleng proposed a welcome note while the programme was chaired by Christina, VCCM.



*Deputy Commissioner Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS administering the first drop of Polio vaccine to a child at NST Junction Longleng during the IPPI launching program, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.*

## **KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD**

The monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at Kiphire on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman DPDB Kiphire, C. Kipili Sangtam.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the board members deliberated on improvement and maintenance of town road in Kiphire HQ. In this regard, Assistant Urban Development Officer has been directed to tie up with the Administrator, Town Committee Kiphire for further necessary actions.

The members also discussed on upgradation of Government High School to Government Higher Secondary School and was approved for further action. Regarding the construction of DBs customary court at Kiphire HQ, the Chairman gave assurance to take up the matter and pursue to the Government for necessary action.

During the meeting, Land Resources Department presented the department activities through a PowerPoint presentation.

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## **AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR BRICK KILN/SAND MOHALS/STONE CRUSHER UNIT HELD AT DIMAPUR**

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Awareness Programme for brick kiln/ sand mohals/stone crusher units under National Clean Air Programme, which was organised by District Administration, Dimapur, was held at DC's Conference hall, Dimapur on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

ADC & Administrator of East Dimapur Town Council, Mhalo Humtsoe in her keynote address said this awareness programme was organised to assure better clean air in Dimapur, through the help of the sand mohals/ brick kiln and stone crusher units. She noted that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January, 2019 with the aim to improve air quality in 131 cities (non-

attainment cities and Million Plus Cities) in 24 States/UTs by engaging all stakeholders. She called upon the stakeholders to take responsibility for the society and to look for a better way to improve the air in Dimapur. Humtsoe also informed that guidelines will be issued in a few days, which are to be followed strictly.

This Programme was chaired by EAC Dimapur, Imlijungla Lemtur. Rongsenben Longkumer, Junior Scientific Assistant, Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) highlighted on Mission LiFe by while Presentation on Air Pollution and Regulations Related to Pollution Industries was shared by Yanathung Kithan, Scientist 'B' (NPCB).

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> BATCH OF DCA COURSE LAUNCHED UNDER BBBP HELD**

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A launching programme for the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of the Diploma in Computer Application Course under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was organised by the Kohima

District Administration in collaboration with the District Hub for empowering of Women, Kohima at DC Conference hall on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

EAC (Dev) Kohima, Moasunep K. Jingru in his welcome address acknowledged the DHEW and the Pioneer institute for extending their support in organising the course for the students. He mentioned that one requires an actual hand-on skill in computing to cope up with the advanced technologies. He also added that this programme is a campaign empowering women and reminded that the privilege few should avail this course seriously. He also encouraged the students to upgrade their

skills through this course and become an asset for the public.

Managing Director, Pioneer Institute, Kiviboto Shequi while highlighting on the course said that DCA is one of the most important criteria now to get employed in any government or private organisation. He briefed that the pioneer institute impart basic skills to the students including Microsoft office package in addition with Photoshop and other fundamental basics.

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### AWARDS GIVEN TO BEST PERFORMING GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS UNDER KOHIMA DISTRICT

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The Kohima District Administration in collaboration with District Hub For Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Kohima organised the award presentation program for “Best Performing Government Schools in Kohima District” (Assessment of Pass-out rate of Girl Child) under Beti Bachao Beti

Padhao (BBBP) at DC’s Conference Hall, Kohima on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

At the programme, Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS said that Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mission Shakti has given a place where a girl child could become literate and could come



*DC Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant presenting Certificate to the winning schools at DC Conference Hall, Kohima on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



at par with the male counterpart. He said that to develop India and take it forward as a big economy country in the world, citizen's participation and contribution irrespective of gender is needed. He said that there should not be any differences or gap between boys and girls in the community or society and urged the gathering to break the traditional barriers to create equitable society. Ramnikant also congratulated the faculty, staff and students of the award winning schools for the efforts rendered towards educating the girl child and encouraged them to move forward for greater heights by making Nagaland a prosperous state. The DC also assured all possible help from the district administration.

District Education Officer Kohima, Emilo Patton while giving the welcome address said that under BBBP initiative, the culture status of girls have improved. She said that in Kohima District, girls have improved both in enrolment and academic performances, the girls have excelled even in the field of sports and other co-curricular activities. Patton also highlighted that pass enrolment and pass percentage of the girls are better than boys, both in Government and Private Schools in the HSLC exam for the past four years. She further informed that even in the HSSLC exams, girls enrolment and pass percentage in Arts Stream are better than boys both in Government and Private Schools but said that girls needs to work on Science and Commerce stream.

Certificates and cash awards for the best performing schools (Assessment of pass-out rate of Girl Child) in different categories were bagged by GPS Garuzou, GMS Aradhura Lerie Chazou, GHS Chandmari and Razukhrrie Government Hr. Secondary School.

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## NPCB INTERACTIVE MEET

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Nagaland Pollution Control Board in collaboration with District Administrator Dimapur held an interaction meet with all the colony leaders of Dimapur under National Clean Air Program (NCAP) at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS addressing the gathering stressed on the need to act on pollution related problems immediately and added that the consequences for the future generation will be costly if not acted upon. He also emphasised on cleaning ones house/ compounds and surroundings and said that people should change the mind-set of depending on government to clean for them.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that Gandhiji's vision of clean India is yet to be achieve. He also encouraged the leaders of colonies/wards to put up pollution related proposal to the district administration for which he assured to look into it.

Yanathung Kithan, Scientist 'B' NPCB, Akangmeren Imchen Scientist 'B' NPCB, Rongsenben Longkumer Junior Scientific Assistant, NPCB, Hanpong Konyak Junior Scientific Assistant, NPCB conducted a technical interaction with the members present.

Earlier, Member Secretary, NPCB, K Hukato Chishi, IFS delivered the keynote address.

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## Peren DPDB Meeting Held

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The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board meeting for the month of March was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 under the

Chairmanship of Dy. CM & Chairman DPDB Peren, T.R. Zeliang.

While reviewing the previous meeting minutes on shifting of Peren Government College, ADC Peren, Japheth Woch gave a brief status report on the developmental works. He also highlighted the challenges and issues faced by them for proper and smooth functioning of the college.

During the meeting, on account of the International Women's Day, celebrated under the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress", DC Peren administered the celebration pledge, followed by highlights of the celebration programme delivered by Heiriatilei, District Mission Coordinator (DMC) District Hub for Empowerment of Women-DHEW.

Departmental activities were presented by Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Agriculture departments.

