



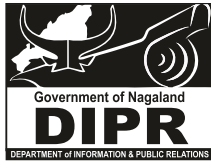
Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Advisors and other dignitaries during the inauguration of Noklak as the 12<sup>th</sup> district of Nagaland on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Public Ground, Noklak.



Governor, R. N. Ravi taking the salute on the occasion of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking during the inaugural function of State Launching of COVID-19 Vaccination at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



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## OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### ADVISORY ON THE INGRESS OF HPAI

In view of the recent ingress of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the country especially in Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh, the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has issued an advisory for Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza which is caused by H5N8, an Influenza Type- A Virus, to the general public and District Officers of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services for coordinated efforts and containment measures in the State.

1. Public are requested to report unusual sickness and mortality of poultry birds, ducks, pet birds to the nearest Veterinary Health Centre.
2. Public are requested not to handle and consume such poultry birds/ducks which have died suddenly. However, it is safe to consume healthy poultry birds/ducks/turkeys, etc.
3. Poultry owners are requested not to mix outside (unknown source) live poultry birds/ducks into his/her stock to prevent transmission of diseases.
4. Poultry Entrepreneurs/Farmers/Business man, etc. importing eggs, day old chicks/ ducklings, live birds/ducks, etc. into the State are requested to mandatorily produce the State of origin and refrain from importing such stocks from diseased outbreak and its neighbouring States.
5. All CVOs' are to issue 'Red Alert' notice to all Subordinate Officer, Field Officers, Staff and Village Functionaries on the ingress of the disease in the country and impress upon strong disease reporting system within respective district through education and communication campaign and familiarise the public about the risk to avian and human population.
6. All CVOs' are to coordinate with Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department on the status of wild birds. Those CVOs' having water bodies in the district and being visited by migratory birds needs to be extra vigilant.
7. All CVOs' are to activate their existing Rapid Response Team (RRT) any changes required due to transfer/retirement, the CVOs' are to reconstitute the Team. All RRTs' are to have direct connection with the grassroots level for two way communication.
8. All CVOs' are to contact the Control Room in the Directorate Office for Avian Influenza (HPAI) related matters and also ELISA Laboratory, Kohima for further surveillance and sample collection.

### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL INFORMS

The Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Nagaland, Kohima has informed that it has changed its office website link "<https://agaenagaland@cag.gov.in>" to "<https://cag.gov.in/ae/nagaland/en>".

Therefore, all the interested persons have been requested to use the link for accessing the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Nagaland, Kohima website.



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## HOME DEPARTMENT INFORMS

In pursuance of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and State Executive Committee (SEC) decision, the State Government has declared that the Office of Home Commissioner shall also function as Commissioner Disaster Management/ Relief Commissioner and Administrative Head of Department (AHoD) for the Secretariat of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Home Department, established as per the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005, Section 14(1).

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority Secretariat, Home Department shall have the responsibilities of laying down plans, policies, guidelines, capacity building, resource mobilization including financial and manpower, coordinating with line departments and carry out activities related to Disaster Management to ensure compliance as per the provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Secretariat is one of the divisions of Home Department as enshrined in the Disaster Management Act, 2005, Section 14(1).

## PRE-MONSOON VACCINATION OF PIGS AGAINST CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER

The Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has requested the piggery farmers in the State to get their pigs (preferably the breeding stock) vaccinated against Classical Swine Fever as prevention before the onset of summer from the nearest Veterinary Institutes since this disease is endemic in Nagaland.

Further, all Chief Veterinary Officers have been requested to collect the vaccination cost, Classical Swine Fever vaccine (1<sup>st</sup> Phase) procured under CSF-CP-2019-2020 (CSS 90%) and Classical Swine Fever vaccine (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase) procured under State Plan-2019-2020 from the Directorate Office during working hours. Vaccination cost may be utilized for hiring of vehicle, procurement of vaccination tools, cottons, antiseptics, contingencies, working lunch, etc. UC and expenditure statement should be submitted to Directorate Office for record and vaccination may be carried out in 'ring or cluster' depending on the occurrence and epidemiological pattern of the disease in respective districts. Due importance should be given in the border areas and stock routes.

## NBSE NOTIFIES ON HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATION 2021

In the interest of the schools and the students' community, the Nagaland Board of School Education has notified for information of the following:

1. The HSLC & HSSLC Examination 2021 will be conducted in April 2021 i.e. HSLC Examination from 7<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and HSSLC Examination from 6<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
2. The tentative date of HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2021 results declaration may be June 2021.
3. Class XI Promotion Examination will be conducted by respective schools from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Detailed instructions will be given later.

All the Board Examinations shall be conducted with pen and paper through offline mode.

The examination routines are made available in the Board's Website: [www.nbsenl.edu.in](http://www.nbsenl.edu.in)

4. With the provision of reopening of schools, institutions having Science stream may conduct some hands on experience practical class in smaller groups for Class XI and XII students.
5. The conduct of the practical should be based on the practical syllabus.

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6. Teachers shall conduct practical classes of all subjects and make assessment based on the practicals conducted in the class. The marks of this assessment shall be taken as practical marks along with practical record book assessment issued earlier vide letter No.NBE-1/Ad-CS/2020/1121 dated 1.9.2020.
7. Internal assessments/project works for all the subjects shall be conducted by the schools through online/offline mode before the conduct of HSLC, Class XI Promotion and HSSLC Examinations 2021.
8. After conducting the internal/practical/project work, the school shall record and keep the marks ready to be submitted to the Board on the dates as and when notified.
9. Subject teachers shall inform the students about the Question Bank of different subjects which was uploaded in the Office website on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
10. Subject teachers shall inform the students about the reduced syllabus for 2021 examinations which was uploaded in the office website on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.
11. Blueprint of all subjects uploaded in the Office website vide letter No.NBE-8/Ad-Misc(10)/2020-21/1543 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 should be downloaded and circulated to all subject teachers.
12. Subject teachers shall study the blueprint and acquaint themselves with the blueprint of the question paper of their respective subject. Subject teachers must prepare and guide the students with the type/design of questions given in the blueprint.
13. As notified vide Notification 41 dated 2.12.2020, Model Test shall be conducted by all the schools within 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Model test results will be submitted to the Board from 6<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

It is reiterated that schools shall adopt necessary measures to track the learning outcomes of the students and give remedial/coaching classes online/offline in order to prepare the students for the ensuing examinations.

Further, all heads of institutions shall ensure that COVID-19 SOPs being notified by the competent authority from time to time are strictly followed while carrying out the academic and examination activities in the school.

The examination routine of the following examinations conducted by the NBSE are hereby notified for information of all concerned.

<b>A. Class XI Promotion Examination 2021</b>		
Date	Day	Subject (Time 10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Thursday	English
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Saturday	Education/Psychology
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Monday	History/Accountancy/Physics
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Wednesday	Alternative English/Hindi/Bengali/Tenyidie/ Sumi (Sütsah)/Ao/Lotha
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Friday	Geography/Entrepreneurship/Music
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Saturday	Political Science/Fundamentals of Business Mathematics/Chemistry
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021	Monday	Economics
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Wednesday	Sociology/Financial Market Management/Biology
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Friday	Philosophy/Business Studies/Mathematics
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Saturday	Environmental Education

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30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Tuesday	Computer Science/Informatics Practices
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Wednesday	Vocational Subjects: (10:00 am – 12:00 noon) Information Technology Enabled Services/Tourism & Hospitality/Retail/Healthcare/Beauty & Wellness/ Electronics & Hardware

<b>B.</b>	<b>HSLC Examination 2021</b>	
Date	Day	Subject (Time 9:00 am to 12:00 noon)
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Wednesday	English
9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday	Social Sciences
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday	Mathematics
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Thursday	Second Language: Tenyidie/Ao/Sumi (Sütsah)/Lotha/Hindi/Bengali/ Alternative English
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Monday	Science
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Wednesday	Sixth Subjects: Foundation of Information Technology/Music/ Home Science/Book Keeping & Accountancy/ Environmental Education Vocational Subjects: (9:00 am – 11:00 am) Information Technology Enabled Services/Tourism & Hospitality/Retail/Healthcare/Beauty & Wellness/Electronics & Hardware/Multi Skill Foundation Course

<b>C.</b>	<b>HSSLC Examination 2021</b>	
Date	Day	Subject (Time 9:00 am to 12:00 noon)
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday	English
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Thursday	Education/Psychology
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Monday	History/Accountancy/Physics
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Wednesday	Alternative English/Hindi/Bengali/Tenyidie/ Sumi (Sütsah)/Ao/Lotha
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday	Philosophy/Financial Market Management
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday	Political Science/Fundamentals of Business Mathematics/Chemistry
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Thursday	Geography/Entrepreneurship/Music
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Saturday	Sociology/Business Studies/Mathematics
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Monday	Computer Science/Informatics Practices
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Wednesday	Economics/Biology
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Thursday	Vocational Subjects: (9:00 am – 11:00 am) Information Technology Enabled Services/Tourism & Hospitality/ Retail/Healthcare

\* The routines are also available on the website: [www.nbsenl.edu.in](http://www.nbsenl.edu.in)

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## DoSE NOTIFIES ON ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021

In pursuance to Government Order NO.DSE/Misc/1-138/2018 dated, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS informed that all schools functioning within the State of Nagaland has been permitted to resume conduct of regular classes for students of classes 6 and above w.e.f 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, strictly following the SOP/Guidelines issued by the Government of Nagaland.

The Academic Calendar 2021 is appended herewith for strict compliance by all concerned.

MONTH	DATES & EVENTS
January	18 – 30 Admissions for all classes to be completed
February	01 First VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC meeting
	02 DEO/SDEO meeting with Heads of Government Schools
	03 – 05 Parent –Teacher Association Meeting of respective schools
	08 Commencement of regular classes for Classes VI to X
March	Promotion Examination for Class XI
April	05 – 17 Submission of students' enrolment and teachers' particulars as on 01/04/2021 to DoSE/NBSE/SCERT/DEO/SDEO for Classes Pre-KG to X
	Conduct of HSLC/HSSLC Examinations
	Admissions for Class XII
	Commencement of regular classes for Class XII
May	10 – 15 Submission of Class XII students' enrolment and teachers' particulars as on 01/05/2021 to DoSE/NBSE/SCERT/DEO/SDEO
June	5 Observance of World Environment Day
	I Term Examination for Classes I to VIII
	Mid Term Examination for Classes IX & X
	21 <sup>st</sup> June – 03 <sup>rd</sup> July Summer Vacation for hilly region
July	19 – 31 Summer Vacation for hot region
	Admissions and Commencement of regular classes for Class XI
August	District Level Science Seminar
	Second VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC meeting
September	5 Teachers' Day
	II Term Examination for Classes I to VIII
	Mid Term Examination for Class XII
	State Level Science Seminar
	District Level Youth Parliament



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<b>October</b>	State Level Youth Parliament
<b>November</b>	11 Observance of National Education Day
	14 Observance of Children's Day
	Mid Term Examination for Class XI
<b>December</b>	1 Observance of World Aids Day
	III Term Examination for Classes I to IV and VI to VII
	Primary / Elementary School Leaving Certificate Examinations
	Final Examination for Class IX
	HSLC/HSSLC Coaching/Preparatory classes till 18 <sup>th</sup> December
	Declaration of Academic Results for Classes I to IX
	Winter Vacation from 20 <sup>th</sup> December

### NOTE:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month shall be utilized for class tests/co-curricular activities/life skills/social works, etc.
2. All General Holidays notified by the Government of Nagaland should compulsorily be observed as State/National Holidays along with 3(three) local restricted holidays.
3. Specific schedules for the conduct of examinations shall be notified by the concerned authorities empowered to conduct the examinations.
4. Events of national importance notified by Government of India shall be observed by all schools functioning within the State of Nagaland.

### DoSE NOTIFIES

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that M/s Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai in association with the Department of School Education, Nagaland has developed a knowledge programme and learning platform called Mind Wars to provide a holistic testing platform to students of Classes IV to XII where they can test themselves across School Curriculum, General Knowledge and Current Affairs, free of cost. The programme can be played on a computer or a smartphone. The steps for registration of students are given below:

1. Give a missed call on toll free number 1800-123-224488
2. Install ZEE5 APP on mobile or visit <https://mindwars.zee5.com>
3. Sign up for ZEE5 using mobile number or email id
4. Register student using email id or mobile number
5. Select Play Mind Wars
6. Choose category and practice answering questions.

In this regard, officials from M/s Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai will be contacting School Heads of all Government and Private Schools functioning within the State of Nagaland for the implementation of the programme. Therefore, all concerned are hereby advised to extend all possible assistance to the officials of M/s Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. and encourage students to make best use of the programme.

**3<sup>RD</sup> CRO NAGALAND FOUNDATION DAY OBSERVED**

Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Pukhayi Assumi and officials on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day of Consumer Rights Organisation (CRO), Nagaland on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day of Consumer Rights Organisation (CRO), Nagaland was observed at Western Chakhesang Hoho Building, Chakhesang Colony on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Pukhayi Assumi as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Pukhayi appealed to the consumer societies to be sincere in protecting the consumers specially of the uneducated and ignorant consumers. He reminded the CRO, Nagaland officials to recall/retrospect the achievements on how they are protecting the consumer rights as they observe the 3<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day. He also asked the consumer societies for bringing their achievement report to the department every year, so that the government could give the available facilities to them.

Mentioning about the objectives including,

right to be informed, right to be heard, right to seek redressal, right to consumer education and right to safety of consumers, Pukhayi exhorted them to have competitive ideas and asked them to give their best service while assuring them of government's protection to the consumer organisations.

Delivering the Keynote Address, President, CRO, Nagaland, James Jungio informed that the organisation has been working relentlessly in the fight against corruption and also creating awareness on the rights of consumers ever since its launch on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The organisation's main objective and plan for 2021-2022 is consumer rights and protection awareness campaign in all the 12 districts and subdivision in collaboration with the State Government and the Department of Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, he added.

**CM HOLDS JOINT MEETING SAYS GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE**

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio along with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Zhale Neikha, Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, Chief Secretary, Director General of

Police, Home Commissioner and other senior officers in the State Government had a joint meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with the representatives from Tenyimi Peoples' Organization (TPO), Angami

Public Organisation (APO), Southern Angami Public Organisation (SAPO) and Southern Angami Youth Organisation (SAYO) on matters relating to the land issues and measures to control the wild fires that have devastated the area in and around Dzükou Valley and Kezoltsa forest area.

The house was briefed on the current situation regarding the forest fires, and the tremendous efforts made for containing and dousing the fires by various State and Central agencies along with the volunteers of SAYO with the active support from SAPO was appreciated by everyone.

The Tenyimi Peoples' Organization (TPO) gave a brief report of the history of the problems in these areas and mentioned that traditionally these areas belong to the Tenyimia group of people who were separated by the State boundaries of Nagaland and Manipur. The TPO mentioned that they are still striving very hard to resolve the land disputes in the best interest of everyone through arbitration and the final judgment is in an advanced stage. The TPO also mentioned that the earlier arbitration undertakings among the various groups in the disputed area indicate that all the stakeholders are against destruction of forest flora and fauna, collection of forest produce, hunting and construction of roads and they are in favour of maintaining traditional boundaries and other rights associated with it. Therefore they requested the

Government of Nagaland to consider taking appropriate measures only after the TPO delivers its final judgment in the disputed area. In this regard, the SAPO were also in full agreement with the views expressed by TPO and they also felt that while the Government of Nagaland and the Government of Manipur may continue with their normal governmental correspondences, it may be more advisable to consider carrying out activities in the disputed areas after the judgment of TPO. The matter regarding having a suitable water body close to the Dzükou Valley for aiding firefighting efforts was also discussed and the Chief Minister felt that the departments concerned should start looking into this matter seriously and come up with a proper plan in this direction.

According to a release by the Press & Media Cell of the CMO, the CM was of the opinion that good neighbourly relation between the State of Nagaland and Manipur is of paramount importance for overall development and that the TPO and SAPO should make all out effort to arrive at an amicable settlement of the disputed area. The CM also mentioned that from now onwards various agencies in the State which are dealing with fire related incidents should work out a proper plan to handle wild forest fires and such plans should include incorporation of both traditional and modern methods.

### DZÜKOU FOREST FIRE EXTINGUISHED



*Dzükou Fire Operation Team including Kohima Police personnel, 4<sup>th</sup> NAP, Forests Department officials, NDRF and others.*



A coordination cum de-briefing meeting was held in connection with Dzükou forest fire under the chairmanship of Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his Office Chamber on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The meeting was attended by Commandant, NDRF, Rajesh Thakur; Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Mohammed Ali Shihab A; Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Manoj Kumar; DFO, Kohima, Raj Kumar and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

The meeting reviewed the entire operation of Dzükou forest fire which have been extinguished and it appreciated all the concerned agencies for assisting in dousing the Dzükou forest fire. The meeting further decided that since there is no fresh fire reported from anywhere in the valley by both the ground and air teams, it was decided to request for giving instructions for de-inducting all the IAF helicopters deployed for dousing the fires.

The meeting also decided that de-induction of five NDRF teams deployed at base camp will be carried out w.e.f 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It was also decided that DEF, Kohima, Environment Forests & Climate Change Department and Southern Angami Youth Organisation volunteers will further be stationed at the base camp to keep watch and monitor the status for few days.

SDO, Kohima, Daniel Angami from Dzükou base camp reported that de-induction of ground operation team was conducted at the base camp on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The India Air Force (IAF) has airlifted the fire fighting equipments of NDRF and SDRF stationed at Dzükou base camp to Jakhama Military Helipad. The fire fighting equipments included NDRF tents, fire fighting suits, batteries and State Forces equipments included two generators, NSDMA lighting tower and batteries.

### STF HOLDS MEETING ON COVID -19 VACCINE

The State Task Force (STF) held its second meeting on COVID-19 vaccine, under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Chairman, STF in his opening remarked stated that the roll out of COVID-19 vaccination is scheduled from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for which all preparations are on track. He informed that the vaccination in Nagaland will be in phase wise and in this regard he urged all the concerned departments to actively participate in the vaccination drive and also to disseminate clear instructions in all the districts.

The Chairman also said that for the vaccination of prioritized beneficiaries in the initial

first phase of COVID-19 vaccination (including healthcare workers of the State Government, Central Government and armed force), 26,500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine are being supplied by the M/s Serum Institute of India to Nagaland.

The meeting deliberated on the roll out of the vaccine in the first phase and the role of all stakeholders in the statewide campaign in this regard. The meeting also discussed COVID-19 vaccination preparedness district wise and also the specific roles of all departments, faith based organizations and also the role of Directorate of Information & Public Relations for appropriate awareness and IEC activities.

Dr. Ritu Thurr, SIO presented PowerPoint presentation on operational guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination.

### STEERING COMMITTEE FOR COVID -19 VACCINE MEETING HELD

The second meeting of the State Steering Committee for COVID -19 Vaccine under the

Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the Civil Secretariat's





Conference Hall, Kohima.

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS stated that the Central Government has supplied 26,500 COVID-19 vaccines which will be administered to Central and State health workers and the State police. The vaccination drive will begin on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 which will be followed by the second and third phase.