Later, in a separate programme held at the Conference Hall, District Sports Council, Peren also organised a felicitation program for medal winners for securing top 5 position in the recently concluded 3<sup>rd</sup> Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games 2024. At the programme, words of appreciation and encouragement was delivered by the Deputy Chief Minister. He also gave away the cash award to the medal winners, which was sponsored by him.

New board members, ADC Peren, Japheth Woch; EAC Nsong, AvonuoKire; EAC Peren HQ, Er. Seyiekhrietuo Solo and JE Power, Peizieying Iheilung, were introduced during the meeting.

## BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Sub-Divisional Planning and Developmental Board of Bhandari was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman SDPDB, Achumbemo Kikon at the conference hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Discussing on advantages and disadvantages of communitised system of power consumption and billing method, and enforcing effective system of revenue collection by Power Department, the house reiterated that the department should not be at loss of revenue and that, consumers should be sensitized on responsible and judicious use of electricity power and systematic payment of electricity bills to benefit all stakeholders.

Pertaining to the proposed construction of Bhandari Town Council Office cum Sub-Divisional and Planning

Board Conference Hall, the house expressed dismay and stated that there is shortage of land due to which construction of the same is delayed despite urgent need.

Emphasising that Bhandari sub-division is the biggest fish farming bloc of Wokha district, with laden economic potentials, the house resolved to urge the government to establish a Sub-Divisional Fishery Office at Bhandari since it is functioning under DFO, Wokha, currently.

The house also reiterated and urged for the reopening of the SBI Champang HQ branch, to which, Lead Bank Manager, Wokha, informed that logistical survey would be completed by the month of May.

Highlighting on the present state of the Wokha-Bokajan-Road, where the entire Ralan area is stated to be cut off from

the Wokha district Head Quarter, due to washing away of a stretch of road between Yankeli Village and N.Longchum Village, Achumbemo Kikon, along with the PWD

(R&B) stated that remedial measures would be initiated as soon as possible to address the grievances of the public of the areas.

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## TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNDER NCAP 2023-24 HELD AT KOHIMA

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A training and skill development of public officials, Government officials and Civil Society organization of Kohima under the National Clean Air Programme 2023-24 organised by the District Administration Kohima was held at DPDB hall, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

ADC Kohima, Rhoseitho Nguoti NCS, in his brief note stated that the National Clean Air programme was launched in the year 2019 and the training was held to disseminate and impart the knowledge to the general public about clean air. He said that it was surprising to learn that the quality of Air in Kohima city was contaminated and does not meet the national standard and added that we have failed to realize that we are all equally responsible for air pollution. He also mentioned that reducing air pollution depends on everybody.

He also said that District Administration has been reaching out to different section of the society, schools imparting the NCAP and called upon all the officers to take up this challenge to achieve clean air collectively.

In the 1st session of the training, resource person JSA, NPCB, Rongsenben Longkumer highlighted on Ambient Air Quality and its Pollution, she stated that under the National Air Monitoring Programme (NAMP) there are 11 manual monitoring stations and 1 CAAQMS station in Nagaland.

7 (Seven) manual stations at Dimapur and 4 (Four) stations at Kohima. She highlighted that the source of Air pollution are mainly from dust raised from vehicular movement on the dusty roads, Vehicular emissions, burning of wastes such as municipal waste bins, garden/leave waste etc., emission from small scale industries such as stone crushers, sand mahals, tyre vulcanization unit, etc. She added that the Central Government launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) as a long-term, time-bound, national level strategy to achieve the targets and Centre aims at 40% reduction in particulate matter by 2026. She also highlighted that the average concentration of RSPM for Kohima city for consecutive years i.e from 2020 to 2023 stationed at opposite NST offices has decreased from 75 to 67, while High school junction has increased from 95 to 106, PWD junction from 96 to 71 and upper Midland from 54 to 64.

She mentioned that the air quality of Kohima and Dimapur city has been placed under “non-attainment city” with respect to Particulate Matter and further added that the Local Bodies and Gram Panchayat/Village Councils shall ensure that open burning of Plastic Wastes does not take place.

Resource person, Scientist ‘B’ NPCB, Yanathung Kithan gave a brief note on the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. He said that waste generator shall segregate

and store the waste generated by them; wrap securely the used sanitary waste; reduce solid waste at source, recycle plastic, metal, rubber, and glass by separating them and sending them to recycling for the manufacture of other products.

He further said that no waste generator shall throw, burn or bury the solid waste generated by him, on streets, open public spaces outside his premises or in the drain or water bodies, all waste generators shall pay such user fee for solid waste management, the bio-degradable waste shall be processed, treated and disposed off through composting

or bio-methanation within the premises as far as possible, every street vendor shall keep suitable containers for storage of waste generated during the course of his activity, all resident welfare and market associations shall ensure segregation of waste at source by the generators.

Resource person, JSA, NPCB Y. Hanpong K highlighted on Mission Life.

Later the participants also went for a field exposure trip to KMC waste management facilities. In the second session, ADC chaired that programme and gave a brief highlight of the training to the Civil society organization.

### Online Training on Civil Registration System for Registrars of Births & Deaths held for Chumoukedima, Niuland & Dimapur Districts

A day long training programme on the registration of birth and death through the

Civil Registration system was organised by District Economics & Statistics department



*DC & District Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Dimapur, Tinojongshi Chang addressing the trainees at the online training programme on registration of birth and death at Angh House, Agri Expo, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Chumoukedima, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



under Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland District on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at Agri. Expo, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile (Angh House), Chumoukedima.

At the outset, DC & District Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Dimapur, Tinojongshi Chang, said that with the advancement of technology, the training is been imparted for switching over to online registration which was done manually. Now with online registration people from anywhere in the world can register.

In addition, he underlined the role of local registers and areas falling within their areas and jurisdiction for the issuance of birth and death certificate to be cautious while filling the form, as once it is enter in the data it will be difficult to re-issue.

He also highlighted the use and purpose of Birth and Death certificate, along with the importance of recording in the occurrence and characteristics of these vital events to enter the exact data, as these records are subsequently used to study the demographic profile and other features.

Addl. Director, Economics & Statistics and Joint Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Kohima, Neisatuo Puro in his key note address highlighted that the registration of Birth & Death Act 1969 had been functioning under Nagaland birth & death modules Rule 1999 but the amendments finally came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 and is in the process of implementing

State Module Rules. He said that with new amendment came into force; birth certificate is the only document as the final proves for death and place of birth.

He informed the registrar to enhance their registration of death, as Nagaland over all birth registration comes to an average of 80000 annually and Deaths registration comes to 3000-4000, which is beyond the actual occurrence, if deaths are not registered it can cause problem in the data set, he added.

Puro also highlighted that with online registration nothing has change, everything will be the same, and it's just a transfer of data in electronic and primary requirement is just a smart phone and internet connection needed. Further, he urged the trainees to properly acquaint themselves with the civil registration system as they are the stakeholders who will implement the system at ground level. In addition, urged the registrar to work with proper dedications for the implementation of civil registration system by furnishing the actual report.

The resource person for the training was Economics & Statistics, Director of Economics & Statistics, Kohima, Chonbeni Patton. Nearly 200 trainees, senior officers from the Directorate office attended the training session. The trainees were imparted training on technical and practical session.

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## SHAKTI ROOPA MAHILA SAMMELAN PROGRAMME HELD IN DIMAPUR

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Shakti Roopa Mahila Sammelen Programme was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Bharat Seva Ashram Sangh, Dimapur.

Shakti Roopa was organised by Mahila Sammelen. The Bharat Roopa is a collection

of all the women organization from rural areas with around 50 to 60 members. This Mahila Sammelen targets to bring all the women members of the family to come together and to empower them for a healthy

society and a vibrant nation.

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan in his speech said that Women play a crucial role in the society. They are the backbone of the family and communities. Their integral involvement in the society ensures stability, progress and development of a nation. The contributions of women in our country towards growth and advancement are profound and far-reaching, creating a tangible impact in all domains with women breaking barriers and making their mark in various fields.

While we acknowledge the accomplishments and contribution of women in shaping modern India, we also recognize the challenges that confronts them. Despite the challenges, the inherent strength and resilience that embodies women as mothers, daughters, wives, sisters, professionals and achievers makes them a vital catalyst in the development of nation building and happy to learn about the works and social service

of some people amid us today, the Governor added.

He also noted that One of the pressing concerns and challenge afflicting our society was the menace of addiction and substance abuse. The Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan is a collective vision to eradicate this social illness through community engagement towards realizing the goal of a sustainable society that is free from substance abuse. So he urged all to be a partakers of this mission and make concerted efforts to assist and provide support to those struggling with addiction. He also commend the efforts of Shakti Roopa, a team of committed women social workers for their dedicated humanitarian service and encouraged all to continue in the endeavours to generate positive change in the society.

The five selected social workers namely: Tajungsangla, Anita Roy, Sumitra Biswas, Pora Tanti and Sharmila Mo Min were honoured during the program.

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## ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

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Zunheboto district conducted the monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting at DC conference hall, Zunheboto on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Deputy Commissioner and vice chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chaired the meeting.

The house discussed on the agenda of society registration of Aiko Self Help Group at Ajiqami under VK area, a society which is meant especially for the upliftment of the women folk especially in rural areas. Upon discussion, the house agreed to send the matter to the concerned authority for registration.

The DC stated that as the Lok Sabha election dates are to be announced soon, he asked the heads of offices to be in station at all times as election is a constitutional duty. He also sought cooperation from all the departments and further added that trainings will be conducted soon.

ADC Zunheboto requested all the departments to be on high alert during the election and requested the PWD (R&B) department to make sure that all the polling parties reaches their polling stations without any problems during the monsoon and also make their machineries ready for any situations. He also added that vehicle



*DC & Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chairing the DPDB meeting at DC's conference hall, Zunheboto on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

requisition has been going on and requested everyone for their cooperation as vehicles requisitioning is required.

PWD (R&B) Atoizu and Aghunato

block presented a PowerPoint presentation of various government projects undergoing and completed under Zunheboto district.

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## DPDB PHEK WELCOMES NEW DC

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The Phek District Planning & Development Board held its meeting under the chairmanship of Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman DPDB, Phek K.G Kenye at DPDB Hall Phek on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The board welcomed the new Deputy Commissioner, John Tsulise Sangtam to the district.

At the outset, the chairman on behalf of the Legislators of Phek District, esteemed members of DPDB and people of Chakhesang and Pochury of Phek District welcomed the new DC Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam to the district and expressed his happiness and confidence for having an experienced Administrator to run the affairs

of the district.

Advisor for New & Renewal Energy & Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe in his short speech also acknowledged and expressed his gratitude and said that the people of Phek are fortunate for posting an experienced administrator.

The new DC Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam in his speech acknowledged his gratitude towards Government of Nagaland for trusting him to be the Deputy Commissioner of Phek district. He also seeks cooperation from the public of Phek district to enable him for smooth administration of the district forward.

Agenda for registration of society in respect of Cotton Weaving at Sumi Village was thoroughly discussed and forwarded to Government for approval.

Matters, regarding regular presences of government officials in the district headquarter was also discussed and deliberated at length. In this regard the Chairman DPDB, K.G Kenye and Advisor, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe appealed and urged upon the officers to sincerely attend their duties for public service in the district.

CPO President, Vezuhu Keyho, who was also present at the meeting as invitee, spoke about the need for posting of officers

in the district and reminded the officers to be more regular in their place of posting. The President also welcomed the newly posted DC to the Phek District.

Earlier, new DPDB Members, ADC Chozuba, Dr. Diana Patton; ADC Pfutsero, Moakumzuk Tsudir; DPO, Atu Vasa and Principal Government Polytechnic Chetheba, Er. Keduhiwe Kapfo made their self-introduction at the meeting.

The department of Art & Culture and Labour & Employment were entrusted for power point presentation in the next DPDB meet.

### AWARENESS CUM WORKSHOP ON WASTE MANAGEMENT HELD AT TENING TOWN

In a bid to raise awareness regarding effective disposal of waste scientist from

Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) and his team visited Tening Town and shared



*Scientist Yanathung Kithan of NPCB and his team along with participants at Awareness cum Workshop on Waste Management at Tening Town Council Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



knowledge and strategies on proper waste management.

The program was organised in collaboration with Tening Town Council and held at Town Council Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with Scientist Yanathung Kithan, NPCB as the resource person.

While addressing the gathering Scientist Yanathung Kithan stressed the importance of proper segregation and disposal of dry and wet waste for healthy environment to pave way for concepts of waste management.

He encouraged the gathering to reduce the use of single use products at maximum especially plastic substances and always try to recycle or reuse things other than disposing of, so as to help reduce waste from landfill which will eventually prevent land,

water and air pollution. Yanathung urged the gathering to maintain a useful waste bin to deposit waste so that it can be converted into rich organic compost.