Bhatia informed that the vaccine will be delivered shortly and all elaborate arrangements have been made for transportation to all districts of the State. He also briefed the meeting that the first phase session sites have been arranged and are

ready. He also informed that the vaccine will be administered in two doses and will take effect only after 14 days after the second dose. He stated that people will need to keep following the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour till the period is completed.

The Principal Secretary also called for the cooperation and support from the various departments of the State Government machinery once the vaccinations starts in the State. He also called for carrying out awareness information and programmes across the State to curb the menace of fake news and rumours related to the COVID-19 vaccine.

### PS, H&FW KICKS-OFF COVID-19 VACCINE



*Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Amardeep Singh Bhatia and other officials flagged-off the COVID-19 Vaccines at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Principal Secretary (PS), Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Amardeep Singh Bhatia flagged-off the COVID-19 vaccines on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima.

The PS highlighted that, 26,500 dosage of vaccine has been received and will be dispatched to 9 sites on the inauguration day on 16<sup>th</sup> January by the Chief Minister while other two districts have been dispatched on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The 26,500 dosage are for around 12,000 beneficiaries for the first phase which will be covering healthcare workers in healthcare facility.

Bhatia stated that lots of preparations have gone into COVID-19 vaccination programmes at the

sites and has been selected very carefully as per the guidelines given by the Government of India. Also a team consisting of five officers have been trained for the vaccination and either ENM or DNM will be given the injection which is intermuscular.

Bhatia, informed that the beneficiaries list are already uploaded in COVIN software which is developed by Gol and beneficiaries will be selected as session planning in each of the districts and will be closely monitored and ensure that security is deployed in each of the sites so that there is little wastage of vaccine during the dispatch. Two vaccines, Covishield and Covaxin has been approved and on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Covaxin







vaccine has been received, which is a product of collaboration between Oxford AstraZeneca and Serum Institute of India, he added.

Director, H&FW and officials of NIDA, also highlighted on the acute shortage of doctors and he said that judging by the response of recent recruitment of doctors, there is insufficient doctors available for employment for the next few years which will have severe impact on the delivery of health services. He also pointed on the topic of

enhancing superannuation age to 65 and remove the existing 35 years length of service of doctors. Enhancement of superannuation age has been implemented all over the country including North-East except Meghalaya and Nagaland but so far no action have been taken. NIDA has submitted a representation for enhancement of superannuation age of doctors and the sub-committee is yet to submit its report till date, he stated.

### **MEDIA WORKSHOP ON COVID-19 VACCINATION**

Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) organized a media sensitization workshop on COVID-19 vaccination at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie informed that the State vaccination programme will be launched on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in all the districts except for Kiphire, Longleng and Noklak, where it will be launched subsequently. He said that the vaccination process will be in 4 (four) phases, where in the first phase, health workers in health units will be vaccinated. Frontline workers and people above the age of 50 will be vaccinated in the second and third phase respectively. In the third phase, people between the age of 18 and 50 with co-morbidity issues will be vaccinated adding that vaccination in the first and second phase will be free of cost.

Dr. Suokhrie appealed to the public not to give in to the various misconceptions and myths regarding the vaccination. He said that the COVID-19 vaccines are thoroughly tested, where safety and efficacy are the given priority. Dr. Suokhrie reiterated that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet and asked people to observe appropriate COVID-19 behaviour even after they are vaccinated. He also expressed concern of spike in COVID-19 cases after the festive season is over. However, he assured that the department is fully prepared if such case arises.

Dr. Longri Kichu presenting a PowerPoint on the 'role of media and vaccine confidence in the

community,' said media will play a critical role in creating and influencing perception across the wider public during the COVID-19 vaccination roll out and post vaccine introduction. He highlighted the importance of providing correct, transparent and consistent information on COVID-19 vaccine and to forward correct and authentic news to the public only after validation with website like WHO, UNICEF, MoH&FW, ICMR, CDC, CMO, H&FW Department, etc. He further urged the media to portray positive articles and news on COVID-19 vaccine so that vaccine confidence will increase among the general public.

Also on vaccine campaign strategy, Dr. Longri said that the overall COVID-19 vaccination campaign will be monitored at the National level by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC). He also said that the States however will have three levels headed by the State Steering Committee, State Task force and State Control Room at the State level, District Task Force, Urban Task Force and District Control Room at the district level and lastly the Block Task Force and Block Control Room at the block level. The State Steering Committee will be chaired by the Chief Secretary of the State and the State Task Force by the Principal Secretary, H&FW. He stated that the vaccine will be rolled out in a number of phases in Nagaland and in the first phase, plans to immunize 36,845 people who are registered healthcare workers and frontline workers.



**GOVERNOR R N RAVI EXTENDS SÜKRUNYI GREETINGS**

The Governor, R. N. Ravi extended Sükrunyi greetings to the Chakhesangs in particular and the people of Nagaland in general.

The Governor in his greetings stated that Sükrunyi is a harvest festival and the essence of this beautiful festival is sanctification of the Chakhesang

community. Rituals involved are meant to purify the souls, and the children also learn the rich spiritual and cultural practices.

R. N. Ravi encouraged everyone to celebrate the festival observing all COVID-19 protocols and wished all with good health, happiness and a prosperous life.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDED TO VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN DZÜKOU FIRE OPERATION**

A felicitation programme in appreciation of the service rendered in fire fighting in Dzükou Valley, Kohima was held in District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS along with Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha graced the occasion.

Abhijit Sinha congratulated and thanked all the organisations and agencies for their services rendered towards the fire fighting efforts in Dzükou Valley, Kohima. He expressed appreciation on the way the disaster was handled successfully by various agencies and further encouraged them to continue with the same efforts and to utilise the experiences gained in future.

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha along with Advisors, Dr. Kire and Medo Yhokha gave away

the Certificate of Appreciation to various agencies for providing crucial logistic support in the fire fighting efforts in Dzükou Valley, Kohima. The awardees included Indian Air Force, DEF Kohima, Home Guards & Civil Defence, SDRF, NDRF, 4<sup>th</sup> NAP, Assam Rifles, Police Wireless, 1<sup>st</sup> Assam Rifles, 164 TA, Health & Family Welfare Department, District Public Relations Officer, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Fire & Emergency Services, Southern Angami Public Organisation, Southern Angami Youth Organisation, Forest Department and Public Works Department, Roads & Bridges (South Division).

On the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa gave a detailed report on the Dzükou forest fire, which broke out on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 till the containment of the fire and de-induction of the Dzükou fire operation team.

**RIO INAUGURATES STATE LEVEL LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF COVID-19 VACCINATION AT KOHIMA**

Along with the rest of the country, Nagaland's Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the State Level Launching Programme of COVID-19 Vaccination at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The CM in his inaugural speech said that on this day the whole of India is exercising the largest vaccination in the world with the State also being a part of this vaccination, participating in 9 different locations across the State. Rio said India could now

make 'Make in India' vaccine for COVID-19 by the Serum Institute of India in collaboration with Oxford-AstraZeneca which is produced in our country for our use and also for export to neighbouring countries which has been approved for use by the Drugs Controller General of India. Nagaland has received a total of 26,500 doses of the Covishield vaccine in the first phase and that the vaccine is efficient in about 70% clinical trials and indicated good level of immune and antibodies against



COVID-19 and also against the new strength of virus. He also informed that the COVID-19 vaccination taken by the government agencies will also be soon taken up by the private agencies.

The CM said that he had called upon his parliamentary colleagues and MLAs to reach out to the people to spread awareness and information about the COVID-19 vaccine and also called upon the health workers, leaders of different organisations and the media to do the same by assuring them that the vaccination is safe and effective and not to be

misled by the rumours surrounding the vaccines on social media. The CM also inaugurated the COVID-19 Vaccination Booth located at NHAK where health workers were the first batch of beneficiaries to receive the vaccine.

The programme was chaired by Mission Director, National Health Mission, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru while the invocation prayer was proposed by Nagaland Baptist Church Council, General Secretary, Rev. Zelhou Keyho.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

### KOHIMA:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the COVID-19 vaccination at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Rupert informed that under urban areas in Kohima district, a total of twentyone (21) sites, 16 at Government Health Facilities and five (5) at private health facilities have been set up for vaccination sessions. Government session sites include NHAK, Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs), Seikhazou and UPHC Potterlane, while Primary Health Centres (PHCs) included Bethel Medical Centre, KOHIMAS, K. P. Bethesda, Oking and Putuonuo Nursing Home.

In the first phase, a total number of 3,068 beneficiaries from the Health Care Workers (HCWs) have been registered for the vaccination in district.

A total number of 5,240 Covishield vaccine doses, which includes second dose also for the first phase have been received for Kohima district.

As per the guidelines from the Central, the session sites will be equipped with five team members composed of four Vaccinator Officers with defined roles and one Vaccinator Officer if the session load is 100-200 while additional team will be deployed if the session load is beyond 200. The vaccination session sites to have three separate rooms, which includes waiting room, vaccination room and observation.

### DIMAPUR:

Joining the rest of the country, Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom launched the COVID-19 vaccine for Dimapur district on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021, from District Hospital Dimapur, terming the day as a red-letter day for the entire country with the launch of the vaccination programme. In Dimapur, the first dose of Covishield vaccine was administered to Dr. Temsu, Pathologist, District Hospital Dimapur, in the presence of all the dignitaries. On his own behalf and also on behalf of the Government of Nagaland, Pangnyu congratulated Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and BJP led Indian Government for bringing out the COVID-19 vaccine into reality. He further extended appreciation to the H&FW department Nagaland led by the Principal Secretary for their active participation in the launching programme.

Pangnyu said that the vaccination would be carried in the identified health units (both government and private) in the subsequent days, and those whose names have been registered in the CoWIN portal would be innoculated. He urged all the citizens for following all standard safety measures of COVID-19, reminding that the pandemic was still not over.

Nagaland's Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir who was also present during the launching programme acknowledged and lauded the medical fraternity for their sacrifices rendered in the fight against the pandemic and



appealed to the Nagas to pray for them.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS said that the district was ready with Phase 1 plan and the subsequent phases. He sought for continuous support of the line departments and all stakeholders, stating that with collective effort, the programme would be implemented efficiently and successfully.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vizolie Z. Suokhrie while asserting about the safety and efficacy of Covishield vaccine, asked the people not to be apprehensive. Vaccine development takes series of trials from animals to human beings and only when it is proven safe it is rolled out, Dr. Vizolie maintained. He encouraged the healthcare workers to re-energise themselves and continue to give their best services for the successful implementation of the vaccination programme.

#### **MOKOKCHUNG:**

COVID-19 vaccination for Health Care Workers at Mokokchung was launched by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Singh, IAS in the presence of Dr. Sathya Bhas Karan, WHO Representative.

The programme was held at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH), Mokokchung. The programme was chaired by Dr. R. Chubala Aier, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Mokokchung and dedicatory prayer by Yanglu, Associate Pastor, Medical Fellowship. According to CMO in the first phase of vaccination, vaccine will be administered to health and frontline workers.



*Dr. H. T. Sangtam receiving the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Mokokchung on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

#### **WOKHA:**

At Wokha, 100 Health Care Workers were administered COVID-19 vaccine, which was launched by Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, District Task Force for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021, as the first batch of beneficiaries.

DC while launching the COVID-19 vaccination said, India is launching the biggest COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the world. He stated that there are so many rumours and misconceptions going round about the vaccine, but he said that trials have been carried out in UK and Brazil, and it shows inefficacy which is equal to other vaccine. There are many challenges in this vaccination process as people refuse to take the vaccine because of the rumours and misconceptions, but the healthcare workers are going to take the vaccine first and expressed hope that this will act as a morale booster to all the people, and encourage public to come forward to get the vaccine.

The DC also appealed to the churches, NGOs and stakeholders in the district to help in spreading awareness about the advantages of the vaccine whereby the burden of the healthcare workers will also be lessened in fighting the pandemic.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe while giving the keynote address said that 1,666 number of beneficiaries have been identified for vaccination in the district where 8 session site has been identified which will be done in four days session and the second dose will be administered after 28 days.

The launching programme was attended by President, Lotha Eloehoho, Lotha Youth Hoho and other officials. Rev. Abemo Jungio, Senior Pastor, Wokha Town Baptist Church offered the dedicatory prayer for the vaccine.

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto district kick started the COVID-19 vaccination at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 16<sup>th</sup>







January 2021, which was launched by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peter Lichamo.

The launching programme was attended by representatives from various civil bodies and government officials, the DC reminded that we should remain thankful to scientists and all involved in making the much awaited vaccine in such a short period of time. He also acknowledged the tireless efforts by the frontline workers during these hard times.

The vaccination drive began with the Prime Minister addressing the nation through live streaming followed by a launching programme chaired by DTO (NTEP), Dr. Y. Aron Sema. Pastor (SBCZ), Dr. Hutton Sumi pronounced the invocation.

DPO (RCH & UIP), Dr. M. Nukshisangla Jamir highlighted the procedures of the vaccination drive in which she mentioned that the first phase of vaccination would be for the Health & Family Welfare department, healthcare workers and Social Welfare department. The second phase shall see the frontline workers being vaccinated which shall be followed by persons of above 50 years of age and persons with comorbidities and the last phase will be gradually made available to the general public.

CMO, Zunheboto, Dr. K. Akaho Sema who became the first person to be vaccinated from the district, in his vote of thanks added that since the vaccination is yet to be clinically trailed on the age group of below 18 years and pregnant women, the vaccination cannot be availed to these sections. He also cautioned the gathering for awareness that, mandatory second dose of vaccination will be after 28 days from the first dose and the effects of the vaccination will come to full effect after 14 days from the second dose. He added that one should be cautious even after being vaccinated of the first and second doses, till the effects of the vaccination fully develops in the system of the body.

#### **MON:**

MLA, Chairman, District Planning & Development Board, Mon, Thongwang encouraged all the healthcare workers, frontline workers and to those who are going to be vaccinated not to fear but

instead to come forward and show the gateway to all the general public to be vaccinated. He said this during the launching programme of the COVID-19 vaccination on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, State Institute of Rural Development, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak launched the COVID-19 vaccination by thanking all the stakeholders including the District Task Force headed by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, Superintendent of Police, Mon, Health & Family Welfare department and to all the frontline workers for their proactive, commendable job and valuable services rendered.

During the first phase of vaccination 1,397 were registered as beneficiaries in Mon district where Dr. Aman Konyak was the first to be vaccinated.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Shasinle Tep, DPO (UIP&RCH), Mon. Welcome address and keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kechongol Sophie, CMO, Mon and DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K respectively.

#### **JALUKIE:**

Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along who is also the legislator in-charge for Peren district COVID-19, graced the launching programme of COVID-19 vaccination session held at Community Health Centre, Jalukie on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in the presence of District Administration, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) department, police personnel and public leaders.

Speaking on the launching programme, Imna Along emphasized on dissemination of proper information to the general public regarding the vaccination and also added that it is the responsibility of the H&FW department, District Administration and public leaders to sensitise the public about the vaccination drive. He expressed gratitude to the healthcare workers and frontline workers for rendering their service in the fight against COVID-19 from the beginning of the outbreak.

The Minister also stated that no efforts can





be sustainable if we are not willing to take the responsibility and further said with the outbreak of COVID-19, economy of the world is shattered, therefore he appealed to the citizens of Peren district to find ways and means to become self-reliant and also extend cooperation to the H&FW department and District Administration during the vaccination session as well as in the fight against COVID-19 in every way possible.

The launching programme was chaired by DIS, Peren, Ngauzeulungbe while welcome address was delivered by Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Lanuakam and short speeches by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier and ZPO, President, Dr. Tumda.

#### **TUENSANG:**

Covishield vaccine for COVID-19 was launched at Tuensang District Hospital in the presence of Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Nagaland and Toyang Changkong Chang, MLA, Tuensang Sadar on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The launching programme was also attended by Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang and administrative officials and Superintendent of Police, Tuensang with CMO and MO officials, Tuensang.

Advisor, Toshi Wungtung said the country has taken extra strides and extra miles to know the details and origins of this virus. He appreciated the efforts put in towards the launching of the vaccine which has been tested in the best clinics in the world, and he added that since India has some of the best scientists, doctors and medical clinics, so we should go ahead for the vaccine with confidence.

MLA, Toyang Changkhong Chang appreciated the Government of Nagaland for the tireless efforts in containing this pandemic from saving its citizens from going worse at the time of launching of vaccine.

The first vaccine was tested by Dr. Senilo Magh, MO, District Hospital Tuensang. The launching programme was chaired by Dr. Moa,

CMO, Tuensang while the invocation was done by Avini, Chaplain, District Hospital Tuensang.

#### **LONGLENG:**

In Longleng, COVID-19 vaccination was launched by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), M. Shayung Phom in the presence of government officials, NGOs and civil societies on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at District Hospital Longleng.

The DC asserted that rumours and fake news in the social media are very strong and has created lots of fear and apprehension about the safety and efficacy of the vaccine which we have waited keenly when the outbreak of COVID-19 was at its peak. He therefore sought the cooperation and support of all concern to change the mindset of the people by disseminating the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

Short speech was proposed by the Yanithung Ezung, Superintendent of Police, Longleng and the keynote address was pronounced by Dr. Obangjungla, Chief Medical Officer, Longleng.

Welcome address was proposed by Dr. Lhouvizotuo Belho, Medical Superintendent, DH and dedication prayer was done by the Secretary, PBCA. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Imnameren Phom.

#### **MEDZIPHEMA:**

SMO, Dr. Nosezol Sezo launched the vaccination drive at Community Health Centre, Medziphema on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in the presence of ADC, Thuvisie Phoji, SDO (C), Tokai Sumi, HCMC, Chairman, Rev. Terhuja, government officials and healthcare workers. Altogether 26 beneficiaries were registered for the first vaccination drive. SMO, Dr. Nosezol Sezo was the first to be vaccinated.

#### **TENING:**

41 health workers received COVID-19 vaccine at Tening on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There were no report of serious adverse effects of the COVID-19 vaccine. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the vaccine was



administered to health workers under Azailong and Mbaulwa Primary Health Centre.

#### **BHANDARI:**

The COVID-19 vaccination drive for COVID-19 frontline workers under Bhandari sub-division was launched at the Community Health Centre (CHC), Bhandari, on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Medical Officers, Dr. Yanpothung Kithan and Dr. Chumdemo Ngullie led the vaccination drive by receiving the first and the second jab of the vaccine, respectively. 67 beneficiaries enrolled and got vaccinated in the first phase. They were rested in the observation room for half an hour under close monitoring by Dr. Chonbenthung Ezung, MO, Yimpang, the incharge for Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI).

Supervising the vaccine drive, Dr. Lipokrenla, MO, AYUSH urged the vaccinated frontline workers to continue to adhere to COVID-19 SOPs for health safety of all. Associate Pastor, 7<sup>th</sup> NAP, Wilson Lotha launched the vaccination drive programme with a word of prayer.