The resource person also said that at present 62 million tonnes of waste is generated in the country annually and spoke on importance of duties of various authorities, waste generators, Nagaland integrated waste management policy and its visions and waste management rules and National green tribunal orders.

After the formal program a short group discussion was also held. Around 100 people attended the program representing different wards/colony including ward GBs and ambassadors from nine wards of Tening Town.

## KOHIMA DISTRICT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board convened its monthly meeting at the DPDB Hall in Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, and MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso were present during the session.

Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant conducted a review of the previous DPDB meeting minutes. Deliberations ensued on the registration of various societies, with four out of seven societies proposed for registration being rejected. However, Merhü Welfare Society, Medemer Fund Society and Tamlu Bühü Union Society were considered for registration.

Dr. Rhutso emphasized that a society must have a minimum of seven members, representing diverse tribal backgrounds,

to ensure inclusivity and advocated for transparency and honesty in assisting marginalized communities.

During discussions on the screening process for society registration, Dr. Yhome proposed the establishment of specific guidelines and criteria to streamline the registration process.

A PowerPoint presentation by the Regional Transport Officer, Kohima, shed light on vehicle licensing and registration. It was revealed that 3580 Learners Licenses and 2747 Drivers Licenses were issued in the current fiscal year. The members deliberated on enhancing road safety awareness and simplifying the registration procedures to make them more user-friendly.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kohima, provided insights into the Nagaland Forest



*The Kohima District Planning and Development Board convened its monthly meeting at the DPDB Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

Management Project, its implementation process, and the livelihood activities of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Also, initiatives such as the National Clean Air Program and the establishment of vertical gardens in Kohima were discussed.

Dr. Kekhrie stressed the responsible utilization of loans, highlighting the need for repayments. He suggested carbon

incentivizing to villages with significant forest cover and promoting public awareness through documentary productions.

The Deputy Commissioner assigned the Public Health Engineering Department to deliver a PowerPoint presentation on the Jal Jeevan Mission at the next DPDB meeting.

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### MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting, Mokokchung was convened on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The session was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Thsuvisie Phoiji.

The Department of PWD (R&B)

highlighted several challenges during their presentation regarding stone quarries conducted on roadsides, resulting to road damage and landslides. Issues such as logging and stacking of firewood, unplanned construction of link roads, and haphazard developments along the roadside causing illegal occupation of spaces were also

addressed. In this regard the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for pictorial evidence with exact locations of these issues to facilitate prompt action and to resolve the problem. He announced that an order would be issued in the coming days to prohibit such activities.

The Department of Urban Development presented an overview of their on-going and upcoming projects through a PowerPoint presentation. They informed the members about the progress of the PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PMSVANidhi) Scheme, which provides affordable Working Capital Loans to Street Vendors. A total of

112 street vendors have availed of the scheme thus far.

The board also approved and forwarded the Chuchuyimlang HiEERA Project to the relevant department for necessary action.

In conclusion, the Deputy Commissioner instructing all Heads of Departments (HoDs) and employees to remain at their designated posts during the upcoming election period. He emphasized that absences would not be tolerated without proper leave and leave must be addressed directly to the Deputy Commissioner.

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### NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

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Niuland District Planning and Development Board meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at DC Conference Hall, Niuland under the Chairmanship of Sara S. Jamir, Deputy Commissioner and Vice chairman DPDB Niuland.

Establishment of separate DRDA Office with posting of Project Director for Niuland District; Establishment of Treasury Office; Upgradation of Branch Post Office and Establishment of additional SBI Bank at Old Showuba were deliberated, approved and forwarded to the concern department for necessary action. The meeting reaffirmed the previous recommendation

for urgent establishment of Police outpost at Khaghaboto (Grey area) where murder/murder related cases is being reported almost every year. The Board also forwarded to the government for establishing 12 different departments which is yet to be established in the district.

DC also requested all the district officers to be present in the station and apply for station leave in case the officer is leaving station.

Officials from Food and Civil Supplies Departmental presented departmental activities through power point.

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### FREE VACCINATION CUM ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP AND AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT LILEN VILLAGE PEREN

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The College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, CAU (I), Jalukie conducted a free vaccination cum Animal Health Camp and Awareness program at

council hall, Lilen village on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 under the guidance and leadership of Dr I. Shakuntala, the Dean of the Veterinary College, Jalukie and funded by ICAR-

National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar, Haryana.

Dr. Keneisezo Kuotsu, Assistant Professor, CoVSc, Jalukie chaired the program while Dr. Gunjan Das Prof. & Head welcome the farmers and informed them about the importance of the camp.

As a part of the programme, farmer-scientist-interaction was also held which was followed by free vaccination cum Animal Health Camp. In the technical session, Dr. Gunjan Das Prof. and Head and Dr. Bhumapati Devi, Assistant Professor,

delivered lectures on the topics “Important Diseases of Cattle and their management” and “Management of important post-partum Diseases of Pigs” respectively.

Altogether 57 participants (41 farmers and 16 officials) attended the program. Apart from consultation services, free anti-rabies vaccination, mineral mixtures, deworming drugs, antibiotics and other veterinary medicines were distributed to the farmers covering a total of 540 Livestock including poultry.

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### SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-U 2.0 HELD AT KOHIMA

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IEC program on Source Segregation & single-use plastics in collaboration with PETROS, School of Performing arts held awareness programmes on dry waste and water recycle as part of SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-U 2.0 at Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Programmes were held at PHQ junction, High School junction and Old NST Parking.

During the program Deputy Mission Director AMRUT Mission, Vizokholie

Kesieyie said it is a country-wide campaign initiated by the government of India on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 to eliminate open defecation and improve the management of solid waste and liquid waste.

He also emphasized on creating awareness amongst like-minded people, neighborhood and also practicing waste management and segregation as a community.

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### VERIFICATION OF ARTISANS ON PM VISHWAKARMA HELD AT DIMAPUR

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Procedure for Gram Pradhans and ULBs to verify artisans on PM Vishwakarma website was held at DC's office Conference Hall at Dimapur on 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The programmed was chaired by SDO (C) Dimapur, Yanthungbemo Kikon.

PM Vishwakarma, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 by the Prime Minister to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople

who work with their hands and tools. The Scheme covers artisans and craftspeople engaged in 18 trades.