#### **PUGHOBOTO:**

SMO, CHC, Pughoboto, Dr. J Hokugha Sema received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the first phase drive under Pughoboto sub-division launched in presence of ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at CHC, Pughoboto on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Dr. Visavotuo Sachu, nurses and health workers in the sub-division were also inoculated. On the first day around 75 people registered to be vaccinated. The CHC, Pughoboto also maintained a waiting room, vaccination room and observation room as per the procedure and guidelines of the government.

#### **ABOI:**

COVID-19 vaccination drive for Health Care Workers under Aboi sub-division was launched at Community Health Centre, Aboi on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Dr. Hukiye Chopy, MO of CHC, Aboi was the first to receive the vaccine from Aboi sub-division.

In a short programme, Dr. Hangsha Konyak encouraged the people by citing that he was one of the first to receive COVID-19 vaccine. Pastor, Mongnyei urged the people not to panic, and to dispel rumours and misconceptions regarding the vaccine.

### **SEMINAR ON SENIOR CITIZENS HELPLINE**



*Participants during the training for Senior Citizens Helpline held at Meriema, Kohima from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 till 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

A ten days training seminar for Senior Citizens Helpline was conducted by the Good Samaritan Women Society in collaboration with the State Government and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Meriema, Kohima from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The training was conducted by Consultants of National Helpline for Senior Citizens (NHSC) and National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), New

Delhi.

The training concluded with a function held at the Old Age Home, Meriema which was graced by Medoselhou Keretsu, Secretary and K Seyie, Treasurer from the Senior Citizens Association, Nagaland. The resource persons included Arjun Ganta, Kishore Kumar, Anand K M, Shanti Vemuri, Sunjib Rana, Viphren Nakhro, Satahi Shijoh and Jyothi.

### **CM NAMES NOKLAK AS THE FRONTIER DISTRICT**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Noklak as the 12<sup>th</sup> district of Nagaland on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Public Ground, Noklak Headquarter in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Advisor, L. Khumo and Advisor, H. Haiying.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Noklak district cum Khaozaosie-Hok-Ah festival as Special Guest, CM expressed his best wishes to the people of Noklak and expressed hope that Noklak district will set a good example, further encouraging all to have a competitive spirit and to cooperate with the government for all round development. He called upon the people of Noklak district to be self sufficient and encourage the young people to start modern farming.

CM gave the name to Noklak district as 'Frontier District,' Noklak district being located in the international boundary with Myanmar which connects to other East and South East Asian countries. He called upon all to safeguard and protect the region. With regard to the COVID-19 vaccine, Rio mentioned that preference will be given to healthcare workers, frontal workers and elderly people who are above 50 years of age.

CM also greeted the people of Khiamniungan community on the occasion of Khaozaosie-Hok-Ah festival, the festival of thanksgiving and hoped that it would usher in a prosperous year.

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton while exhorting the gathering advised the people of Noklak district to be peace loving and unite together with the neighbouring districts and expressed hope that,

though Noklak district is located in the far end of Nagaland it will be the Gateway to the East. If people are united, Noklak will be an advanced district in Nagaland, he said further advising the people to avoid land issues when development comes.

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, L. Khumo lauded the dynamic leadership of CM, Neiphiu Rio and Deputy CM, Y. Patton and the PDA government for inaugurating Noklak district. He also appreciated all who had rendered help and efforts to make Noklak district into reality and urged the people of Noklak to be peace loving citizens.

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying said that for the people of Noklak, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will be a historic day. The people of Noklak have been longing and cherishing for the district and today it has been fulfilled, Haiying stated. He said that Noklak district is the Gateway to the East and expressed hope that, with the help of government, it will become the Real Gateway to the Eastern countries.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, President, Khiamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou also spoke during the occasion.

Executive Secretary, Khiamniungan Baptist Churches Association, P. Hempao Lam dedicated the monolith during the inaugural ceremony and special numbers were presented by K. Okie and the Forlic band. Meanwhile, Vice President of India released a video on Noklak district profile and extended his best wishes to the new district.





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## THIRD EDITION OF CHENGU FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT GHUKHUYI VILLAGE

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The third edition of Chengu festival organised by the Tizu Valley Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Network supported by Japan Fund for Global Environment was celebrated at Ghukhuyi village on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yepthomi as Special Guest and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS as Guest of Honour. The celebration was held with special focus on traditional agriculture.

Speaking on the occasion, Khehovi said that God's greatest gift to human is nature and its resources and despite being a small State we have many beautiful landscapes and rich culture and traditions. He urged everyone to preserve one's natural resources and do away with hunting and destruction of natural resources. He encouraged the people to make good use of the various schemes and projects that the central government and state government has been giving to help the poor and needy in rural areas. He also requested the people, especially elders, to teach the young people various folk songs, folklores, folk dance and teach them to preserve one's traditional dresses and ornaments properly so that they too can teach their children thereby preserving our rich culture and traditions. On the occasion he also released one Chengu bird which was rescued from hunters.

Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS also stressed on conserving our natural resources, protect wildlife and promote biodiversity by prohibiting hunting, logging, mining, etc. He also said that by conserving our natural resources, we can minimise the depletion of resources as well as preservation of resources that are mainly used for the future generation for prosperity. He urged the villagers to practice self-cultivation and come forward to the concerned department i.e Agriculture department or Forests department if they have any doubts regarding the use of pesticides or any artificial means of cultivation so that the soil is conserved and harvest is organic, rich and in abundance. He added that with modernization and changing Naga society the traditional shifting cultivation or jhum cultivation is currently in transition and hence it becomes imperative to understand the role of shifting cultivation for sustainable development in present context.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo in his speech appreciated the GBs, elders and all the citizens of the three villages i.e Kivikhu, Sukhai and Ghukhuyi for making the Chengu festival happen and also requested them to do even better and be an example to other villages so that they would join them in preserving the wild animals and natural resources.

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## DIPR DIRECTOR BRIEFS DPROs ON COVID-19 VACCINATION

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Director, Information & Public Relations, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema, along with senior department officials had a zoom session with District Public Relations Officers (DPRO) on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Director's Chamber, Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima regarding the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive.

As the COVID-19 vaccine has been rolled

out in all the districts, Tokishe informed the DPROs to follow the guidelines of their respective spokespersons of the districts in planning out the activities related to the vaccine in ensuring safety and to access timely and accurate information. He also called upon them to put in more effort and oversee the smooth distribution of the vaccine in their respective districts.





**COVID-19 VACCINATION ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

State Immunisation Officer & Spokesperson for COVID-19 vaccination, Dr. Ritu Thurr has informed that 1,415 healthcare workers including doctors, nurses and support staff were vaccinated on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with the Covishield vaccine across all districts. The vaccination was conducted across 36 selected sites including private hospitals. Healthcare workers from both public and private facilities were vaccinated without any reported adverse events. As on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 2,873 healthcare workers have been vaccinated.

All vaccinated healthcare workers will receive the subsequent second dose after 28 days and COVID- 19 appropriate behaviours will be

strictly maintained even after the vaccination. The first phase of vaccination is reserved only for pre-registered healthcare workers as they are at the highest risk of infection and also to reduce transmission to patients when caring for them. All vaccination sites are entered in CoWIN portal and all beneficiaries are verified with photo identity card before receiving the vaccine.

The Covishield vaccine has undergone all pre-clinical and clinical trials and is safe for use in the general population. Citizens are urged to support this vaccination drive along with all COVID-19 appropriate safety measures as vaccines are the safest way for us to go back to our normal lives.

**YR&S LAUDS KEKHRIESELIE RIO**

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Nagaland lauded the success of Kekhrieselie Rio, who has emerged as the winner of the Category A (130 cm) in India and the Asian Zone, and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the World by the Federation International Equestrian, making him the first ever Indian to achieve the highest rank till

date.

The department stated that Kekhrieselie Rio has not only brought laurel to the country in general but also to the State in particular, thus making every denizen proud of his achievement, and it further wished Kekhrieselie Rio many more laurels and success in the future.

**11<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL VOTERS DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE****KOHIMA:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters Day was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, with the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.' On the occasion, the State Election Department organized several programmes in all district headquarters, sub-divisions and all polling stations.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his speech on the perspective and background on National Voters Day said that in order to effectively deal with the problems faced by the voters, the Election Commission (EC) has decided to take up a vigorous exercise to identify all eligible voters attaining the age of 18 years as of 1<sup>st</sup> January every year in each of the 8.5 lakh polling

stations across the country.

Such eligible voters would be enrolled on time and handed over their Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) on 25<sup>th</sup> January every year. The CEO said that this initiative is expected to give the youth a sense of empowerment, pride and inspire them to effectively deal with this problem. He appealed to all eligible citizens to exercise their right without fear, intimidation and inducement. Sinha also requested all to be always vigilant against any kind of electoral malpractices, be fully literate about the electoral processes so as to be able to make informed decisions during the elections and to further follow all the current health safety protocols to ensure safe elections.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS







called upon all to remember the countless number of people who are silently working behind the scenes to facilitate the process of registering everyone and making them eligible to vote in elections and who are also contributing to conduct free and fair elections. He also said that conducting elections is a mammoth exercise and there are a lot of issues and since the voting process is the basis of what kind of government we get, it becomes very important to continuously educate voters to be fully informed about the promises and policies which the political parties and candidates plan to implement.

J. Alam further said that e-EPIC system which was launched on the same day is completely hassle free and is a portable document which can be downloaded on mobile or on a self-printable form on the computer.

The Chief Secretary also released 'A Glimpse of Systematic Voters Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Activities in Nagaland' at the programme.

#### **PHEK:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day (NVD) was celebrated at Phek on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with the theme, 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.'

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo said that people's mindset need to be changed for betterment of our future. He discouraged double entry and congratulated the young voters who have enrolled to cast their franchise for betterment of our future.

The function was chaired by Imliakum Sanglir, EAC, Phek Headquarter. Significance of NVD by was delivered by Tsuktimar Jamir, ADC & ERO, Phek.

#### **WOKHA:**

Wokha district observed the 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters Day on the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed' at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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Officer, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha while addressing the gathering said, as voters we are empowered with duty and responsibility in electing the right leader and with the privilege given to us as voters we should be conscious in choosing the right leader who will work for the betterment of our society in bringing change and prosperity and urged the newly enlisted voters to exercise their rights wisely.

The DC also encouraged youngsters who have attained the age of 18 years to get enrolled and express their rights by taking part in the election process in the form of voting. Later the DC also read out the message of the Chief Election Commissioner.

ADC & Electoral Registration Officer, Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, while delivering the keynote address said, democracy depends on voting and to ensure the safety of democracy, Mhathung urged the voters to make a conscious decision so that in the long run and in the process of governance we safeguard democracy. Stating that voting is a very conscious decision making process, he called upon all to be knowledgeable and well informed voters and take part in election process in sustaining democracy.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day under the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed' was observed at Dimapur on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan as Special Guest.

DC, Dimapur speaking at the programme held at the Conference Hall of Taxes Commissioner, said that the cornerstone of Indian democracy was the introduction of universal adult franchise, ensuring every eligible citizen irrespective of religion and caste have the right to vote.

The DC said that in the past decades many eligible votes were missed out from the electoral role but due to constant efforts made by the Election Commission and many stakeholders the percentage of electors have increased though not 100%, and it would continue to do so by creating



more avenues and mechanisms.

The DC congratulated the BLOs for their seamless work and also all the government employees who also play an important role during election. Congratulating all new young voters, the DC urged them to judiciously use the right given to them.

Assistant Election Officer, Dimapur, Roland Merry while informing the launch of e-EPIC by the Election Commission said that e-EPIC is a PDF version of EPIC which can be downloaded on mobile or self printable form on the computer.

Other highlights of the programme included display of message by Chief Election Commissioner, presentation of awards to BLOs, felicitation of new voters by Special Guest and administration of Voters Pledge by ADC, Dimapur, V. Lovitoly Sema.

#### **TUENSANG:**

The Tuensang District Election Department celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters Day at CKS Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. ADC & ERO, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS was the Special Guest of the function. The programme was held with the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.'

Speaking on the occasion the Special Guest, Ajit enlightened the young voters on the value of their votes. Proxy voting is not ethical and should be checked strictly since the voters are the future of the society and should maintain the ethical values of voting, he said. He also encouraged the young voters that they are lucky to be born and living in a democratic society. National Voters Day was established to have quality election process and impartial democratic system, he further added.

The best Booth Level Officers and online slogan competition awards were also awarded during the programme while the Chief Election Commissioner's message was also displayed in the programme. The felicitation of the newly enrolled electors were also held while the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao also felicitated the first time female voters.

#### **LONGLENG:**

In Longleng the National Voters' Day 2021 was observed at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Speaking on the importance of the day the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Longleng, D. Robin asserted that summary revision of Electoral Roll was conducted annually for inclusion of young eligible voters and exclusion of bogus, proxy or deletion of dead voters for a clean electoral roll. He informed that the role of observing the National Voters' Day was to educate and empower the newly enrolled young voters to understand the value of their votes and their rights for a strong and stable democracy.

The ERO appealed to the young voters to come forward to change the mindset of selling votes during elections asserting that National Voters' Day is the right time to bring change and have clean electoral roll for clean election and to elect the best leaders for our community. He therefore, appealed to the participants to disseminate the values and rights of voters to their family, friends, community and rural populace for a vibrant society.

Short speeches were delivered by Mopling Phom, EAC Headquarter, Vinit Kumar, DIO (NIC), Longleng and Chingmei Phom, Campus Ambassador, Yingli College, Longleng. The ADC and ERO, Longleng, D. Robin also gave away the awards to the best BLOs of 49 and 50 A/C and later administered the pledge of National Voters' Day. The programme was chaired by Phachulo, AEO, Longleng.

#### **MOKOKCHUNG:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day celebration programme was held at Mokokchung on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 under the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered Vigilant, Safe and Informed.' The programme was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Mokokchung with Limawabang Jamir, DC & District Election Officer, Mokokchung as Special Guest.

Speaking at the programme, the DC congratulated the first time registered voters and





called upon all not to sell ones vote for any monetary gains which, he said, will lead to weakening of our democracy. He also congratulated all the Booth Level Officers (BLO) in the district for their contribution and tireless efforts in the electoral process. Awards were presented to the best BLOs. The DC also felicitated all the newly enrolled voters and also administered the voters pledge.

The programme was chaired by Sentilong Ozukum, EAC Headquarter, welcome address was delivered by Dharam Raj, IAS, SDO (C), Mokokchung. Vote of thanks was proposed by Zerutso Kesiezie, EAC Headquarter.

### **NOKLAK:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day was celebrated at Noklak on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak under the theme 'Making our Voter's Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.'

Speaking on the occasion as Special Guest, DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS stated that every vote counts when it comes to democracy and development. Democracy flourishes with an informed citizen who votes in the electoral process, and advised the voters to practice free, fair and peaceful election. The DC gave away the best BLOs award and also administered the National Voters' Day pledge.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou encouraged all voters to cast their votes during election and elaborated on the importance of voting in a democracy. He encouraged all the young voters to take part in the polling process.

The programme was chaired by EAC and AERO, Noklak, Yithachu Thur.

### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto district observed the 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed' at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall with DEO & DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo as the Special Guest.

Speaking at the programme, Lichamo said

the main aim is to reach the younger generation to exercise their franchise by electing the right representative and also to empower the youths in making the right decision while choosing one. He mentioned that, people of the State and also all those working and in connection with the Election department, should focus mainly on clean and fair elections.

ADC & ERO, Zunheboto, Hito Sema in his keynote address highlighted on the emergence of the National Voters' Day to the gathering. District SVEEP Icon, Atheli Zhimomi, while delivering a short speech said that right of adult franchise should be fully and properly utilised in order to become a developed nation.

The programme chaired by EAC, Zunheboto, Orenthung Kikon and the pledge was administered by Special Guest and AEO, Zunheboto, Nathan Konyak delivered the vote of thanks.

### **PUGHOBOTO:**

Pughoboto sub-division observed the 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day (NVD) celebration under the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed' held at ADC & DEO's Office, Pughoboto on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



*ADC and DEO, Thungchanbemo Tungoe along with other officials and participants during the 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day at Pughoboto on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

ADC & DEO, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe on the occasion emphasised on the importance of the day and also apprised the newly enrolled voters to exercise their franchise in the right way.

SDO & ERO distributed the EPICs and badges to the newly enrolled voters. The newly



enrolled voters under the 13AC Pughoboto was 516, with a total of 14,064 voters on Electoral Roll as on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

ADC & DEO, Pughoboto gave away the awards for best BLO 2021 and prizes for essay, painting and mini marathon. Speaking on the significance of the NVD, SDO(C) & ERO, Pughoboto, Longasen Lotha elaborated and encouraged the newly enrolled voters to understand the power of their vote which can bring more development. NVD pledge was administered by ADC & DEO, Pughoboto.

#### **ABOI:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day was celebrated at Aboi town with the theme 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed' on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Aboi.

While reading out the CEC's message, ADC & AERO, 47 AC Aboi encouraged the newly enrolled voters to choose and elect the right leader. He also distributed Voter ID and badge to newly enrolled voters. Voters pledge was also administered. The programme was chaired by Shoyan Konyak, SDO (Soil).



*ADC and AERO along with newly enrolled voters during 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day celebration at Aboi town on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

#### **CHEN:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day was celebrated at Chen town on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Mini SDO's Civil Complex.

SDO (C) & AERO, 45 AC Tehok, Samuel Konyak thanked the BLOs for their dedication and their hard work. He also spoke on the voter

enrolment process and the use of EVMs and handed the Voters ID card to the newly enrolled voters.

#### **THONOKNYU:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day (NVD) was observed at Thonoknyu Headquarter at DB's Court, SDO (C)'s Office on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



*The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day (NVD) was observed at DB's Court, SDO (C)'s Office, Thonoknyu on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

SDO (C), Longdiba L Sangtam encouraged the newly enrolled voters and also briefed on the awareness and significance of the day. The NVD pledge was also administered. Short speeches was delivered by TAPO, Acting President, Pukho.

#### **CHOZUBA:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters Day was held in the Office Chamber of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chozuba on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Obang Jamir, EAC, Chozuba delivered the keynote address. K Bawe, A Wing, Sukrusu, BLO 6, GPS (A) was awarded the best BLO in 18AC, Chozuba.

#### **PFUTSERO:**

National Voter's Day was celebrated at Pfutsero on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Meeting Hall, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office under the theme, 'Making our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed.'

On the occasion an essay writing competition was held under two categories, college level and higher secondary level. Best BLO was also felicitated. EPIC and badges were also distributed during the celebration.







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## GOVERNOR ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE OF NAGALAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 72<sup>ND</sup> REPUBLIC DAY 2021

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Addressing the people on the occasion of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day celebrations at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, the Governor of Nagaland, R. N. Ravi expressed gratitude to the founding fathers whose sacrifices, sweat and blood created the Republic of India and also paid tribute to the founding fathers of Nagaland for constitutionally safeguarding the Nagas way of life, their land and resources.