Benefits to the artisans and crafts persons include recognition of artisans and craftspeople through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card; basic training of 5-7 days and advanced training of 15 days or more, with a stipend of Rs. 500 per day; A toolkit incentive of up to Rs. 15,000 in



the form of e-vouchers at the beginning of Basic Skill Training. It also provides support Collateral free 'Enterprise Development Loans' of up to Rs. 3 lakh in two tranches of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 2 lakh with tenures of 18 months and 30 months, respectively, at a concessional rate of interest fixed at 5%, with Government of India subvention to the extent of 8%. Beneficiaries who have completed basic training will be eligible to avail the first tranche of credit support of up to Rs. 1 lakh. The second loan tranche will be available to beneficiaries who have availed the 1st tranche and maintained a standard loan account and have adopted digital transactions in their business or have undergone Advanced Training and Marketing support will be provided to the artisans and craftspeople in

the form of quality certification, branding, onboarding on e-commerce platforms such as GeM, advertising, publicity and other marketing activities to improve linkage to value chain.

In addition, the scheme will onboard the beneficiaries on Udyam Assist Platform as 'entrepreneurs' in the formal MSME ecosystem. Enrollment of beneficiaries shall be done through Common Service Centres with Aadhaar-based biometric authentication on PM Vishwakarma portal. The enrolment of beneficiaries will be followed by a three-step verification which will include Verification at Gram Panchayat/ ULB level, Vetting and Recommendation by the District Implementation Committee and Approval by the Screening Committee.

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## GOVERNOR GRACES INAUGURAL PROGRAM WORKSHOP ON HINDUSTAN VOCAL, KUCHIPUDI DANCE, NAGA FOLK AND NAGA CRAFT

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With the joint initiative by SPIC MACAY and the National Institute of Technology, Nagaland, a Workshop on Hindustan Vocal, Kuchipudi Dance, Naga Folk and Naga Craft inaugural program was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at CTC Hall, Chumoukedima. The workshop will be held till 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

Gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest, Governor, La Ganesan, stated that India, with its diverse and rich heritage, offers an abundance of artistic expressions that encompass not just the visual or the tactile but also the profound and the sublime that touches our souls. Hindustani music and Kuchipudi dance are treasures of our national cultural heritage that have enchanted and enthralled audiences worldwide for years. They are not just art forms but are integral

to our country's cultural landscape, and goes beyond the barriers of language and geography.

Similarly, Naga Folk music and crafts are not just expressions of creativity but they also carry testimonies of the rich cultural history and legacy of Nagaland. They are an integral part of our identity, showcasing our traditions and our unwavering spirit. The folklore, the music, and the craftsmanship offer a glimpse into the soul of Nagaland, reflecting the harmony between mankind and nature that is so characteristic of our way of life, he added.

He mentioned that, the amalgamation of these diverse art forms in today's workshop is a testament to the unity in diversity that forms the cornerstone of our great nation. It is a vivid reminder that, despite our varied

backgrounds, it is bound by a common thread of humanity and artistic expression.

This workshop is not just an opportunity to learn and appreciate these art forms but also a platform to interact, exchange ideas and foster new relationships amongst the participants coming from different walks of life. It encourages young minds to delve into the depths of our cultural roots and empowers them to be the custodians of our heritage.

In addition, Ganesha said that music and the arts also hold a profound power in fostering peace, unity, and national integration, serving as a universal language that transcends boundaries, whether they are cultural, linguistic, or geographical. Through music and the arts, communities can express shared values and aspirations, laying the foundation for a collective identity. This is crucial for national integration, especially in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural nation like ours, where finding common ground is essential for peace and unity.

In conclusion, he extended his

heartfelt congratulations to the organizers, SPIC MACAY and the National Institute of Technology, Nagaland, for envisioning and bringing to life such a meaningful event. Their efforts in promoting cultural awareness and appreciation among the youth are commendable. Further, he urged all to immerse themselves in the experience, to learn, share and contribute to keeping the vibrant legacy of our culture alive for the future generations and be an ambassadors of our heritage, promoting unity, harmony and respect through the universal language of art and culture.

Highlights of the inaugural program included: Violin (Carnatic) performance by Padmashree Awardees and Sangeetha Kalanidhi A. Kanyakumari; 'Vatapi Ganapatim Bhaje' in Hamsadhwani raga; 'Pancharatnam'; Songs by Subbulaxmi; Bhajans such as 'Raghupati Raghava', Payoji Maine Ram Ratan Dhan Payo'. Invocation by Dr. Amritsingh and vote of thanks was proposed by Registrar prof. Manoj. E. Prabkar.

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## MON DPDB MEETING HELD

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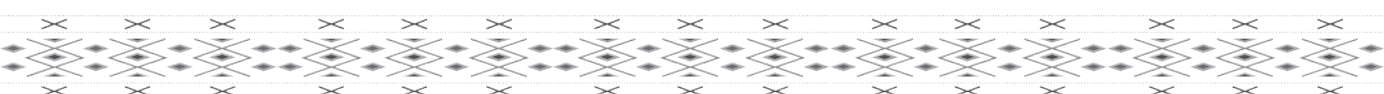
Mon District Planning & Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner urged upon all the heads of offices to be well-prepared and to effectively discharge their respective duties for the successful conduct of the forthcoming

general election to Lok Sabha 2024.

District Planning officer Mon, V. Aron Sema highlighted the house about High Level District Development Review (HLDDR) for reviewing all development projects estimated above Rs. 1 Crore in the district.

While discussing on the proposal for aid of new desks and benches of Government Higher Secondary School, Tizit, the house decided to forward it to the Chairman DPDB Mon.



## MEDICAL BOARD CONSTITUTED AT PHEK

The office of the DC & DEO Phek has constituted Medical Board in respect of Phek District with the under mentioned officers to examine the applications seeking for exception from election duty on medical ground:

1. Ruopfukuotuo Noudi, NCS, ADC & ARO, Chairman.
2. Dr. Avile Zao, CMO, District Hospital Phek, Member.
3. Nengpichong Singnit, EAC Hq., Member.
4. Anyone Specialist Doctor from DH, Phek, as Member.

It further informed all the government officials/staffs of Phek District seeking exception from election duty on health ground that District Level Medical Board, Phek will conduct checkup/examine the cases on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 from 10:00 AM onwards at the Office complex of the DC & DEO, Phek.

Therefore, all such genuine applicants are informed to appear in person before the Board on the said time/date/venue. This is in view of the conduct of upcoming general election to LS 2024.



## K.G. KENYE INAUGURATES POWER SUB-STATIONS IN MOKOKCHUNG

Minister of Power & Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye inaugurated two power sub-stations at Mokokchung on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said development cannot take place without the usage of electricity and with the advancement of technology, the need for more power has become crucial. He said the state power department has been accumulating huge losses over the years from buying power. Kenye said the government is drawing up plans to address the acute shortage of power in the state. He stressed on the need in identifying natural resources and rivers for producing electricity in order to mitigate the power crises. He appreciated the Government of India, the

World Bank, the Ministry of Power, the State Power Department, and all stakeholders for the successful completion of the project.

Delivering a short speech, Advisor for Water Resources, Tongpang Ozukum, lauded the Power Department, the All Ward Union Mokokchung Town and all involved for tirelessly pursuing and ensuring the successful implementation of the project. He acknowledged the Chief Minister for all the effort and contribution towards making the project a success.

Short speeches were delivered by Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Power, Asangla Imti; Engineer-in-Chief, Power Er. Moa Aier; President All Ward Union, Mokokchung and President, Ao Senden.



*Minister of Power & Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye with officials during the inauguration of two power sub-stations at Mokokchung on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



## DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTRE LAUNCHED AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, TUENSANG

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, A. Zibenthung Kithan, NCS launched the District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) at Conference Hall, District Hospital Tuensang on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Speaking on the programme the Deputy Commissioner expressed his gratitude to the Department of Health & Family Welfare for setting up the much needed Centre in the district. He added that it is the second centre in the State and is a centre for group rehabilitation to provide services like identification of Persons with

Disability, awareness generation, early detection and intervention for People with Disability in the District.

Other highlights of the function included keynote address by Dr. Senilo Magh DDRO, DDRC Tuensang, special presentation by first year students of School of Nursing, dedicatory prayer by Rev. Ongmang Chang. The function was chaired by Yangkhumla. The programme was followed by the Virtual Inauguration of DDRC Nationwide by Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendar Kumar.

## PM MODI VIRTUALLY INAUGURATES AND LAID FOUNDATION STONES OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN NAGALAND

Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the completed projects and laid foundation stone of new

projects of NE States, including Nagaland under CS schemes from Arunachal Pradesh on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



Dy. Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with Minister K.G. Kenye and G. Kaito Aye and Chief Secretary J. Alam at the virtual launching of development projects by PM Modi at Chief Secretary conference room on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

PM inaugurated a total of 7 completed projects and laid foundation stones of 5 projects which includes widening of important roads in Wokha and Zunheboto districts.

The virtual launching of the Viksit Bharat - Viksit Nagaland was live-screened

by the NIC wherein Dy CM Y Patton, Minister Road and Bridges G. Kaito Aye, Minister Power, Parl. Affairs K.G. Kenye and Chief Secretary J. Alam including the AHOds and HoDs of the concerned department and several state government officials were present.

## ASANGLA IMTI INAUGURATES A DAY CARE CENTRE OF POWER DEPARTMENT

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, a Day Care Centre of Power Department was inaugurated by Asangla Imti, IAS, Secretary, Power at the office premises of the Engineer-in-Chief, Power, Kohima.

In her inaugural address, the Secretary, Power congratulated and commended the Department for the benevolent and noble act in providing a solution to working

parents through a day care centre. She stated that such facility can provide a nurturing environment for children, allowing them to socialize with other children and help in developing their skills and etiquette while also giving a sense of security to the parents. She encouraged the employees to bring their children to the centre and make full use of the facility. She hoped that by starting the day care centre, work productivity would



*Secretary Power, Asangla Imti, IAS inaugurated a Day Care Centre of Power Department at the office premises of the Engineer-in-Chief on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

improve and absenteeism in the workplace would also reduce.

Er. Moa Aier, Engineer-in-Chief, Power also conveyed a message on the occasion wherein he highlighted that the health of a child and mother is extremely important not only for the individuals concerned, but also for the family and society at large. He hoped that the center albeit a small contribution of the Department would be significant towards a healthier and more productive society and a better Naga future.

In his speech, Er. Penrithung Yanthan, Chief Engineer (T&G) elaborated on the background behind the initiative and thanked all those who have made the

initiative a success. He expressed how important it is for a child to be with a mother. He hoped that having such a facility near the office will give security and assurance to the working parents that their children are well taken care of while at work.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Engineer (D&R) expressed elatedness over such initiative which is for welfare of the officers & staff and hoped that the center would be sustainable and would be utilized well and prudently.

Short speeches were also delivered by Er. Atoho Jakhalu, Chief Electrical Inspector and Er. Kasho Chishi, Addl. Chief Engineer (T&G).

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### ABU METHA INAUGURATES 'APNI PATHSHALA' AT GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL SOVIMA

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Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha inaugurated "Apni Pathshala" at Government High School, Sovima, on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Chumoukedima.

Speaking at the inauguration programme, Abu Metha thanked Aniruddha Malpani for selecting the schools in Nagaland to be counted among the 100 across the country. He stated that the world is moving at a great speed, the internet is changing the way human beings live, technology is impacting us every minute and every way of life. The technology has become so important that we should involve education computer literacy amongst the State because how we progress, how we March will be determined by the youngsters who will be tomorrow's leaders and so is the challenges that fall upon the teachers to impart computer literacy among the students to make the children tech savvy. The quality of education is largely dependent

on good infrastructure, good facilities, but most important is the quality of education which is dependent on quality of teachers, he added.

In addition, he said that teachers have to adapt to changing times as they are the architect that shapes our tomorrow, groom the leaders of tomorrow and teachers should be an aspirations that every child under them succeed. He said that all children are different, unique and it's a teachers challenge to understand the children and impart education in tune with the needs. If we appreciate the uniqueness of an individual than our quality of education improve and also impact the child growth.

In conclusion, he appealed the children not to have the word impossible in their vocabulary, as in life anything is possible. He encouraged the children that, some of the greatest achievers in this world are from

very poor backgrounds, One don't have to be privileged, or parents had to be rich to succeed in life but the only way to succeed is hardwork, discipline, commitment and the ambition. He urged the children to keep in mind all the hopes, all the aspirations and do better in life, as parents have hope and dependent on them to do much better in life than them.