For the last one year, the whole world has been suffering from the global pandemic -COVID-19. India also has suffered. However, India has defied experts initial predictions of unimaginably high scale of deaths and destruction likely to be caused by the pandemic. We are grateful to our COVID warriors - doctors, nurses and other frontline workers who have been risking their lives to save the countrymen, the Governor said, further stating that the global community acknowledges India as the most successful story in handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the last one year, the Governor said that India has taken enormous leaps in capacity building so much so that from scratch, the country today is an exporter of life saving kits and drugs, like PPE, ventilators and medicines to other needy countries. The country under the leadership of Prime Minister, Modi launched the world's largest inoculation drive on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. In less than a week of launching, our country has shipped tens and thousands of free COVID-19 vaccines to the neighbouring countries. India makes 60% of the world's vaccines and we are playing a vital role in this global fight against COVID-19 pandemic. The world including the advanced countries are looking up to India for affordable and effective vaccines to save their people. Such achievements of our scientists are a quantum leap towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Along with the rest of the country, the Governor said that Nagaland also has been moving forward and contributing to the building of an

Atmanirbhar Bharat. Nagaland has faced the COVID-19 challenges with remarkable resilience and confidence. From no-testing lab, when we had to send our suspect samples to the labs in neighbouring States, the State has built 3 testing labs within a record time and upgraded the capacities of our hospitals. Our frontline COVID warriors including doctors, nurses, Safai Karamcharis, police personnel, SDRF and NDRF teams, Village Guards, sanitation workers in Urban Local Bodies, transport workers operating the buses carrying the returnees, those managing the quarantine centres, District Task Force Protection, Nagaland Red Cross Volunteers and civil society organisations did excellent work in our collective fight against the pandemic, saving lives. The State has started vaccination of more than 19,000 health workers of the State against COVID- 19 to be followed by vaccination of about 30,000 other frontline workers - police, home guards, disaster management, prison department personnel, etc. and in the third phase it is proposed to vaccinate over 3.4 lakh people of the age of 50 years and above. However, we must continue to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols in our daily life in the form of wearing masks, maintaining social distance, regular hand washing and following all the other related guidelines, he stated.

Highlighting on the activities of the Government, the Governor said that the Department of Agriculture is giving emphasis on organic farming which would not only fetch premium price for the produce to the farmers but also provide healthy and nutritious food to our people. Organic certification has been carried out by OneCert International under MOVCD-NER and till date an area of 13,000 ha has already been certified in the State.

The Department of Horticulture has chalked out an economic development roadmap for the horticulture sector, wherein the key highlights are the development of 100 vegetable villages for





10,000 households, strengthening of the post harvest and value addition infrastructures for fruits and vegetables and promotion of mushroom cultivation apart from other activities.

The Department of Land Resources during 2020-2021 under the Rubber Development Scheme distributed 215 No. of rubber sheet rollers to rubber growers in the State catering to an area of 643 ha of rubber plantation which have attained tappable stage. A cumulative area of 1000 ha has been brought under coffee plantation. In 409 project villages, kitchen garden based on permaculture design has been introduced.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has distributed approximately 80,000 Low Input Technology chicks and 1000 weaner pigs to the farmers to help mitigate shortage of rearing stock due to the pandemic.

The Department of Water Resources during 2020-21 is taking up 262 units of Groundwater Irrigation under PMKSY- HKKP (IC& GW) at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.06 crores to cover a CCA of 667.75 ha. This scheme is to be implemented in 5 (five) districts Dimapur, Mokokchung, Peren, Mon, and Wokha.

The Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in partnership with Japan International Development Agency, is implementing the Nagaland Forest Management Project in 185 villages. The Urban Development Department under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) has taken up 27 infrastructure projects in two AMRUT towns - Kohima and Dimapur to be completed by the end of 2020-2021. During Swachh Survekshan 2020, three Urban Local Bodies from Nagaland viz.

Mokokchung, Chumukedima and Pfutsero bagged awards in respective categories from North East Zone.

The Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) is taking up programmes on infrastructure development, education, healthcare, livelihood and economic development in the backward areas during 2020-2021 through the implementation of Underdeveloped Areas Program (UDAP) with an annual outlay of Rs. 17.85 crores and Border Area Development Program (BADP) with an annual outlay of Rs. 11.20 crores.

School Education has taken initiatives for ensuring the process of Continuous Learning in all government schools. The department has launched Online Teachers' Transfer to ensure transparency in the system.

The Technical Education sector got a boost with the building inauguration of Government Polytechnic Aboi, Mon, on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

Noklak district which became operational since August of last year was formally inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and became the 12<sup>th</sup> district of the State. The State has not seen any major eruption of law and order problem for some time.

For accelerated infrastructure development in Nagaland, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has taken up building 952 Km road at the cost of Rs. 10,972 crores. The work is in progress. The Ministry of Railways is bringing rail connectivity near the State capital by investing Rs. 7,114.55 crores in building Dhansirpar-Zubza railway line. Therefore, the Governor urged the people, especially, the village authorities to help and co-operate for speedy execution of these roads and railway projects.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATE LEVEL REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

### PARADE CONTINGENTS:

The Parade Contingents included 1 Assam Rifles; 78 Bn CRPF; 93 Bn BSF, Chedema; DEF, Kohima; 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Bn, Thizama; 11<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn; 15<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Mahila Bn; Home Guards & Civil Defence; Nagaland Police Brass

Band, PTS; 14 Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

Nikho Venuh, Deputy Commandant, 10<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn. led the Republic Day parade as Parade Commander with Ayangla Pongen, Assistant Commandant, 15<sup>th</sup> NAP Bn. as Parade 2<sup>nd</sup> In-Command.





**AWARDS:**

**Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service:**

1. M. Rhovisie Nyuwi, NPS, Commandant, 12<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn, Chingtok, Longleng.
2. Vipin Yhoshu, UBI, DEF, Mokokchung.

**Award for President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service as announced on Republic Day 2020:**

- a) Liremo Tsopoe Lotha, IPS, IGP (TRG & Bdr) Nagaland.
- b) 1. S. TokiumongYim. IPS, IGP (NAP).  
2. Chuba Walling, NPS, Deputy Commandant, 9<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn.  
3. Rishamo Philip Yanthan, UBI, DEF, Mokokchung.
- c) 1. Atu Zumvu, NPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (SB), Dimapur  
2. Kevisebile Angami, UBI, P.T.S, Chumukedima.

**Governor's Gold Medal as announced on Independence Day, 2019:**

1. T. Tsenpemo Kikon, NPS, ACP (HQ), Commissioner of Police, Dimapur.
2. Noklem Konyak, Havildar, 9<sup>th</sup> NAP Bn. (IR), Saijang.
3. Thungbemo Patton, NCS, Assistant Resident Commissioner (ARC), Nagaland House, Shillong.
4. Reny Wilfred, IAS, ADC, Kiphire.
5. Zeneikho Suohumvu, Head Driver, Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LMCP).

**Governor's Gold Medal as announced on 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day, 2021:**

1. Er. Vizotuo Seletsu, E.E. PWD (R&B), South Division, Kohima.
2. Er. Talitemsu Jamir, E.E PWD (R&B), Dimapur Division.
3. Ilika Zhimomi, NCS, SDO (Civil), Mon Headquarter.

**Governor's Gold Medal as announced on Republic Day, 2020 :**

1. M. Yambemo Humtsoe, NPS, SDPO (N), Kohima.
2. K. Thavaseelan, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon.
3. Thejavizo Nakhro, NCS, EAC, Chumukedima.
4. Vilelie Khamo, Contractor.
5. Lemsachenlok Society, Yaongyimchen village, Longleng, (NGO).
6. North East Initiative Development Agency (NEIDA), Nagaland, (NGO).

**Governor's Commendation Certificate announced on Independence Day, 2020:**

1. B. Nellayappan, Assistant Director, Directorate of School Education, Nagaland.
2. Dr. Naieem Mustafa Mansury, IPS, DCP, Zone-1, Dimapur.
3. Imlikokba, UBSI, DEF, Mokokchung.

**Governor's Commendation Certificate as announced on Republic Day 2021:**

1. Y. Tumchobemo Yanthan, NPS, Additional Superintendent of Police, Wokha.
2. Itokhu Sumi, ASI, CP, Dimapur.
3. Neivotuo Tshah, Steno Gr-1, Nagaland Legislative Assembly.
4. Athiubo Zeliang, UBSI, CP, Dimapur.
5. Mezhuvito Angami, ASI, CP, Dimapur.
6. Imnasowa, Peon, Administrative Training Institute.
7. Er. Lanuakum Ao, Junior Engineer, Office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (NH).
8. Avino Peseyie, Graduate Teacher, GHSS, Chumukedima.
9. Lithrila Sangtam, NCS, EAC, Aboi.
10. H.A Hongnao Konyak, Social Worker, Longleng Village, Mon.
11. Vipral Tase, Inspector of Excise, Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Excise (Zonal), Kohima.



**SWACHH CITY AWARD, 2020 under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs GIST (Memento & Certificate):**

1. Mokokchung districts was awarded for being the Cleanest City in North-East Zone (Population Category - 25-50k) in Swachh Survekshan 2020, under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
2. Pfutsero city was awarded for being the Best City in Innovation & Best Practices - North - East Zone (Population Category upto 25k)
3. Chumukedima districts for being the Best Self-Sustainable City (Based on GFC/ODF/Cost vs Revenue) North-East Zone (Population Category - 25-50k).

**Best performing Hospitals under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) were awarded to the following Hospitals:**

1. In the category of District Hospital (DH) for the year, 2020 under AB-PMJAY was awarded to Naga Hospital Authority Kohima.
2. In the category of Community Health Centre for the year, 2020 under AB-PMJAY was awarded to Community Health Centre, Noklak.
3. In the category of Primary Health Centre (PHC) for the year, 2020 under AB-PMJAY was awarded to Primary Health Centre, Changlangshu.
4. In the category of Private Hospital for year, 2020 under AB-PMJAY was awarded to Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dimapur.

**For Award of Police Medal For Meritorious Service (Announced On Republic Day, 2020):**

1. S. Tokiumong Yim. IPS, IGP (NAP), Nagaland.
2. Chuba Walling, NPS, Deputy Commandant, 9<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn.

3. Rishamo Philip Yanthan, UBI, DEF, Mokokchung.

**For Award of President's Police Medal For Meritorious Service (Announced On Independence Day, 2019):**

1. Atu Zumvu, NPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (SB), Dimapur, Nagaland.
2. Kevisebile Angami, UBI, P.T.S, Chumukedima.

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

On the occasion of 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day, the entertainment session began with dance display by Women Resources Department which was followed by Fusion Music - 'Run Monday Run' by Task Force For Music & Arts.

The morning session of the programme concluded with cultural dances performed by Khiamniungan Cultural Troupe called 'Mei Mei Jamhang,' which is a dance performed praising the wealthy family who gives feast to the villages. Rengma Cultural Troupe performed 'Ngada' dance, it signifies happiness and thankfulness for the harvest of the year's toil and labour. Angami Cultural Troupe performed 'Zhazodi' folk song, it is a song expressing one's desire to spend time with loved ones.

**EXHIBITION STALLS:**

Governor, R. N. Ravi inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up on the occasion of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Department of Sericulture, Department of Horticulture, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Department of Art & Culture, Nagaland Empowerment of People through Energy Development (NEPeD), Department of Industries & Commerce, Department of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture and Department of Information & Public Relations set up stalls at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, exhibiting various products. The Governor, R. N. Ravi along with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Ministers and officials visited the stalls.



The Department of Sericulture displayed a castor seed extraction machine developed by the department, and eri silk shawls and fabrics were also on display. Eri silk production is encouraged by the department as it is farmer friendly. Silks produced are exported to Mumbai, Delhi and Hyderabad at present.

The NSDMA exhibited Basic Medical Responder First Aid Kit. The Department usually display their equipments during the event but this

year due to demand from the public the emergency kits were sold at the event. The Department of Art & Culture displayed works of sculptors and artworks of both traditional and contemporary artists.

ATMA, Kohima exhibited organic agriculture produce, value addition products sourced from farm groups and progressive farmers in Kohima district. Meraki Nagaland, an initiative of Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. exhibited their handicraft works.

### GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

Governor's Award for outstanding contribution was given out during the Governor's 'At Home' programme which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

Governor, R. N. Ravi gave away the Governor's Award for outstanding contributions to the Joint Council of Fakim, Thanamir and Vongsuvong village, Kiphire, for the conservation and protection of environment. The same was also awarded to ARK (Access to Rights and Knowledge) Foundation, Kohima, for creating awareness and mitigation of social ills.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his address expressed happiness about how many Nagas were

able to contribute to the Nation building. He also congratulated the recipients of the Governor's Award and urged them to continue with their good works.

Governor, R.N. Ravi urged the gathering to harness the forces of good and contribute for the betterment of the society. He acknowledged the two recipients of the award and said that it was awarded to the unseen and unsung people for their exemplary services to humanity. The Governor also expressed his hope that the two awardees will inspire people to work for the protection and conservation of the environment and upliftment of the weaker sections.

### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

#### MOKOKCHUNG:

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Mokokchung on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Imkongmeren Sports Complex with Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the Chief Guest.



*Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

On the occasion, the Chief Guest unfurled the national flag. He also delivered the Republic Day Speech and inspected the march past contingents under Parade Commander, Y. Khochamo Humtsoe, A/C, 2<sup>nd</sup> NAP Bn., Alichen and 2<sup>nd</sup> I/C ABI, Semou Angami, SM RHQ, Mokokchung.

Award was given to government schools for achieving 100% transition of girl child students in the primary level of Class V to VI and the upper primary level of Class VIII to IX in the academic year of 2019-2020 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

#### PHEK:

Phek Headquarter celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu as Special



Guest. He unfurled the national flag and inspected the parade contingents and felicitated local champions under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.



*Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day celebration at Phek Local Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Neiba Kronu delivered the Republic Day Speech and took salute from march past contingents, 22 Assam Rifles, Phek; DEF, Phek; 5<sup>th</sup> NAP Bn., Phek; NCC, GHSS, Phek; Student Police Cadet, Phek; Government Higher Secondary School, Phek; Holy Care School, Phek and Royal Foundation School, Phek.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

In Dimapur, the Republic Day celebration was held at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur and Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sheringain Longkumer unfurled the national flag. He delivered the Republic Day Speech and inspected the march past contingents and took salute from 6 Parade Contingents.



*Speaker, NLA, Sheringain Longkumer taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Keeping in view the National Road Safety month from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Dimapur Traffic Police took the initiative of bringing out a booklet featuring selected sections of the Motor Vehicles (Driving) Regulations, 2017 and distributed it during the event.

#### **PEREN:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam as the Special Guest.

The Special Guest unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the Parade Contingents. The Parade Contingents comprising of DEF Peren; 9<sup>th</sup> IRB, Saijang; All Saints Higher Secondary School, Peren and School Police Cadet, GHSS, Jalukie participated in the march past.



*Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day celebration at DC's Office Complex, Peren on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

To mark the occasion, the national flag was hoisted in all government offices, residences and institutions. In Jalukie, ADC, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang unfurled the national flag.

#### **NOKLAK:**

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying unfurled the national flag at Local Ground, Noklak on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Advisor, H. Haiying took the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents consisting of DEF, Noklak, Village Guards, Tsuwao and Village Guards, Choklangan.

Assistant Commandant, 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP, Logubo was the Parade Commander and ABI, Imkum Meren Imsong of DEF, Noklak was Second in Command. The parade review was done by Superintendent of Police, Noklak.





*Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Local Ground, Noklak on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Advisor, H. Haiying, in his Republic Day Speech mentioned that Noklak district was formally inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and it has come to proudly occupy its rightful place as the 12<sup>th</sup> district of the State. He conveyed his best wishes to Noklak district and its people, and expressed hope that the district will improve rapidly on all the developmental parameters and soon come up at par with the most advanced districts in the State.

#### **TUENSANG:**

Tuensang district celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Chief Guest was Jacob Zhimomi, Minister of Public Health Engineering Department.



*Minister of Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Three parade contingents participated at the Republic Day parade, one each from DEF and 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP and 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP Pipe Band with Bunglang Chang, DSP (R) as Parade Commander and Athriti (SM) as 2<sup>nd</sup> I/C. The Chang, Sangtam and Yimchunger

Cultural Troupes performed cultural items during the celebration.

District Commendation Awards were awarded to Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS), Rev. Achu Chang, ES CBLT, Tuensang Town Baptist Pastors Union, Dr. John Shupao, Nodal Officer, COVID-19 Tuensang, COVID-19 Sample Collection and Testing Team, Mudang Khamniungan, Assistant Professor, Sao Chang Government College, Changkhumba, GT, Chempilila Sangtam and Mahan Driver, ITI, Sedem for their outstanding contribution towards fighting against COVID-19 pandemic in Tuensang.

#### **WOKHA:**

Wokha district celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Wokha Local Ground, with Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Phukayi as the Chief Guest.



*Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Phukayi inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day celebration at Wokha on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

The Chief Guest handed over District Level Awards, 2021 and Commendation Awards to the following persons, Ajato Odyuo, Chowkidar, Mammen E.V (SO, E.E. Water Resources), L. Chenithung Kikon (UBI-O/C Ralan), Renthungo Ezung (Dobashi, Ralan), Longkumonen Pongen (Sub-Inspector), Dr. Mhonchan (Zonal Leprosy Officer), Obed Lotha (Chowkidar), Yanpvu Lotha (Constable-Driver), Erenbeni, Merilo Kikon, Asangla Tungoe, Chumchano Kikon, Julie Jungio, Mhabemo Lotha (Sub-Inspector), Zanthungo Tsopoe (Havildar, 7<sup>th</sup> NAP), Benthungo Ngullie (UDA), Health Care Workers, Ralan and Department of Power, Bhandari.



The Parade Contingents were led by Assistant Commandant, 7<sup>th</sup> NAP, Y. Ashito Aye. Five parade contingents took part in the march past.

**MON:**

Mon district celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Local Ground, Mon town.

The event started with the parade review by Superintendent of Police, Mon, Imnalensa Ao, IPS and the arrival of the Chief Guest, Minister of Public Works Department, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum. The Republic Day Speech by the Chief Guest was followed by march past by the contingents which included the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP, DEF Mon, Village Guards and 6<sup>th</sup> NAP Pipe Band led by Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, 6<sup>th</sup> NAP, Zubenthung Ovung and Second-in-Command, API DEF Mon, Ngangpang Konyak.



*Minister, Public Works Department, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Mon on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Tongpang highlighted the ongoing developmental programmes undertaken by the various departments of the government and the achievements of the government over the year while also urging upon the people and village authorities to help and cooperate in the execution of such developmental programmes.

The Minister in his speech also took the opportunity to thank all the health workers, frontline workers, police personnel, SDRF and NDRF teams, Village Guards, sanitation workers of ULBs, transport workers, personnel at quarantine centres, district administration, CSOs for their tireless and selfless service during the war against the pandemic and applauded their service in containing the spread

of the virus in the State.

The event was graced by the presence of MLA, Mon town, Thongwang Konyak, DG, Border Affairs, Rupin Sharma, IPS, DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and other district HoDs and officials.

**KIPHIRE:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Kiphire Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Medo Yhokha, Advisor for Technical Education and Election as the Special Guest.



*Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha addressing the gathering during the Republic Day celebration at Kiphire Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

The Advisor reviewed the parade and unfurled the national flag and read out the Republic Day Speech during the occasion.

During the function the parade contingents were 7<sup>th</sup> Assam Rifles, Kiphire, DEF Kiphire, Phulungre Band and Village Guards, Kiphire. The national flag was hoisted in all the government offices and educational institutions. The programme ended with the beating of retreat by the DEF, Kiphire.

**LONGLENG:**

In Longleng, the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir as the Special Guest on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Public Ground, Longleng.

The Special Guest in the Republic Day Speech highlighted various achievements, activities, policies and programmes of the government agencies. Emphasizing on Naga political issues, he said the past few years have seen some very crucial developments towards the final solution. The negotiation parties and groups





have seen significant and positive breakthroughs and there is a spirit of understanding among everyone to work unitedly to fulfill the long cherished aspiration of our people without any delay overcoming all the obstacles.



*Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir addressing the gathering during the Republic Day celebration at Public Ground, Longleng on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

In order to give further impetus and facilitate the peace process, Jamir said that the State Government held a historic consultative meeting in Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with all the tribal hohos, civil societies, and various public leaders on the Naga political issues and reiterated that there will be one solution for one people as early as possible. Metsubo urged all Naga organizations to uphold the values of reconciliation and non-violence in the interest of the future of Nagas.

The Special Guest unfurled the national flag and took the salute from 6 contingents comprising of the DEF Longleng, 12<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Chingtok, Village Guards of Orangkong, Village Guards of Longleng Headquarter, Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng and Government Higher Secondary School (Students Police Cadet), Longleng.

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Zunheboto Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation and Land Resources, Paiwang Konyak unfurled the national flag.

Highlights of the programme included parade by four contingents, 8<sup>th</sup> NAP, DEF, Home Guards, ex-serviceman and Assam Rifles led by 1<sup>st</sup> Commander, Tongpang Ao, Assistant Commandant

and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commander, Inaxu, Sub Inspector, Zunheboto. Awards were given to 24 Village Development Boards (VDB), under different blocks in Zunheboto, who have implemented MORD and State programme satisfactorily, as well as for maintaining the VDBs assets properly during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.



*Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation and Land Resources, Paiwang Konyak addressing the gathering during the Republic Day celebration at Zunheboto Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

The programme culminated with beating of retreat by 32 Assam Rifles, Zunheboto.

#### **TSEMINYU:**

Tseminyu sub-division celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Compound with ADC, Tseminyu, W. Manpai Phom as Special Guest who unfurled the national flag and took salute and read out the Republic Day Speech.

The national anthem was sung by 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Coy, youth department. Other highlights of the programme were folk song by Kandi Shenpfu Zi, Tseminyu and DBs, Tseminyu. All the Heads of Offices and staff, DBs, GBs and public leaders attended the function.

#### **PUNGRO:**

Chief Guest, Nuhuta Tunyi, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pungro hoisted the national flag at ADC's Office, Pungro on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day celebration. The Chief Guest also took the ratriya salute. Traditional and folk song was presented by Shodangberu Cultural Troupe, Pungro.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by Department of Agriculture, Pungro,





*Governor, R. N. Ravi and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with their wives and recipients of Governor's Award during the Governor's 'At Home' programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS giving away Certificate of Appreciation to the Indian Air Force and others in appreciation of their services rendered in fire fighting at Dzükou Valley during a felicitation programme held at District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo launching the COVID-19 vaccination at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and officials during the Dimapur district COVID-19 vaccine launch at District Hospital Dimapur on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along during the launch of COVID-19 vaccine at Community Health Centre, Jalukie on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung, and MLA, Toyang Changkong Chang observing Dr. Senilo Magh take the COVID-19 vaccine shot at District Hospital Tuensang on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe being administered with the COVID- 19 vaccine at Wokha on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Dr. Aman Konyak taking the COVID-19 vaccine at Mon on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*





*Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with officials during the inauguration of an RIDF project, Horti Link Road and NMISF Agri project at Etayongsho and Chichemleiven on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurating the ITC Dan (Pangsha) to Shinnyu Road at Shinnyu village on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



Rural Development (RD), Pungro and State Rural Livelihood Mission, RD, Khongsa.

**CHEN:**

Chen Headquarter celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Mini SDO (C)'s Complex at Chen town on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

SDO (C), Chen, Samuel Konyak unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from NVG, Chen Headquarter. Government officials, GBs, DBs, and public from Chen area attended the celebration.

**MELURI:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Indian Republic Day was celebrated at Meluri sub-division at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office, Meluri. ADC, Meluri, Chuba Temjen unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from 5<sup>th</sup> NAP Coy, Meluri. The function was attended by all the Heads of Offices, NGO's and public leaders.

**PFUTSERO:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Pfutsero on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Complex, Pfutsero.

ADC, Pfutsero, Phuleshe Yephthomi unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute and later read out the Speech. Special song was presented by Children Home, Rukizu, folk song was performed by Reku Colony. The national flag were hoisted at all government offices, institutions and private buildings.

**TULI:**

The Republic Day programme was celebrated in Tuli at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Complex on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Imsongmeren, ADC, Tuli unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute from Tuli DEF personnel and read the Republic Day message in the presence of government officials, GBs and ublic leaders.

**CHANGTONGYA:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day celebration was held in Changtongya town at SDO (C)'s Office Complex. Chief Guest, Moakumzuk Tzudir, SDO (C), Changtongya unfurled the national flag and took the salute from I/C OC, Police Station, Changtongya

and read out the Republic Day Speech.

**WAKCHING:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was observed at Wakching sub-division under Mon district on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at SDO (C)'s Office Chamber. Relise Sangtam, SDO (C) unfurled the national flag. GBs, DBs and government employees attended the function.

**SHAMATOR:**

Shamator celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Public Ground. Toshi Wuntung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards was the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade contingents and read out the Republic Day Speech.



*Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wuntung taking the rashtriya salute during Republic Day celebration at Public Ground, Shamator on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Special Numbers were sung by Allen and Lawola Yimchunger, and the GBs presented a folk song. Lünsöberü Cultural Troupe and Mongtsuwong Cultural Troupe presented cultural items. The Chief Guest also inaugurated stalls and held a meeting with Shamator Officers Forum.

**LONGKHIM:**

Longkhim town celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office with Kikumsungla Jamir, ADC, Longkhim as Chief Guest. After unfurling of the national flag, the Chief Guest took the rashtriya salute from Nagaland Police, Longkhim and Living Local Band Longkhim, and read out the Republic Day Speech.

**THONOKNYU:**

Thonoknyu sub-division celebrated the Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at SDO (C)'s





Office. The national flag was unfurled by SDO (C), Longdiba L Sangtam and he took the salute from Nagaland Police, Thonoknyu. All the DBs, GBs and Town VGs attended the programme.

**MEDZIPHEMA:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Complex, Medziphema on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with ADC, Medziphema, Thsuvisie Phoiji as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took the ratriya salute and delivered the Republic Day Speech. The 11<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Bn., Ruzaphema led by Parade Commander, ABI, Wabang Longkumer took part in the celebration.

**PUGHOBOTO:**

Pughoboto sub-division citizens including the officials and staff from all departments gathered at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Compound and celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day with ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe as the Chief Guest on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the 8<sup>th</sup> NAP Naltoqa 'A' Coy, parade contingent and DEF, Pughoboto. He also read out the Republic Day Speech and inaugurated the stalls set up by the different SHGs. Vegetables and seeds exhibited and sold were brought from the village of Chishilimi, Lazami Natsumi and Mishilimi SHGs.

**SATAKHA:**

Satakha sub-division celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commission's (ADC) Office Compound. T. L. Kiusumong Tikhir, ADC, Satakha unfurled the national flag and also delivered the Republic Day Speech.

**BHANDARI:**

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Bhandari Headquarter at the Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Bhandari, Tiameraen Chang as the Chief Guest.

The ADC unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the 7<sup>th</sup> NAP parade contingent. Students of DBHSS sang the national

anthem and a song was presented by Janbemo Lotha and Kenneth Kikon.

**JAKHAMA:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was observed at SDO (C)'s Office, Jakhama on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The SDO (C), Ruopfukuotuo hoisted the national flag and delivered the Republic Day Speech.

**TOBU:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day celebration at Tobu was observed at the Local Ground, Tobu with Mudongoyi Chuzho as Special Guest, who unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute. The Special Guest delivered the Republic Day Speech.

**CHIEPHOBOZOU:**

Chiephobozou Headquarter also celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Premises on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The national flag was hoisted by ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang, who took the salute which was followed by singing the national anthem and the Republic Day Speech was delivered by the ADC.

**TIZIT:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Tizit on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Pakon Phom, ADC, Tizit as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and the national anthem was sung by St. Francis School, Tizit. The Chief Guest delivered the Republic Day Speech. The march past contingents were 6<sup>th</sup> NAP, Tizit, Village Guards, Oting village, NCC, Tizit and Government Higher Secondary School, Tizit.

All departmental officials, public leaders and NGOs attended the function.

**NIULAND:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Niuland Public Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Athrila. S unfurling the national flag. The 8<sup>th</sup> NAP 'C' Coy presented the guard of honour with ABSI, Oren Lotha as Parade Commander.

All Heads of Offices, NGOs attended the celebration. The day's celebration ended with beating of retreat by 8<sup>th</sup> NAP 'C' Coy.



**TENING:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated in Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Official Residence at Tening under Peren district on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Rhosietho Nguori, ADC unfurled the national flag and took the salute. The singing of the national anthem was led by Baptist High School. The programme was attended by officials of government departments including Nagaland Police, paramilitary forces, school students and the public.

**MANGKOLEMBA:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Public Ground, Mangkolemba on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

After unfurling the national flag, SDO (C), Atsüngba Walling took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Republic Day Speech.

**SEYOCHUNG:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day 2021 was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Complex, Seyochung on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Japth Woch, ADC, Seyochung as the Special Guest. He unfurled the national flag and read out the speech. Parade contingents included VG, Seyochung Headquarter led by Nikihe, Seyochung Area, VG, Commander. The national anthem was sang by the students of St. Mary's High School. The programme was attended by all the government officials, GBs and NGOs.

**NAGINIMORA:**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Compound on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with ADC, Naginimora, Renabemo Odyuo as the Chief Guest.

He unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from 6<sup>th</sup> NAP which was followed by the national anthem sang by Carewell School. Officials from various departments attended the programme.

**ABOI:**

Aboi town celebrated the Republic Day at Local Ground, Aboi on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aboi, Chumlamu Humtsoe unfurled the national flag as Special Guest, took salute and read out the Republic Day Speech. The national anthem was presented by Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Girls Club, Aboi.

Tsukjem Ao, ABSI was the Parade Commander while Mancham, Havildar, NP was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parade Commander. There were three parade contingents, VG, Longching, VG, Aopao and DEF, Aboi.

Other highlights included hoisting of the national flag in all the government offices, educational institutions and business establishment. There was also a football exhibition match between HoDs Aboi Vs Konyak Union Aboi. An exhibition cum sale stalls were set up by Assam Rifles and beating of the retreat was performed by DEF, Aboi.

**AGHUNATO:**

Aghunato sub-division celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office Compound with ADC, Aghunato, T. Moa Lemtor as Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Republic Day Speech. Special number was presented by Toly Yephtho. The function was attended by government officials, public leaders, GBs, DBs and NGOs.

**STATE LEVEL MEETING REVIEWS COVID-19 VACCINATION AND NID FOR POLIO**

In review of the COVID-19 vaccination and upcoming National Immunization Day (NID) for polio, a State Task Force meeting was held at IDSP, Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, H&FW. Senior officials from Department of H&FW, Social Welfare along with State level development partners from WHO, UNICEF and UNDP attended the meeting.

Dr. Ritu Thurr, SIO, highlighted on the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination campaign, where he informed that, as of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, overall total beneficiaries registered is 70,274 and for State healthcare workers, total beneficiaries is 20,692. Registered beneficiaries as of Ministry of Home Affairs is 48,170. Beneficiaries vaccinated for first dose is 5,773. He further added that, first dose of vaccination will be till 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Senior Medical Officer, WHO, Dr. Sheilla

Longkumer, stated that the State is ready to start 3 days campaign with a target of 1,51,000 and 80% coverage with children below 5 years. During the 3 days campaign, Monday and Tuesday will be house to house, while Sunday will be open for those who could not get vaccinated on those two days. IMI 3.0 will be carried out in all districts except Longleng. IMI 3.0 is a special immunisation drive to vaccinate missed out and left out children in hard to reach areas of the districts, she added.

During the meeting it was decided that sensitization of Angawadi's and ASHA for COVID-19 vaccination will be done urgently to address the coverage through VC with CHOs to motivate all

ASHAs and AWWs, and parallel sensitization will be done through CMO's Office and Social Welfare department.

Specific instructions regarding IMI will be given to all districts, where CMO will lead and give specific help to the immunization team, pooled from other vertical programmes.

It was also decided that the next step for vaccinating frontline workers will be coordinated with all allied departments through the DTF, as the H&FW department will not be able to handle the surge. The DC and the DTFs will be leading the districts in registration and successfully carrying out the vaccination of all frontline workers.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONDOLES

The State Cabinet had an emergency meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Cabinet expressed shock at the sudden demise of T. Temjen Toy, Chief Secretary of the State on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Cabinet placed on record its sincere appreciation of the exceptional services rendered by Late Temjen Toy in his 32 years of illustrious service career.

The statement released from the Cabinet meeting stated that Late Temjen Toy was a legendary officer of the State, he joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1989. During his illustrious career he served in several important positions in the Government with great distinction. He was Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung during trying times and his exceptional handling of the delicate law and order situation during that period is still talked about.

While at the helm of the affairs in all the major departments of the State, he provided outstanding leadership and left an indelible mark in every department he worked. He displayed splendid administrative acumen while serving as Commissioner, Nagaland as well as the Principal Secretary to two Chief Ministers.

As Chief Secretary, his leadership to the entire government machinery, matured and measured advice, counsel, and the tremendous goodwill enjoyed by him cutting across the length and breadth of the State was a source of immense strength to the Cabinet and the government officials. He made tremendous contributions and galvanized the entire Government machinery to fight the COVID-19 pandemic ensuring the people of the State were least affected.

The release also stated that the void created by the demise of Late Temjen Toy would be difficult to fill. The Cabinet conveyed its deepest condolences to the members of the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty God to grant them strength and solace during this time of grief.

The Cabinet decided to accord a State Funeral to the Late Temjen Toy at the Official Residence of the Chief Secretary, Officer's Hill, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 12:00 noon. It was also decided that all the government offices in Kohima, on the day of the funeral, shall remain closed so as to enable the government employees to pay their last respects to the departed soul.

### LATE TEMJEN TOY ACCORDED STATE FUNERAL

The funeral service of Late Temjen Toy, IAS was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the Chief Secretary's Official Residence, Kohima.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his eulogy described Toy as a humble, upright and dedicated leader, who excelled in all his assignments. He

called Toy a true bureaucrat and one of the best officer, someone whom he had full trust and confidence in. Toy served the State Government in various capacities and headed various organisations with sincerity and dedication, Rio said. He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the





*Guard of Honour being accorded to Former Chief Secretary, Late Temjen Toy during the State Funeral Service held at the Chief Secretary's Official Residence, Kohima on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

bereaved family on his behalf and on the behalf of the Government of Nagaland.

Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Sentianger Imchen, IAS who spoke on behalf of the IAS Association, Nagaland described late Temjen Toy a 'seasoned bureaucrat,' who was known for his administrative skills, as evident from his leadership in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the void created by his sudden demise will be felt deeply in the governance of the State.

Eulogies were also given by the Ao Senden and Kohima Aor Telongjem.

On behalf of the family members, Toy's father, Er. I. Lanu Toy thanked the Government of Nagaland for organising the reception in honour of his son on his last journey. He also thanked the State

Government, individuals and well-wishers for their constant support and upholding him after he had been diagnosed with illness.

Prominent personalities like I. Imkong, Meyionen, Dr. Kezevito Kreditsu also spoke on the occasion. The Guard of Honour was given by the Nagaland Police. The programme was chaired by the Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS.

Rev. T. W. Yamyap, State Chaplain invoked God's blessing while the word of God and benediction was offered by Senior Pastor, Kohima Ao Baptist Arogo, Rev. Sentsashi. The pianist of the programme was Khyochano, TCK.

The funeral was attended by a host of dignitaries including Ministers, Advisors, MLAs, bureaucrats, senior government officials and well wishers.

### **PROGRAMME IN HONOUR OF LATE TEMJEN TOY HELD IN NOKLAK**

Obituary programme in honour of Late Temjen Toy, Chief Secretary of Nagaland was held at Longdon Baptist Church, Noklak on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

During the programme, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS delivered a short speech which was followed by observation of a minute silent prayer.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou also extended his condolences during the

programme.

The programme was chaired by EAC, Noklak, Yithachu Thur and special song was presented by District Planning Officer, Noklak, Meren Jamir. Pastor, Longdon Baptist Church Rev. B. Chillia gave the invocation.

The programme was attended by District Administration, departmental officials, civil societies and churches.

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**COVID-19 VACCINATION DRY RUN TRIAL HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS****MEDZIPHEMA:**

Preparing the largest ever mass immunization programme, Medziphema sub-division conducted the dry run for COVID-19 vaccination drive on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at Community Health Centre (CHC), Medziphema.

Altogether 25 frontline workers were administered dummy COVID-19 vaccine in a mock drill held at CHC, Medziphema. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Medziphema, Thovisie Phoji, SDO (C), Tokai Sumi, SMO, four Medical Officers and one Supervisor monitored the day run programme.'

The Dry Run programme was held in one session and divided into five different teams. The team explained to the beneficiaries about the vaccine and various tasks and activities of dummy beneficiary data, and the programme concluded with reporting and review meeting of health workers.

**DIMAPUR:**

A dry run for COVID-19 vaccination was conducted in three sites at Dimapur on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021, at District Hospital Dimapur, CHC, Medziphema and Urban PHC, Duncan Bosti, Dimapur.

At Dimapur, session sites were set up as per the guidelines given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), consisting of three rooms i.e. waiting, vaccination and observation rooms. Each vaccination team

consisted of five members each comprising of Vaccination Officer and addition of four Vaccination Officers for verification, mobilising for vaccination, for portal uploading and for observation. During the dry run held, 25 beneficiaries were selected in each session site for conducting the proposed activity.

The dry run conducted at Dimapur was supervised by officials from State and District level comprising of Mission Director, NHM, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, State Immunization Officer, other administrative officials, CMO team and officials from H&FW and other departments.

**WOKHA:**

Wokha District COVID-19 Immunization Committee (WDCIC) conducted dry run for COVID-19 vaccination at District Hospital Wokha, Urban Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centre (CHC), Sanis on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Altogether 75 healthcare workers, 25 each from the three centre participated for the dry run as the first batch of beneficiaries.

WDCIC led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, CMO, Wokha, Dr. T. W. Tungoe, MS, Wokha Dr. Tumchobeni and District Immunization Programme Officer, Dr. Khelito Zhimomi witnessed the dry run programme along with the State Level Observer, Dr. Longri Kichu, UNICEF, Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) and Dr. Mhecucro Mero, IDPS, (H&FW).