Deputy Director, DOSE & OSD to CM, Nellayappan B, in his introductory note on "Apni Pathshala", highlighted that it's a project introduced by Aniruddha Malpani from Mumbai, a medical practitioner as well as an entrepreneur. With his own resources he wants to help the students community across India to develop skills in computer education so that students be motivated to learn their academic subjects. With this objective he is sponsoring whoever is willing to set up "Apni Pathshala", a computer

course with 10 sets of computer and with background technical suport with dedicated team of technical experts from different fields of study and form a community to mind the teachers of the school, so that teachers are expected to train the students in whatever interest the students is into.

He informed that, the technical and subjects experts provide a necessary facilities for exploring the interest of the students. The organisation only demand is that to show some prove that the children have developed the skill. As of now, the organisation have 30 such school projects in India and in Nagaland it is the fourth school. The first is in Govt High school, Longleng, two more private schools in Longleng and Peren District. The organisation is ready to extend to any number of schools if it is genuine and follow the norms.

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## **VIRTUAL INAUGURATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR NAGALAND UNDER KHELO INDIA**

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The virtual Inauguration of various Khelo India construction projects namely Multipurpose Hall at Viswema, Kohima, Multipurpose Hall at Medziphema, Multipurpose Hall at Riphym, Englan, Wokha, Indoor Badminton Hall at Yachem EAC Hq. Longleng, Synthetic Football Turf at Mon Football Ground by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting

Government of India in the presence of Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, Advisor to CM and Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha and other Advisors and MLAs was held at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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## **CHIEF SECRETARY LAUNCHES WEBSITES OF NEWLY CREATED DISTRICTS**

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Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS launched the official websites of five new districts of Nagaland at the Chief Secretary's

office chamber at Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Alam officially launched the websites





of the newly created Districts of Noklak, Shamator, Tseminyu, Chumoukedima and Niuland in the presence of the Deputy Director General, NIC Hqrs New Delhi and State Coordinator for NIC Nagaland State Centre, Kohima Naveen Kumar.

With the creation of new districts namely, Tseminyu, Chumoukedima, Niuland and Shamator, in the State of Nagaland, NIC took up for the development of the websites with the initiative of the District Administration concerned. Using S3WaaS, a cloud service secure, Scalable & Sugamya (Accessible) framework, the websites were developed, security audited, and deployed on the production server which are accessible on the public domain. S3WaaS framework is compliant with mandatory guidelines from the compliance matrix of GIGW (Guidelines for Indian Government Websites), which

is built upon a cutting edge Open Source Technology stack.

The websites will provide informational service on various aspects of the districts including history, administrative setup, geography, demographics, economy, tourism, statistical data, and schemes offered by the government. The website has “Citizen Services” and “Public Utilities” sections which contain information on applying for government services. The website is responsive and is easily accessible through Smart Phones, Tablets and Desktop PC.

The websites is now available in the public domain and one can easily access information of the districts using the given links: [Noklak.nic.in](http://Noklak.nic.in), [Tseminyu.nic.in](http://Tseminyu.nic.in), [Chumoukedima.nic.in](http://Chumoukedima.nic.in), [Niuland.nic.in](http://Niuland.nic.in) and [Shamator.nic.in](http://Shamator.nic.in).

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## HISTOPATHOLOGY LAB INAUGURATED AT NHAK

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Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery inaugurated the histopathology lab at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima, under the initiative of Investment & Development Authority Nagaland (IDAN) and the Department of Health & Family Welfare, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

At the inaugural program Managing Director NHAK, Dr. Sendimeren Aonok said that it was a historic moment for the state under the banner-ship of Prime Minister and CSR projects. He also said that it is the first histopathology unit that has been installed under the CSR program, which was sponsored by Numaligarh Refinery Limited.

Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred, IAS also said it was a monumental event for NHAK as well as for Nagaland in having the histopathology lab, which is first of its kind

in Kohima. He also expressed his gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the project. Wilfred, also mentioned that a database was made of possible project all across the state with support of District administration, NGO's department and brought in partners like 'Doctors for you' in helping the state with manpower, expertise, capacity building and training as part of implementation and complete process of follow up and deliverance to the common people

During the inaugural program, a significant step was taken towards enhancing nursing education and healthcare services in Nagaland. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between five key stakeholders: Doctors For You, the Principal Director of the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland,



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the Joint Secretary of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), the Additional Secretary of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, and the Nursing School at District Hospital Mokokchung. The main key highlight of the MoU was the primary focus on the upgradation of GNM Nursing School into B.Sc Nursing College in Mokokchung, Nagaland, as a model institute for Nursing Education, Strengthening and upgrading existing GNM schools to accommodate up to 60 seats in the B.Sc Nursing College at Mokokchung, operating under a

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, Development and provision of education, training, and research facilities of the highest order for various courses of nursing education at all levels, Conducting research, with a focus on operational, applied, and other studies related to nursing sciences and manpower development, and assisting the state Government in planning, establishing, managing, and assessing nursing education programs and related activities, including the introduction of new academic courses based on the needs of Nagaland state, within a self-sustainable financial model.

## RIO INAUGURATES INTEGRATED BUSINESS HUB AND INNOVATION CENTER AT DIMAPUR

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio along with Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery inaugurated the Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Center (IBHIC) at Forest Colony, Dimapur on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang, and Advisor to C.M and Chairman, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha,.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his keynote address said that new facility will create opportunities and platforms for Naga entrepreneurs, innovators and the youths. He said that he is hopeful and confident that the hub will reflect the energy and ambitions of the youths, who are educated but require motivational skilling. He said that we must embrace innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment and with this vision in mind, the government have conceptualized and brought to life the Integrated Business Hub, a dynamic platform designed to facilitate and support investors, start-ups, and entrepreneurs alike. Rio said that the focus of the initiative is to streamline administrative procedures, promote transparency & provide quick support to investors. Through a single-point coordination strategy, and will aim to simplify processes & create an environment that fosters growth & opportunity for all.

Rio also stated that priority will be given to Start-ups, entrepreneurs, and investors who are eager to invest in Nagaland, and said that the government encourage collaborations between local talent and investors to promote innovation and seize untapped opportunities and also

create opportunities for retail, food courts, corporate offices, marketing fronts for PSUs and innovative enterprises amongst other verticals.

The CM also said that IDAN and other relevant government departments will ensure seamless transition to permanent locations for investors and will provide essential support services, including legal assistance, information on local business practices and access to vital resources.

Rio further thanked the investors and companies expressing interest in the vision of Nagaland's economic growth and urged all stakeholders to join hands in making Nagaland a magnet for investment, innovation, and economic growth.