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT NOKLAK



*Vice President, Nagaland Football Association, Colo Mero along with officials during the Football Tournament at Public Ground, Noklak on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Vice President, Nagaland Football Association, Colo Mero inaugurated the Football Tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Public Ground, Noklak under the theme, 'Invigorating the Talent.'

Speaking on the occasion, Colo Mero stated that, in order to become a good sportsman, proper training should start from a young age. He mentioned that initiatives on the importance of games and sports, organising sports activities in schools and villages should

start from the grassroots level so that many sportsmen will come up from the district. Encouraging the players, he advised the players to be disciplined in all areas.

President, Khamniungan Sports Council, Er. Elo Khamniungan also spoke during the occasion. The tournament was organised by Khamniungan Students Union in collaboration with Khamniungan Sports Council. Altogether 19 teams participated in the tournament.

## DC KOHIMA REITERATES THE BAN ON BURNING OF JUNGLE

Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Kohima, Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS has reiterated in an order, that the ban on burning of jungles shall remain enforced in Kohima district till further directions.

In this connection, all Village Councils under Kohima district jurisdiction have been directed to

inform and warn the public to refrain from burning of jungles which leads to serious loss of public property and also disturbs the ecological balance. Any individual/village found violating the order shall be strictly penalised under relevant sections of law and shall be liable to payment of fines. The VDB Grant to the village shall also be withheld till such fines are paid.

**TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD**

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021. DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the meeting.

The meeting deliberated on the status of old bridges under NH-202, relocation of 500KV

transformer at New Tsaru village to feasible location and upgradation of the transformer.

Regarding registration of society, namely Eastern Nagaland Agri & Allied Farmers Association, the meeting decided to send for a note from ENPO and to take a consent from other district's Agri and Allied departments before forwarding it to the government.

**MULTI SKILLED HANDYMAN TRAINING AT TUENSANG**

The Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (ESD&E), Tuensang sponsored Multi Skilled Handyman Training programme was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Town Hall, Tuensang in partnership with Zynorique Initiatives Society (ZIC). The ten days training was held for plumbers, tiling and electricians at Town Hall and GHSS, Thangjam, Tuensang. Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang was the Special Guest of the programme.

Verma appreciated the opportunity provided for the district to help guide the youngsters for skill development. The most important component of the project are the trainees, the commitment and interest of the trainees on the training is very important without which the training programme will have no positive result, he said. Tuensang district is one of the most remote districts with poor connectivity where employment opportunities lacks due to non-availability of

industries and big companies, so this kind of skill development trainings are very essential for the unemployed youth to get skills to employ oneself, he mentioned.

Richard Belho, ZIS advised the trainees not to wait for government jobs only but to equip oneself with skills. Regarding the training he said that it is a unique programme to impart skills so that an individual can play a multi-task role in their employment. This programme is a stage wise/level project in which the government is set to equip the trainees with equipment after the completion of the trainings, he said.

Rohit Sharma, IAS, SDO (C), Tuensang on completion of the training gave away the certificates and further exhorted the trainees to make good use of the skills acquired. Imtichuba General Secretary, ENSF expressed his appreciation towards the ESD&E, Director, Chiden Yaden and his team for giving special focus to Eastern Nagas in skill development.

**NOKLAK DTF DELIBERATES ON COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE**

Noklak District Task Force on COVID-19 held a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak.

DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS chairing the meeting tabled the preparedness of COVID-19 vaccination and the reported avian influenza outbreak in the country. The DC directed all concerned to be prepared and set all things in place

for the successful conduct of the drive.

The house discussed on requirement of TrueNat machine and other medical equipments and kits in regard to COVID-19.

Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Victor Lam gave detailed updates on COVID-19 activities in the district and preparation of COVID-19 vaccination.



**PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD**

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Phek. The meeting was chaired by Tsuktimar Jamir, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Phek.

The Health & Family Welfare department presented the guidelines for COVID-19. The house also decided that the Departmental Penalty Shootout will be held right after the Republic Day.

**PUANGLUM CUM MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL HELD AT TUENSANG**

*Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, and the Fest Patron, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS riding a Happung (traditional karting) during the Puanglum cum Mini Hornbill Festival, 2021 at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang.*

The Puanglum cum Mini Hornbill Festival, 2021 was held at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang. It was organized by the Chang Khulei Setshang (Chang Tribal Council). The Fest Patron of the celebration was Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang and the Tribal Guest was M. Thangou, President, Khiamiungan Tribal Council. The theme of the celebration was 'Qui Qui,' which means 'highly exalted.' The heralding of the Puanglum festivity was proclaimed by S. Chingmak, 2<sup>nd</sup> GB, P-Khel, Tuensang village.

Speaking on the occasion the DC said that the festival is a good opportunity for fostering brotherhood between the neighbours and within the community. He stated that Tuensang district is like a mother from where other districts are being bifurcated and thus should act like a leader in every field with good values. Forget and forgive should be our theme while celebrating the festival, he

added.

The Tribal Guest, M. Thangou, President, Khiamiungan Tribal Council in his speech said that Chang and Khiamiungan are like brothers since time immemorial and encouraged the younger generation to abstain from substance abuse and head towards a progressive society.

The CKS awarded its first Chang Puanglum Qui Qui award to Neiphiu Rio, the Chief Minister of Nagaland in recognition of his vision in promoting Naga culture and tradition through Hornbill Festivals and for making Naga festivals cognizant to the international community.

The CKS also awarded its Qui Qui award to Kumar Ramnikant, IAS for rendering public service of highest quality and for earnestly striving towards containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in the district.

Khaimniungan Tribal Council was also



awarded for the achievement in upgrading Noklak as a district and fulfilling the aspirations of the Khamniungan community. The Planning

Community Puanglum also awarded the Qui Qui award to Chang Khulei Setshang for rendering able leadership to the Chang community.

## ZUNHEBOTO DPDB DELIBERATES ON TWO LANE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Advisor, School Education and Chairman, DPDB, K T Sukhalu.

The main agenda discussed at the meeting was on the construction of two lane road by Mathucan company, to which, they were pre informed to present the details on issues like the progress till date, workmanship, stipulated time for the completion of the project, etc. The company through their representatives informed that, so far 43 percent of the project have been completed and earmarked the completion of the project by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The company also assured the board that the quality of the ongoing works is as per the specifications of the guidelines and nothing shall be compromised.

In regard of the town roads (city plan), the Chairman firmly reminded that, with the complete compensation to every household in the town area, construction of the roads in the town should speed up comprehensively and should be completed at the earliest.

NHIDCL and PWD presented the details on the ongoing activities at Zunheboto district under their jurisdictions. The board also agreed to approach the government to allocate some funds under EE discretion for maintenance of PWD roads at the district.

Dr. M. Nukshisanla Jamir also mentioned that Intensified Pulse Immunisation for 0-5 years has been postponed till further direction from the central government. She informed that Zunheboto district successfully conducted the mock drill for COVID-19 vaccination on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The first monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Peren district for the year 2021 was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren. The meeting was chaired by DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

Peren Government College, Principal, Dr. A. Nshoga and DPO, UIP/RCH, Dr. Kiholi gave a

PowerPoint presentation on their activities. The DC entrusted the Department of Economics & Statistics, Sericulture and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship to give a PowerPoint presentation on their departmental activities in the next meeting.

The Peren District COVID-19 Task Force and Vaccination Committee meeting was also held.

### AWARENESS TRAINING CUM SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON COVID-19 HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

Awareness training cum sensitization programme on COVID-19 for the Home Guards, Women Home Guards and State Disaster Response Force personnel from the district was held at the Chief Medical Officer's (CMO) Conference Hall,

Mokokchung from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Dr. Kibangkumba, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung highlighted the importance of the sensitization training. As part of frontline workers, they were made to understand the need to

be prepared for any situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to stay safe from the disease so as to protect the population at large. Topics on hand washing, handling of dead bodies, preventive measures, rational use of PPE, demonstration on donning/doffing of PPE (gloves, mask, full PPE, etc.), infection control, preparation

of bleach solution/sodium hypochloride were imparted by the following resource persons, Dr. Aonungdok, MMBS, PGDPHM, MPH (Epidemiology & Health Systems), Dr. Tsipongchem Sangtam, MD (Pathology) and Dr. Akumtemjen, District Epidemiologist and Dr. Tiasunep.

### **KOHIMA DTF DISCUSSES ON COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS**

Kohima District Task Force on COVID-19 held its meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Mohammed Ali Shihab A in the presence of Minister in-charge of Kohima district on COVID-19, Minister for Public Works Development, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

ADC, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa highlighted the status of the district in regard to District Task Force activities.

The house decided to discontinue the quarantine centres at K. Badze, ATI and IG Stadium for returnees and also for BRTF and BSF. However, it was decided that K. Badze will be continued for use by Health & Family Welfare department for quarantining of medical staff on COVID-19 duty. The meeting also decided to continue with the operation of Meriema COVID Care Centre (CCC) with the medical teams in place.

On the agenda of withdrawal of security personnel and volunteers from the Quarantine Centres, the meeting decided for rational deployment of security personnel and volunteers to be continued at Meriema CCC.

On withdrawal of security and medical personnel from the Inter-State Check Gates, Khuzama relating to COVID-19 duty, the meeting decided to refer the matter to the State High Powered Committee on COVID-19 for necessary direction to the DTF.

With regard to shifting of Triage OPD from T. T. Stadium, Kohima, the meeting decided to survey alternative site for operation of the Triage OPD, where ADC along with CMO were entrusted for the matter.

The DTF meeting also deliberated on the roll out of COVID-19 vaccination where CMO, Dr. Vezokholu gave a PowerPoint presentation on the introduction of COVID-19 vaccine, operational planning for vaccination, types of session sites for different priority groups, role of vaccination officers and other vaccine management.

The DC, on COVID-19 vaccination said proper micro plan is required, which needs to be sensitised to the masses. He therefore called for a separate meeting to have proper planning and further sought for collective efforts of all section of stakeholders and departments. He also directed his administration officers to hold meeting in their respective areas for planning in order to implement the vaccination successfully.

### **COPIES OF FINAL ELECTORAL ROLL HANDED OVER TO POLITICAL PARTIES AT KOHIMA**

In connection with the final publication of Photo Electoral Roll pertaining to special summary

revision, a meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall,



## Kohima

Handing over a copy of the final roll (both hard and soft copies) to the representatives of recognised political parties, DC & District Election Officer, Kohima, Muhammed Ali Shihab A, IAS thanked the entire electoral registration team and all the political parties for their hardwork and participation for the successful completion of final publication

ADC & ERO, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa informed that the list of amendments to the draft electoral roll for the 8-Western Angami, 9-Kohima Town, 10-Northern Angami-I, 11-Northern Angami-II, 12-Tseminyu, 14-Southern Angami-I and 15-Southern Angami-II Assembly Constituencies has been prepared with reference to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

## FINAL PUBLICATION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL AT TUENSANG

The final publication of the Electoral Roll programme was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, ADC & Electoral Registration Officer, Tuensang.

The final Electoral Roll was distributed to all the political parties under Tuensang, final

publication consist of 51-Noksen, 52-Longkhim-Chari, 53-D Tuensang Sadar-1, 54-Tuensang Sadar-II and 58-Shamator-Chessore has been prepared with reference to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

## MON DPDB MEETING HELD

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon.

DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS gave a brief

description on Phase-I vaccination of COVID 19, which will begin from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The meeting was chaired by MLA, Thongwang, Chairman, DPDB, Mon.

## LONGLENG DPDB STRESSES ON COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE



*Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M. Shayung Phom addressing the District Planning & Development Board meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), M. Shayung Phom at DC's

Conference Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Chairman apprised the members for the launching programme of COVID-19 vaccination at District Hospital Longleng on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021



along with the rest of the district. The DC appealed to the members to extend full cooperation and support to the Health & Family Welfare department and create mass awareness on safety of the vaccine and to refrain from spreading rumours in the social media.

Dr. S. Imnameren Phom, DPO, (RCH/UIP) Longleng gave a PowerPoint presentation on launching of vaccination for COVID-19 at District Hospital, setting up and conducting vaccination sessions. He informed that vaccination will be given

only to those beneficiaries who were preregistered in a phase manner. The first phase will be given to healthcare workers followed by frontline workers, person above 50 years and conclude with age group below 50 years.

The house also discussed and deliberated on the ongoing upgradation, repair and renovation of various roads connecting the district and the concern departments were directed to be more active and supervise the projects for quality roads in the district.

### **TUENSANG DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING ON VACCINE ADMINISTRATION**

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on vaccine administration process. Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, DC and Chairman (DTF), Tuensang chaired the meeting.

The national COVID-19 vaccination inaugural day will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There will be a total of 14 session stations for Tuensang and the DC advised all DTF members to have a collective effort in all the vaccination

process.

Dr. Thungchanpeni, DIO (UIR& RCH) highlighted the details on session plan preparations and vaccinator officials and its work plans. Tuensang district has received 1650 dose for 743 beneficiaries out of a total of 1740 registered for the first phase, she said. Covishield is genetically engineered vaccine exclusively for adults above 18 years of aged, she said. DIO also apprised the members for need of manpower during the phases of vaccination.

### **SENSITIZATION AND AWARENESS TRAINING ON COVID-19 HELD AT KOHIMA**

The Department of Home Guards & Civil Defence and Disaster Response Force, Kohima conducted a three days sensitization and awareness training on COVID-19 for NGOs, NCO and Home Guards from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at SDRF Camp, AG Colony, Kohima with Dr. Ruyangulie Paphino, Medical Officer as resource person.

During the three days training the resource person stressed on the symptoms of COVID-19, safety measures and guidelines of COVID-19. Practical training were also given on the use of PPE handling and handling of unclaimed dead bodies due to COVID-19, and operational guidelines of COVID-19 injection. A total of 102 participants attended the three days training.

### **MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTIES FOR FINAL ELECTORAL ROLL HELD AT NOKLAK**



*Final E-Roll was handed to various political parties by SDO (C) and ERO, Noklak on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



Meeting with political parties in relation with the publication of Final Electoral Roll in respect of 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> ACs was held at the Office Chamber of the SDO (C) & ERO, Noklak, C. Phuniang.

SDO (C) & ERO reminded the political party leaders that the basic cause for conduct of clean

election depends on the health of the E-Roll. He called upon the parties to extend their fullest co-operation to maintain a healthy E-Roll. He further called upon the young voters to enroll and participate in the electoral process. The ERO handed over the final E-Roll to various political parties.

### **MINISTER TEMJEN IMNA ALONG EXHORTS STUDENTS AT NOKLAK VILLAGE**

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along speaking on the occasion as Special Guest during the 58<sup>th</sup> General Session of Khamniungan Students Union on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Noklak village, encouraged the students not to waste their time but to pursue their dreams and excel through hard work.

Temjen called upon all to be proud of their heritage. He also advised the people of Noklak to be united and become a vibrant and robust district in Nagaland.

Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying who also spoke during the occasion advised the students to set goals and vision, and be sincere, honest, hardworking and prepare today for their future tomorrow.

Director General of Police (DGP), Border Affairs, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS, President, Khamniungan Tribal Council Thangou, ENSF President, Sepili Sangtam also spoke during the occasion.

### **VAC REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED IN KOHIMA DPDB MEETING**

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its first meeting for the year 2021 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes followed by agenda on Village Adoption Committee (VAC). DPO and Member Secretary, DPDB, Pudusul Lugo informed that the activities of VAC for the year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 will culminate on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. He therefore requested the Committees to submit its report on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021.

Giving the updates of the Committee's activities, Dr. Kire as the Advisor of 9-Kohima Town AC, shared some of his Committee's activities undertaken so far and also pointed out some area of concerns to be taken up under the adopted ward.

Advisor, Medo Yhokha who also attended the meeting recalled his association with previous VACs under 14<sup>th</sup> Southern Angami-I AC and appreciated the good works undertaken by the team despite with limited fund allotted to the VAC. Pointing out that the Committee plays an agency, an ambassador of the Government, which directly or indirectly link up with the people at the grassroot levels, Medo urged every Committee to take responsibility in providing positive impacts to the society through their efforts and activities.

EE, Power, Kohima, Er. Ruokuongutuo Suohu and ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang also gave a brief report on their committees activities of 8<sup>th</sup> Western Angami AC and 11th Northern Angami AC respectively.

The meeting also took up the three applicants for registration of societies, where the house had a lengthy discussion on the matter and decided to take a call after the concerned Screening Committee re-verify and submit its report.

CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu briefed the



members on the updates of COVID-19 status as per its evolving situation. WHO, Consultant, Dr. Shila

also gave a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of COVID-19 vaccine introduction.

### **TSUNGKAMNEO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT TUENSANG**

Tsungkamneo Festival of Yimchunger community was celebrated at Town Hall, Tuensang which was organized by Yimchunger Union Tuensang Town (YUTT) on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang was the Special Guest for the celebration which was also attended by Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung and MLA, Toyang Changkhong Chang.

Speaking on the occasion the Special Guest said Nagaland is a diverse society and perfect example of unity in diversity. Peace should be

everlasting amongst the people irrespective of tribes, he said. He stressed on preserving of cultural and traditional values, social bonding and also appreciated the tribal leaders of the district coming together to celebrate the Tsungkamneo festival.

I N Chingmak, Executive Chairman, CKS in his speech encouraged the tribal leaders to cooperate and live in peace.

The programme also witnessed a special number from Kemifu Cultural Club, Tuensang, traditional song by Saramati Sisters and traditional instrumental, Tuen by Tsukhiamlia. The significance of Tsungkamneo was shared by R. Throngji, Convenor, Tsungkamneo Planning Committee.

### **ROAD MAINTENANCE HIGHLIGHTED AT PUGHOBOTO SDPDB**

The monthly meeting for Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB), Pughoboto was held under the chairmanship of ADC and SDPDB, Vice Chairman, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at the DB's Customary Court Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Executive Engineer (Roads & Bridges), Pughoboto, Chengato Kath stated that the road

maintenance fund has already been allocated and direction from the Chief Engineer is awaited to execute the works. SMO, CHC, Pughoboto, Dr. J. Hokugha highlighted about the COVID-19 vaccine and roll out of the first phase at CHC, Pughoboto. He appealed to the house to dispel false rumours about the vaccine.

### **DC ZUNHEBOTO VISITS BAMBOO CRAFTS WORKSHOP AT ASSAM RIFLES**

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo visited the bamboo workshop initiated and sponsored by 32<sup>nd</sup> Assam Rifles on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, accompanied by President, Sumi Kükami Hoho and Town GBs.

In a brief interaction with the trainees, the DC shared about the good quality of bamboos we naturally have and significance of the usages of bamboos saying that, with the world now stressing so much on biodegradability of commonly used materials in our day to day life, bamboo crafts could be the next big thing and would definitely be a source of livelihood for those who have the will to produce

the crafts with sincerity and hardwork. He also thanked and appreciated the Assam Rifles for providing a platform, to showcase the talents, skills and developing a sense of dignity of labour, among the younger generations of the district.