Dr. Chintan Vaishnav Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, in his short speech said that opening of the hub is a giant step for Nagaland and he projects that in three years Nagaland will grow five times in Start-ups. He also informed that a single start-up will generate/create five jobs. He also applauded the Naga women and said that 47% Start-ups are led by women. He said that one should focus on skill and entrepreneurship and agriculture output and should be community structured. He said that though Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) Nagaland will be connected to the whole Nation.

Suman Kumar Bery Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, speaking during the inauguration said that NITI Aayog has helped Nagaland in implementing various capacities building programme.

He said that the Hub will act as

a catalyst and create opportunities to innovators, entrepreneurs and youths of Nagaland. He said that the hub will bring sustainable development and hoped that it will focus on trainings which will enhance technical and job-related skills, making the youths more employable.

Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang during his greetings said that the inauguration of the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre (IBHIC) in Dimapur marks a significant milestone in the journey of Nagaland's economic and innovative transformation. He said that such initiatives as opening of IBHIC will foster innovation, sustainability and entrepreneurship and will be the engine which will propel towards a brighter future empowering the youth and will unleash the full potential of Nagaland's economy.

Zeliang said that the State aims to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary tools, resources, and guidance to transform their ideas into impactful ventures which will have a sustainable growth and create meaningful opportunities and is a testament to the unwavering resolve to harness innovation as a catalyst for socio-

economic development and empowerment. Especially for the youths, who have grappled with opportunities and limited avenues for realizing their dreams and aspirations, IBHIC will now serve as a beacon of hope and opportunity, empowering them to chart their own path towards success and prosperity.

During the inaugural function seven projects were launched namely, Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC); Capacity Building Training for NGOs by CII; Innovation and Start-up Training for Entrepreneurs; Start-ups Podcast initiative; Launch of SCK, Dimapur; Entrepreneurs Networking Station and Education & Skill Loan Facilitation Centre, and also four Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were signed namely: Tandem Global Consulting Pvt Ltd and Government of Nagaland; Emporium Training & Consultancy Private Limited, powered by Eagle Crest Training Academy & Consultancy, Vikiye Colony and Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland; IDAN and SBI for Education loan, skill development loan and entrepreneurs loan, and My start up TV with Hills FM and IDAN for establishment of media project in Nagaland.

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## G. IKUTO ZHIMOMI INAUGURATES COFFEE WASHING STATION

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Advisor Land Resources, Ikuto Zhimomi inaugurated Coffee Washing Station at YES Agro Park, Gariphema Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The project was funded by North East Council (NEC).

In his inaugural speech the Advisor said that Gariphema Village is one of the luckiest village to avail the facilities and expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for giving him the opportunity for the inauguration.

On behalf of the farmers Ikuto also thanked Commissioner Secretary and all officers of the department for taking extra mile to help the farmers. He informed that the government under the leadership of Neiphiu Rio is giving due importance to the farmers by introducing various Agri based crops and machinery for the farmers. Asserting that Coffee is one of world's most selling cash crops, he informed that the state government is giving importance to coffee





*Advisor Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi delivering his speech during the inauguration of Coffee Washing Station at YES Agro Park, Gariphema, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

growers because it has lots of potential and Market Avenue globally. Besides, Nagaland produces organic coffee free from chemicals or pesticides, he added.

He also appealed the farmers to be

hard working and produce quality coffee as the state government has already provided coffee roasting machines and other facilities. He also thanked the villagers for warm welcome and special arrangements.

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## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, WOKHA, INAUGURATES THE FIRST MINI TEA FACTORY AT TCHU-NLI, NIROYO VILLAGE

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Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS, marked a significant milestone by laying the foundation stone for the first Mini Tea Factory at Tchu-Nli, Niroyo Village, Wokha. The program was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 organized for the Wokha District Small Tea Grower's Association (WDSTGA) under the guidance of Shishoi

Oshom-ETF Cell, Wokha.

In his address, DC Wokha conveyed his best wishes to the WDSTGA for the new factory and encouraged all small tea growers to utilize the services provided by Shishoi Oshom-ETF Cell, Wokha for their various requirements.

The initiative, supported by Shishoi



*DC Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS along with members of WDSTGA during the inauguration of first mini Tea Factory at Tchu-Nli, Niroyo village, Wokha on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

Oshom-ETF Cell, Wokha focused on empowering tea growers by providing skill training on tea packaging in collaboration with Tea Board of Golaghat Office, Assam.

Additionally, support for marketing and branding of tea from Wokha is also being extended.

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## COFFEE WASHING STATION INAUGURATED

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The inauguration of coffee washing station, funded by North East Council (NEC), was held at Naga Tribal Coffee, near High Court Tsiesema, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi as the special guest.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Advisor, G. Ikuto Zhimomi highlighted the need to start businesses from small startups into big business. He mentioned that the coffee business startups do not necessarily need to have a plantation. He had mentioned

nine largest coffee entrepreneurs in the state out of which only two entrepreneurs have their own plantations. He also mentioned the success achieved by Nagaland coffee in the global market.

He pointed out the market value will be around Rs. 236 crores few years down the line once all the plantations achieve harvesting stage and called upon the young educated unemployment people to take up these businesses with seriousness.





*Annual Report of the Nagaland Forest Management Project Society was released by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS at Chief Secretary's Conference Room, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



*A team of Nagaland officials from the Department of IT&C led by Secretary, IT&C and Economics & Statistics Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS at the Digital India Northeast Regional Workshop on India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) and Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MegHEA) at Shillong on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*





*T. John Longkumer, IPS (Retd) taking oath as the new State Election Commissioner of Nagaland at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



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*Deputy Commissioner & Ex-Officio Commandant, NVG, Noklak Arikumba along with officials, rank and file of NVG during the 67<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Nagaland Village Guard held at Noklak on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.*



*The Nagaland Police under the aegis of BPR&D organized a five-day TOT course on the three Criminal Laws at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.*





*Nagaland Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer presiding over the last day of the Fourth Session of the 14<sup>th</sup> NLA at Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024*



*Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS officially launching the websites of the newly created districts of Noklak, Shamator, Tseminyu, Chumoukedima and Niuland at his office chamber on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024*



*Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery with officials during the signing of MoU Understanding between Doctors For You and Government of Nagaland at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



*CM, Neiphiu Rio and Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, Suman Kumar Bery along with others after inaugurating the IBHIC at Forest Colony, Dimapur on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*





*DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS addressing at the unveiling of Police Memorial at NAP Training Centre, Chumoukedima, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*



*Nagaland Olympic Association General Secretary, Abu Metha with Team Nagaland for the 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024 on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*