President, Sümi Kükami Hoho, Kashito Yeptho expressed satisfaction and gratitude to all those involved in the initiative. According to Major, 32<sup>nd</sup> Assam Rifles, Rahul Choudhary, the main aim of the programme was to provide a platform of livelihood for unemployed youths. A total of 51 trainees participated in the workshop with Ghühevi Khuju and Henivi Aye as the instructors.





## BHANDARI DEPARTMENT COORDINATION MEETING HELD ON COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE

Bhandari sub-division held a departmental coordination meeting at the Conference Hall of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Bhandari, on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Chairing the meeting, ADC and Chairman, Task Force on COVID-19, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang lauded and thanked the church, civil societies and student leaders for their cooperation and pro-active role to combat and contain the COVID-19 pandemic under Bhandari sub-division.

The house discussed on the state of

preparedness of COVID-19 vaccination of health workers under Health & Family Welfare department, Dr. Chumdemo Ngullie informed the house that first phase of vaccination drive would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

The School Education department also informed that online classes are going on in full swing for classes 10, 11, and 12 with round the clock competent supervision, to ensure online quality education and health safety of all stakeholders with adherence to COVID-19 SOPs.

## METSUBO JAMIR CALLS FOR PRESERVATION OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The Kohima Ao Officer's Union (Kohima Ao Officer's Union) held its general meeting 2021 at Molu Ki, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Metsubo appreciated the officers for their sacrifices, in rendering their services towards the Union despite their busy schedule in their respective offices and departments and encouraged them to keep giving their best efforts for the upliftment of the Union. He also pointed out that the Aos are losing their culture as many of them are more into foreign cultures and the Ao language is on the verge of extinction as many of the parents and the children communicate in different languages rather than their own.

Metsubo also pointed out that 'Mokokchung the Land of Pioneers' has now lost its meaning since there are only a few schools and colleges having less students since many parents send their children to other districts and cities for their education. Therefore with fewer citizens in Mokokchung district, he said the census in the district has gone down and this factor may reduce the number of constituencies of the district. Citing these drawbacks, he encouraged the officers to be united, give prior importance to one's culture, language and census to be given serious thought, since they are one of the

Union that can bring about a change in the Ao community.

Minister for Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum who also spoke in the meeting said that KAOT is a union where others can look up to for ideas, help, etc. and bring unity and change in the Ao community. He cautioned that Mokokchung called the 'Land of Pioneers' is now losing its meaning and called upon the KAOT to educate the Aos by imparting knowledge in their trades, and educating them in different fields and also suggested them to call for conferences annually or biannually where all Ao officers from other districts and Ao parliamentarians can attend to sort out a way to bring about a change in the Ao community.

President, KAOT, Meyionen Jamir who proposed the welcome address briefed the gathering that, the KAOT was established in 2003 with more than 600 Ao officers but in recent years the numbers are decreasing and that there are more retirements of Ao officers than new recruits in the government offices and departments to which he called upon the officers to retrospect. He also called upon the officers to give dedicated service to the people and not misuse their position as officers for personal interest but to work together for the upliftment of the union.





## STATE CO-ORDINATOR OF PMU HOLDS MEETING AT MON



*Dr. Pankaj Gupta, State Co-ordinator of PMU of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment along with officials during a meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.*

Dr. Pankaj Gupta, State Co-ordinator of PMU of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India visited Mon district from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and a meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon with District Administration and Master Volunteers of Nasha Mukta Bharat campaign.

Ilika Zhimomi, SDO (C), Mon welcomed Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Wango Konyak, Assistant Director, Directorate of Social Welfare and the Master Volunteers. She briefed the house on the calendar of events scheduled under Nasha Mukta Bharat. The proposed activities aimed at creating awareness among the general public about the ill effects of substance abuse. She also gave a

PowerPoint presentation on the activities and initiatives undertaken in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Pankaj highlighted the important role of Master Volunteers in tackling substance abuse in the country. He encouraged the Master Volunteers to provide continuous feedback and undertake initiatives best suited to the prevailing social conditions. Wango Konyak assured the District Administration of the support and assistance of the Department in its fight against substance abuse. He commended the district on the activities undertaken so far and encouraged the church and civil societies to undertake activities focussed on steering the people away from substance abuse.



## AWARENESS ON PCPNDT ACT HELD AT WOKHA



An awareness programme on Pre Conceptions and Pre Natal Diagnostic Technique Act was held for the ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) the Wokha District Administration, DLCW-MSK and Wokha District Legal Services Authority (WDLA) organized an awareness programme on Pre Conceptions and Pre Natal Diagnostic Technique (PCPNDT) Act for the ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

During the short programme Safety Kit

consisting of hand wash, face masks and sanitary pads were distributed to the ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers.

Advocate, Shanchobeni enlightened the gathering on the PCPNDT Act, while EAC, Arhonbeni also delivered a speech where she encouraged the participants to actively take part in such activities for the success of the programmes and policies. The function was chaired by Women Welfare Officer, Wokha, Dr. Wonchano.

**TRAINING ON VALUE ADDED FISH PRODUCTS AT AREE OLD VILLAGE**

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources organized one day hands on training on 'Value Added Fish Products' on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at

Aree Old, Aspirational Village under 39 - Sanis assembly constituency, Wokha. The training was held for the women SHG's under Gender Budgeting

during 2019-2020 with an aim to help them in entrepreneurship development.

Altogether 25 trainees participated in the day long training programme. Resource person,

Dory Yanthan, DFO, Wokha with her staff taught on preparation and processing techniques of fish products such as fish pickle, fish finger and fish soup.

### **MOTORISED SPINNING SKILL TRAINING HELD AT KIPHIRE**



*Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS along with officials and trainees during the Machines Distribution for development of Eri and Oak Tasar silk industry at District Sericulture Office, Kiphire on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.*

Motorised Spinning Skill training function cum Machines Distribution was held at District Sericulture Office, Kiphire from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS, in his speech stated that he is ready to help for marketing linkage and to send

the spinners for further skill training (designing). He also advised the spinners to work sincerely for self-employment and work with the existing SHGs in the villages. The motorised spinning machines and training certificates were distributed to the beneficiaries after the function by DC, Kiphire.

### **SAFETY KITS DISTRIBUTED AT LONGLENG**

As part of weeklong celebration of National Day of the Girl Child, safety kits were distributed to the Anganwadi and ASHA workers under Longleng district on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 at

Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The programme was organised by the District Administration and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), Longleng.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD CELEBRATED ACROSS DISTRICTS**

#### **WOKHA:**

Wokha District Administration and DLCW-MSK organised Beti Bachao Beti Padhao week on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. The programme was attended by adolescent girls and Bharat Guides.

During the programme, Thungbeni Kikon,

Case Worker, Sakhi-One Stop Centre highlighted the POCSO Act while EAC, Vitolu Chishi spoke on the importance of girl child and on the significance of National Girl Child week, where he stated that the day aims at promoting awareness about the rights of girl child and to provide opportunities and support to a girl child.





**LONGLENG:**

District Administration and MSK, Longleng celebrated National Day of the Girl Child on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Longleng.

Longlang Luckpan, CDPO, Longleng encouraged the women and girl child present to participate and attend any programme conducted under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. He also highlighted about the service provided by Social Welfare department for women and child healthcare.

The introductory note was delivered by Rohbi Sangtam, EAC Headquarter, Longleng, while pledge to enroll girls for education was led by Doichong Phom, Ambassador for Girl Child, Longleng.

**ATHIBUNG AND HENINGKUNGLWA:**

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) week-long celebration and National Girl Child Day 2021, Local Champions were felicitated at GB's Hall, Athibung and Heningkunglwa under BBBP, Peren.

In the programme, Dr. Vezhokholu Khamo, MO, AYUSH, PHC, Athibung was awarded the Best Performing Female Doctor, while Sorangle from New Beisumpui was awarded the Best Performing ASHA. Hatkholam from New Chalkot village was awarded the Best Performing AWWs and Government Middle School, Saijang was awarded the Best Village Education Committee.

**MON:**

Mon District Administration in collaboration with DLCW-MSK and Sakhi-OSC, observed a week long celebration of National Girl Child Day from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The celebration witnessed different activities and competitions held across the district.

During the week long celebration a grandmother granddaughter selfie competition was held. Girl Clubs with 10 members from eight schools were formed and provided with hats and badges at Aboi. Online slogan competition on the topic 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' was held, and traditional weaving and design training was held at Aboi.

Ballika Manch on POCSO Act, menstrual hygiene, good touch bad touch and women centric programmes were organised at Phomching Headquarter. Tree plantation drive was also carried out. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Mon Block Task Force in collaboration with DLCW- MSK and Sakhi-OSC identified and felicitated special needs children as local champions.

'Yaktoi Hunghao,' for women to showcase their talent through artistic expression, competition was organised under three categories - beadwork making, handiwork and processed food. Free medical camp for mother and girl child was also conducted at Anjangyan where over 100 beneficiaries availed the benefits.

**WORKSHOP FOR MEDIA PERSONS ON COVID-19 VACCINE HELD AT PEREN**

The Health & Family Welfare department, Peren organised a workshop for media persons on COVID-19 vaccine on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Community Health Centre, Jalukie with CMO's Office, Peren, Media Officer, Celine Sechü as the resource person.

Celine stated that COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective which will boost the immunity and it will be available in a phased manner. She informed that an individual will receive two doses each and there will be a gap of 28 days between the two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Further, Celine highlighted the three main objectives of COVID-19 vaccination drives wherein she mentioned that due to lack of proper information, the public are hesitant to receive the vaccine. In order to eradicate hesitancy, media should educate the public even at the grassroot level about the new vaccine and its processes, she stated. She also reminded that it is the responsibility of the media persons to disseminate transparent or appropriate information to the general public and the prioritized groups about availability, safety and





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timeline of the vaccine.

Discussion in regard to communication and mobilization plan for the effective implementation

and awareness in the district was also held. The programme was attended by IEC staff and District Public Relation Office, Peren staff.

## TWO DAYS WORKSHOP HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION



Dr. Akok Walling speaking at the inaugural of the Workshop on Weaving, Bamboo Craft, Pottery and Beadwork at Mokokchung College of Teacher Education on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Sponsored by the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development (Programme for Development of North-East Youth through Higher Education Institutions), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, held two days workshop, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, on weaving, bamboo craft, pottery and beadwork under the theme 'Indigenous Livelihood Skills for Economic and Environmental Sustainability' at Mokokchung College of Teacher Education.

Professor, Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD, the Chief Guest of the programme, while delivering his speech (via Google Meet) thanked the Mokokchung College of School Education (MCTE) for organizing such programme saying that we need to protect and

preserve indigenous culture therefore, by organizing such workshop it would help to motivate the younger generation in preserving ones culture. He said the key to promote indigenous livelihood skills, we need professionalism, proper management and identifying the right output and said when it comes to culture, tradition and various indigenous approaches, people from the mainland have a lot to learn from the north-east people.

Akok Walling, Retired Principal, Dimapur Government College, Nagaland, spoke on the theme 'Indigenous Livelihood Skills for Economic and Environmental Sustainability,' while T. Alemla Longkumer, Principal, MCTE delivered the welcome address.

**DC KOHIMA NOTIFIES ON DLEPC**

The Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejewelie has notified that District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) have been constituted with the following members - Deputy Commissioner, Kohima as Chairman; District Horticulture Officer, Kohima, District Agriculture

Officer, Kohima, District Soil Conservator Officer, Kohima, Project Director, DRDA, Kohima, District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, Kohima and General Manager, Lead Bank (SBI) Kohima as Members, and the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Kohima as Member Secretary.

**WOKHA DPDB CONCERNED ON NON COMPLETION OF BRIDGE AT DOYANG**

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) expressed its concern on non completion of bridge over Doyang at Governor's Camp, Liphayan under Ralan sub-division. The construction of the bridge over Doyang river falls under Nagaland Foot-Hill Road (now renamed as Nagaland Express Highway), once completed it will become the lifeline for the whole State of Nagaland. The issue was raised and deliberated during the board meeting held at Liphayan Governor's Camp on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman, DPDB and Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan.

Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon while addressing the DPDB meeting appreciated the Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19, who, he said, had taken the challenge head-on in fighting the pandemic.

Kikon who is also a member of the High Powered Committee for COVID-19 Nagaland, conveyed to the DTF members that the High Powered Committee during its meeting appreciated and acknowledged Wokha DTF as being one of the best performing district in the State in terms of effectively handling the crisis and in fighting the

pandemic.

During the meeting departments like Horticulture, Land Resources, Sericulture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Forests, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Water Resources, Rural Development, Tourism, Roads & Bridges, Chief Medical Office, and other developmental departments highlighted their action plans and activities to be implemented during the targeted period at Liphayan, which is one of the aspirational village under 40-Bhandari Assembly Constituency.

The meeting also approved the proposal for upgradation of EAC, Chanpang to SDO (C) with Border Magistrate, taking into consideration the need of an officer on the ground to support the dialogue between the two States of Assam and Nagaland government, as Wokha district shares the longest stretch of border with Assam, and to ensure that no untoward incident happens between the two States, the board approved the proposal to higher authority for recommendation.

The board also approved the proposal to upgrade Baghty into Town Council as it fulfills the required criteria as well as the area has a lot of scope and potential for expansion in various areas of development.



## C L JOHN INAUGURATES CHEN UNION ABOI 'PAAN'

Unveiling the plaque of the Chen Union Aboi 'Paan' (Morung) on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020, C L John as Chief Guest, expressed gratitude to the Chen Union Aboi Town for their hard work and successful completion of the Morung. The Morung was dedicated by Rev. Yeangphong, Pastor, ATBC. John also expressed his appreciation to the surrounding villages, area leaders for rendering their support and cooperation to Chen Union Aboi.

Addressing the gathering John reminded the sacrifices and hardships rendered by the pioneers. He said that in the olden days our forefathers built Paan (Morung) for training and also for any kind of decision making for the society or village. He encouraged the people to make use of

the 'Paan' in today's generation for training and decision making in the field of peace and prosperity.

MLA, Eshak congratulated the Chen Union Aboi and said that it is one of the first in Aboi town. It has set a good example of unity to the people, he added.

Yemwang Ahng, Chenmoho urged the people to cooperate with neighbours. Short speeches were also delivered by Pangao, President, KU, Aboi, T P Pongyao, President, KU Chen, Wangshok, President, KVCU, Chen Block, Shakwang, Angh, Langmeing.

CL. John also released the Morung Booklet which was dedicated by Rev. Yeangphong, Pastor, ATBC.

## NSDMA HANDS OVER FULLY EQUIPPED HEARSE TO NHAK

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department handed over one of the first well equipped hearse vehicle in the State to the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for the purpose of disposing dead bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic and also for other necessary usage.

The hearse vehicle equipped with a freezer box and back up inverter for single body was handed over to the Principal Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) by Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor, NSDMA, at the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC), NSDMA, Home Department.

While handing over the vehicle, the Advisor dedicated the vehicle to NHAK for the service of the people of Nagaland. Ahead of the handing over,

Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home, briefed that the Executive Committee of Chief Secretary Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) during its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 discussed about the need of a hearse vehicle in Nagaland and basing on the needs and requirements gave the responsibility to NSDMA, Home Department for purchasing and installation of necessary equipment in the vehicle.

Johnny Ruangmei, OSD to the Government of Nagaland, chairing the programme also briefed on the guidelines for operating the vehicle. Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie, Principal Director, H&FW on receiving the vehicle thanked the Government and said that the vehicle will benefit the State and will have a long impact for the needy people of Nagaland.

## NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES NSONG VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL

Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang inaugurated Nsong Village Community Hall under Tening sub-division on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Namri Nchang addressing the occasion encouraged the youth to educate themselves and follow the right direction. He congratulated the Village Council for timely completion of Community

Hall construction.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier called upon the gathering to be self-reliant instead of totally depending on the government. Short speeches were also delivered by Azenuo Pienyu, Project Director of DRDA who highlighted on the importance of community participation and

partnership for the execution of public work. Kiengau Nda, Block Development Officer of Tening lauded

the hard work rendered in the successful completion of the Community Hall.

### ADVISOR K.T. SUKHALU INAUGURATES ROSTRUM AT ZUNHEBOTO



*Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu inaugurating the rostrum at Public Ground, Zunheboto on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu inaugurated a rostrum at Public Ground, Zunheboto on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, constructed under Local Area Development Programme, in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner, Peter Lichamo, government officials, public leaders, church leaders, party workers and student body leaders.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the Advisor appreciated the commendable efforts put together by everyone involved, especially Toniho Chishi who supervised the construction. Retired Senior Pastor, SBCZ, Rev. Dr. Yevito Jimo pronounced the dedicatory prayer.

### MULTI PUBLIC UTILITY CENTRE INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL

A Multi Public Utility Centre in Dimapur District Hospital was inaugurated by Rev. Kari Longchar on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Utility Centre was constructed and donated by Dimapur Area Ao Churches & Civil Societies Co-ordination Committee on COVID-19 as a token of reciprocation and tribute to everyone who had contributed towards the successful management of the Quarantine Centres.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Convenor, Co-ordination Committee, Supo Jamir, also requested the hospital authority to use the facilities with maximum care.

The Medical Superintendent of the District Hospital Dimapur, Dr. Keveduyi Theyo, giving a note of appreciation said that it was not the first

time the community had contributed towards the society and reminded of a shed that was constructed in the hospital premises by DABA, which is still in use. He assured that the centre would be properly maintained and added that a committee would be formed to look after the maintenance of the facility under the leadership of Dr. Temsu.

The Utility Centre provides four toilets, two bathrooms, UV purified drinking water point, hand and face washing booths, mobile phone charging points and a spacious resting shed.

The inaugural programme was chaired by President, Dimapur Area Ao Baptist Pastors' Fellowship, N. Lipok Jamir while dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Kari Longchar.



**AGOK HOLDS DEDICATORY PROGRAMME FOR REFURBISHED CONFERENCE HALL**

The Angami Gazetted Officers Krotho (AGOK) organized a dedicatory programme for the newly refurbished Conference Hall of the Angami Public Organization (APO) building at Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Advisor, AGOK, Daso Paphino stressed on the history of the construction of the APO building which initially started in 2006 and was completed in 2009. He mentioned that with the contribution from every source the building could be completed on time. He apprised on the importance of a community building and how it signifies and reflects the image of a tribe and appealed to the people to conserve and

utilize it resourcefully.

Vice President, APO, K. T Vilie Theünuo stated that without AGOK, APO stands feeble. He also appreciated the AGOK for working and contributing selflessly for the betterment of the Angamis in general.

In the programme, Director, ABCCTK, Rev. Vicavor Krose offered the dedicatory prayer of the newly refurbished Conference Hall. President, APO as well as Chairperson of the programme, Dr. Kedoze Punyü highlighted on the renovation works and the expenditures incurred during the construction of the Conference Hall.

**ITC DAN (PANGSHA) TO SHINNYU ROAD INAUGURATED**

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurated ITC Dan (Pangsha) to Shinnyu Road on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Shinnyu village in the presence of Advisor, DUDA, N. Bongkhao Konyak.

During the inaugural programme, Haiying stated that the inter district road of Mon and Noklak, constructed under the Department of Under Developed Area, is a milestone achievement of Tobu area of Mon district and Pangsha area of Noklak district. Since very long time, we have been longing for this road and today, our dreams has been fulfilled, he said.

The road will become the lifeline of the region where connectivity will be established between the neighbouring villages of Khamniungans and Konyaks, which is of paramount importance and necessity. For development in the most remote region, he sought cooperation from all walks of life to support the government in all developmental activities.

Advisor, DUDA, N. Bongkhao Konyak

expressed his sincere appreciation to the contractor and officials of DUDA department, for the successful completion of the road. He also thanked the villagers and NGOs for cooperation and requested them to continue to support the government.

Khamniungan Tribal Council, Vice President, L. Buming thanked the Advisors, Haiying and Bongkhao for their efforts to complete the road and expressed hope that the road will be a lifeline for the region.

Executive Engineer, DUDA, Er. Imti Chang presented the technical report on construction of ITC Dan to Shinnyu village road. Dedication of the road was led by Shinnyu Village Baptist Church, Pastor, Phonglei Konyak.

Advisor, H. Haiying also inaugurated the Football Ground of Shinnyu village which was constructed under DUDA and also declared the Tobu Area Students Union Sports Meet open at Shinnyu village.

**MMHONLUMO KIKON INAUGURATES VILLAGE GATE AT BHANDARI**

Renewable Energy inaugurated the newly constructed Village Gate which was funded under LADF 2019-3020 at Bhandari village on 14<sup>th</sup> January

2021.

Appreciating the village for utilizing the allotted fund judiciously in constructing the landmark





*Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor, Information Technology, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy during the inauguration of the newly constructed Village Gate at Bhandari village on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

structure, Kikon also expressed hope that it will usher in more developmental steps and blessings for the village in the days ahead.

Kikon lauded the COVID-19 warriors and frontline workers led by the civil administration, who worked closely with the Health & Family Welfare, police and other line departments under his constituency, Bhandari, stating that their selfless service earned recognition as the most efficient subdivision in COVID-19 prevention and management for public health safety.

Kikon further called on the COVID-19 warriors and frontline workers to shed sense of doubt and fear, and to avail the opportunity for COVID-19 vaccination, stating that Covishield vaccination is made available to the citizens after completing all the necessary clinical trials and steps for all round safety.

## PLANETARIUM AND INNOVATION HUB BUILDING INAUGURATED

Minister of Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu inaugurated the Planetarium and Innovation Hub in Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. He called upon the students to explore more, to fill the gap on scientific temper and study, with the rest of the States. He assured all necessary assistance from the government side for the improvement of science education in Nagaland.

Advisor, Science & Technology, Information Technology & Communication and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon informed that catching the young students at early age will go a long way for the development of science and technology in Nagaland. He also added that the Government is in the pipeline to establish one planetarium in all the district headquarters in the near future.

## T. R. ZELIANG INAUGURATES JALUKIE PUNGCHI

Jalukie Pungchi inauguration programme was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at Jalukie Pungchi, Chairman's Residence with Leader of Opposition, NLA, T. R. Zeliang as the Special Guest. The village was established on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 and was recognised by the Government of Nagaland on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

T. R. Zeliang in his inaugural speech stated that Jalukie Pungchi is one of the largest in terms of area amongst the other Jalukie villages and has the

potential to become an urban settlement very soon. He also mentioned that Jalukie Valley is blessed with the best and most fertile land in Nagaland and is also regarded as the 'Rice Bowl of Nagland.' Therefore, he appealed to the people to take up sustainable farming and plantation which can yield more income. Stating that the village is located at the foothill of Peren district, he encouraged the village authority to make a master plan in order to make it a model village with well planned roads, drainage, etc.

Zeliang said that government jobs are scarce so we need to look for alternative source of income. He encouraged the Jalukie valley people to work hard and smart so that the valley can be the next 'Punjab of Nagaland' which can hold the economy of the State. T. R Zeliang also urged the

land owners not to sell their lands for short term relief, instead protect and preserve for generations to come.

The Special Guest unveiled the monolith at Peren district's Welcome Gate while dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. Ngimrai.

## CM INAUGURATES UPGRADED GREEN PARK

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Public Recreational Centre at Green Park, State Horticulture Nursery, Dimapur on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, in the presence of Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir, Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, President, NDPP, Chingwang Konyak, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo and officials from Horticulture department.

Speaking on the occasion, Neiphiu Rio felt that the green Park should not only be confined to the Department but opened to the general public for recreation, jogging, holding meetings and other activities. Mentioning that Green Park was centrally located, Rio was optimistic that public would pour in from all parts to spend their leisure time with family and friends for enjoying the peaceful ambience away from the buzz of the city. He informed about the decision for creating another public park at Chumukedima and identification of three more sites at Kohima, including the Old Zoo in Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland University Campus, Meriema and Thizama Fishery Complex.

To the Deputy Commissioner, administrative officers and village council leaders, Rio suggested for creating a space for markets in their respective colonies and common facilities for weddings and meetings for avoiding congestion. Rio also advised the Horticulture department for giving advertisement with regard to running the cafeteria at Green Park so that preference is given to trained qualified youth. Rio also planted a magnolia plant in the SHN, marking the day.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan described the Chief Minister of Nagaland as a great lover of nature and aesthetic beauty and said that it was Rio's idea



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio waters a Magnolia tree at Green Park, State Horticulture Nursery, Dimapur on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.*

for converting the open spaces in the Green Park into recreational centre mainly focussing on morning jogging. Observing that 15 to 20% of the Green Park was under water area, Yanthan was of the view that lots of aquatic activities could be taken up and also impressed on the need for upscaling the present activities.

Director and Mission Director (MIDH), Dr. R. Elithung Lotha apprised the Chief Minister for the need of proper fencing similar to that of the State Stadium in protecting the property of the Government while informing that the present fencing has been constructed way back in 1987-1988. He also informed on the need for renovation of

the Guest House which he said was a need for hosting guests coming from outside. Dr. Elithung announced that the recreational centre would be open to the public and morning joggers with free

entry for the month of January from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm (summer) and 6:00 am to 4:00 pm (winter). The Department would come out with the revised rates for membership and entry fees, he informed.

### **ADVISOR NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES BONGKOLONG VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL**

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang inaugurated the Bongkolong Village Community Hall under Ahthibung sub-division on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at Bongkolong Village Community Hall. The Community Hall was constructed under MGNREGA 2019-2020.

Addressing the gathering, Namri Nchang spoke about the developmental activities since the inception of Statehood and apprised the people of the area of what has been received by them till date. He called upon the people to retrospect on the past and unite for a better cause.

### **FIRST CIVIL HELIPAD INAUGURATED AT ZUNHEBOTO**

Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak inaugurated the first Civil Helipad at Zunheboto district on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, heads of departments and public leaders.

Paiwang Konyak pointed out that, the current government's aim is to come up with Civil Helipad in all the districts at the earliest and he added that, Civil Helipads are completed in Wokha and Zunheboto district, and Tizit sub-division and Mokochung district Civil Helipads are also due for inauguration on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The Minister also spoke about the completion of helipads in all internal places of Kohima district. He also highlighted on the project of the government in building an exclusive Civil Heliport at Dimapur. He also mentioned that, despite the challenges of the weather conditions, chopper services in the State shall be of 12:00 hrs of flying and unlike other States, the government is providing twin engine choppers, keeping in mind the safety of the passengers. Further Paiwang Konyak informed that he is in talks with the union ministry regarding improvement of NST bus services in the State.

### **NST SERVICE FROM TUENSANG TO ITC INAUGURATED**

NST bus service from Tuensang to ITC Dan was inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Dan by Advisor for Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying. Speaking on the occasion the Advisor thanked everyone who

worked tirelessly towards achieving the dream. He also expressed gratitude to Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak for the gift given to the Khamniungan people.

### **ADVISOR HAIYING INAUGURATES NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT KUSONG**

Advisor for Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurated the newly constructed Government Primary School building at Kusong village under Noklak district

on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The inauguration function was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, Village Council, GBs and Kusong citizens.



## ADVISOR TOSHI WUNGTUNG INAUGURATES SHIPONGER-HUHDANGRU ROAD

With dedicatory prayer by Dr. S. J. Akhum, Executive Secretary, YBBA, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung inaugurated the Shiponger-Hühdangrü, 14 km road on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The road was constructed through community

mobilisation led by Throngso, President and officials of Yimchungrü Tribal Council (YTC).

The President, YTC also acknowledged Advisor, Toshi Wungtung, former Brigadier Sheron 7<sup>th</sup> Sector, Amit Thakur, Commandant 45AR, Alula Z. Thsanso, former YWO, President, YBBA staff, Yimchungrü Elite WhatsApp Blog and well wishers.

## PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES HORTI LINK ROAD AT YACHEM

The Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated an RIDF project, Horti Link Road and NMISF Agri project at Etayongsho and Chichemleiven on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Minister lauded the department for successful completion of the project asserting that roads are gateways of development for overall progress of the society. He encouraged the farmers

to avail the opportunity provided.

Deputy Commissioner, M. Shayung Phom also exhorted the gathering while the DAO, Longleng, S. Yongchang Phom highlighted about the project. The project commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. It is implemented by the Department of Horticulture.

## MUSHROOM SPAWN PRODUCTION LAB INAUGURATED AT TUENSANG

Horticulture Department, Tuensang inaugurated a Mushroom Spawn Production Laboratory at its office in the presence of Dr. R. Elithung, Director of Horticulture on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The inaugural programme was attended by Bhupam Phom, Deputy Director, Horticulture, HoDs of Agri and Allied Department, Tuensang, DRDA, ECS and progressive farmers of Tuensang.

Speaking at the programme, Dr. Elithung mentioned that the installation is the 6<sup>th</sup> one in the State sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India and implemented by the Department. He mentioned that mushroom cultivation is one of the most promising cultivations amongst the horticulture activities, where less time is consumed for the cultivation and harvest. It is a very

nutritious crop, one of the best example of waste to wealth which can be cultivated for self-use and for economic productivity, he said. He said that the Spawn Production Lab in Tuensang will be very beneficial for both the consumer and the producer.

Deputy Director, Horticulture, Bhupam Phom said that every interested individual can train and get the needed spawn for cultivation and added that it will be very helpful from the economic point of view.

DAO, Tuensang, K Showuba said that it is indeed a good initiative for the farmers of the district and encouraged all the Agri and Allied Department to be pro-active in bringing up such development in the district so that more progressive farmers can be born from the district.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON COVID-19 VACCINE

(Source: Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland)

### Question

**1. Will COVID-19 vaccine be given to everyone simultaneously?**

Based on the potential availability of vaccines the Government of India has selected the priority groups who will be vaccinated on priority as they are at higher risk.

The first group includes healthcare and frontline workers. The second group to receive COVID-19 vaccine will be persons over 50 years of age and persons under 50 years with comorbid conditions.

**2. Is it mandatory to take the vaccine?**

Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary. However, it is advisable to receive the complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccine for protecting one-self against this disease and also to limit the spread of this disease to the close contacts including family members, friends, relatives and co-workers.

**3. Will the vaccine be safe as it is being tested and introduced in a short span of time?**

Vaccines will be introduced in the country only after the regulatory bodies clear it based on its safety and efficacy.

**4. Can a person presently having COVID-19 (confirmed or suspected) infection be vaccinated?**

These people may increase the risk of spreading the same to others at vaccination site. For this reason, infected individuals should defer vaccination for 14 days after symptoms resolution.

**5. Is it necessary for a COVID-19 recovered person to take the vaccine?**

Yes, it is advisable to receive complete schedule of COVID vaccine irrespective of past history of infection with COVID-19. This will help in developing a strong immune response against the disease.

**6. Out of the multiple vaccines available, how is one or more vaccine chosen for administration?**

The safety and efficacy data from clinical trials of vaccine candidates are examined by Drug Regulator of our country before granting the license for the same. Hence, all the COVID-19 vaccines that receive license will have comparable safety and efficacy.

However, it must be ensured that the entire schedule of vaccination is completed by only one type of vaccine as different COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable.

**Will the vaccine introduced in India be as effective as the ones introduced in other countries?**

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine introduced in India will be as effective as any vaccine developed by other countries. Various phases of vaccine trials are undertaken to ensure its safety and efficacy.

**8. Can a person get the COVID-19 vaccine without registration with Health & Family Welfare Department?**

No, registration of beneficiary is mandatory for vaccination for COVID-19. Only after registration the information on the session site to visit and time will be shared with the beneficiary.

**9. What documents are required for registration of eligible beneficiary?**

Any of the mentioned ID with Photo - Aadhar Card, Driving License, Health Insurance Smart Card, MGNREGA Job Card, Official Identity Cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, PAN Card, Passbooks issued by Bank/Post Office, Passport, Pension Document, Service Identity Card, Voter ID, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR.



**10. Will a Photo/ID be required at the time of registration/session site?**

Photo ID is a must for both registration and verification of beneficiary at session site to ensure that the intended person is vaccinated.

**11. How will the beneficiary receive information about due date of vaccination?**

Following online registration, beneficiary will receive SMS on their registered mobile number on the due date, place and time of vaccination.

**12. Will vaccinated beneficiaries receive information on the status of their vaccination after completion?**

Yes. On getting due dose of COVID-19 vaccines, the beneficiary will receive SMS on their registered mobile number. After all doses of vaccine are administered, a QR code based certificate will also be sent to the registered mobile number of the beneficiary.

**13. If one is taking medicines for illnesses like Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension, etc., can she/he take the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Yes, Persons with one or more of these comorbid conditions are considered high risk category. They need to get COVID-19 vaccinations.

**14. Are there any preventive measures and precautions that one needs to follow at the session site?**

We request you to rest at the Vaccination

Centre for at least half an hour after taking the COVID-19 vaccine. Inform the nearest health authorities/ANM/ASHA in case you feel any discomfort or uneasiness subsequently. Remember to continue following key COVID Appropriate Behaviours like wearing of mask, maintaining hand sanitization and physical distance (or 6 feet).

**15. What about the possible side-effects from COVID-19 vaccine?**

COVID-19 vaccine will be introduced only when the safety is proven. As is true for other vaccines, the common side effects in some individuals could be mild fever, pain, etc. at the site of injection.

States have been asked to start making arrangements to deal with any COVID-19 vaccine-related side-effects as one of the measures towards safe vaccine delivery among masses.

**16. How many doses of the vaccine would have to be taken by me and at what interval?**

Two doses of vaccine, 28 days apart, need to be taken by an individual to complete the vaccination schedule.

**17. When would antibodies develop? After taking first dose, after taking second dose or much later?**

Protective levels of antibodies are generally developed two weeks after receiving the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

## **BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO**

*(A DIPR feature)*

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) is a scheme by the Government of India aimed at ensuring survival, protection, education and participation of the girl child. It was launched on 13th October 2015 in Nagaland by the then Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang. The Nagaland State Social Welfare Board is the

implementing agency of BBBP State level and the State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) is the Project Management Unit (PMU). At the district level it is implemented by the District Administration through the District Level Centre for Women, Mahila Shakti Kendra in the Multi-Sectoral Action districts - Mon, Wokha, Mokokchung, Peren, Phek, Longleng



and Tuensang, and Advocacy and Media Plan districts-Kohima, Zunheboto, Dimapur and Kiphire.

Right to Education is recognized as a basic human right by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 45 of the Indian Constitution also recognizes the right to free and compulsory education upto the age of 14 years. According to the 2011 census, the literacy rate for Nagaland is 79.55% and the literacy rate for females and males are 76.11% and 82.75% respectively. These statistics shows that male literacy rates are higher as compared to females, one of the primary factors attributing to this is, because, females are regarded as temporary members of the family, hence, investment in girls are seen as unnecessary. On account of this, particularly in the rural areas, parents prefer to send their male children to private schools which are deemed to provide quality education while the female children are sent to government schools which provide free schooling but are often limited by infrastructure and resources.

Being denied quality education, most girls

often drop out of school at a young age, further leading to the subordination of their role in the family and in the society. To empower these girls, focus is given on skill development, whereby, this would enable economic participation and empowerment. The very core of the BBBP scheme is aimed at providing a better quality of life for the girl child and it is through education or vocational training that this objective can be effectively achieved.

Various studies have shown that providing quality education and skill development training to girls help in the overall development of the society at large and the nation in general. As it will not only help in procuring employment leading to financial independence but it would also lead to participation in the public sphere which in turn will raise their status in the family and in the society as well. As per the report of the 'Annual Employment Review: 2019-2020' by the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, the following statistics are given in regard to the employment of Naga women in the public and private sector.

### WOMEN EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTOR AS ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2020

TABLE – 8

Sector		Women Employment as on		Percentage%
		31-03-2019	31-03-2020	
1		2	3	4
	Public Sector	20101	20708	3.02
	Private Sector	3142	3345	6.46
	Total	23243	24053	3.48



WOMEN EMPLOYMENT IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF PUBLIC SECTOR AND  
LARGER & SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS IN PRIVATE SECTOR  
AS ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2020

TABLE – 9

Sector		Women Employment as on		Percentage%
		31-03-2019	31-03-2020	
1		2	3	4
<b>A.</b>	<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>			
	Central Government	260	238	-8.46
	State Government	18945	19581	3.36
	Central Government (Quasi)	470	459	-2.34
	State Government (Quasi)	342	340	-0.58
	Local Bodies	84	90	7.14
	Total (A)	20101	20708	3.02
<b>B.</b>	<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>			
	Larger Establishments	2146	2329	8.53
	Smaller Establishments	996	1016	2.01
	Total (B)	3142	3345	6.46
	Grand Total (A+B)	23243	24053	3.48

WOMEN EMPLOYMENT IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF THE STATE  
AS ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2020

TABLE – 10

District	Women Employment as on		Percentage%
	31-03-2019	31-03-2020	
1	2	3	4
Kohima/Peren	5993	5952	-0.68
Dimapur	3967	3985	0.45
Mokokchung/Longleng	3045	3007	-1.25
Mon	605	971	60.50
Phek	830	855	3.01
Tuensang/Kiphire	1639	1821	11.10
Wokha	1673	1749	4.54
Zunheboto	2349	2368	0.81
Total	20101	20708	3.02

When it comes to the BBBP scheme, Nagaland has fared quite well in its implementation. It has been awarded a national award for Best Performing State under BBBP on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Wokha district has also received two national awards- 'Effective Community Engagement' on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 it was amongst the ten districts in India felicitated for undertaking 'Good work in generating awareness and outreach

activities.' The BBBP implementing agencies in Nagaland have worked extensively in ensuring that the welfare of the Girl Child is not compromised in the face of the societal gender roles and norms, we can also confidently say that BBBP has been accepted as a gender friendly scheme. However, there is still so much to be done and the responsibility lies in each and everyone one of us to accept the role of the Girl Child in the society as a pivotal one.

(Source: SRCW)





*Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Science & Technology, Information Technology & Communication and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon along with officials during the inauguration of the Planetarium and Innovation Hub at Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



*Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak inaugurating the first Civil Helipad at Zunheboto district on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS along with officials releasing 'A Glimpse of Systematic Voters Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Activities in Nagaland' on 11<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



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