





An Ariju, a replica of bachelors' dormitory in Ao villages constructed at DC's Bungalow, Mokokchung was inaugurated by DC, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal on 16th April 2018. (DPRO Mokokchung)



Minister, Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along with other officials after inaugurating the Government Polytechnic, Sedem, Tuensang on 11th April 2018. (DPRO Tuensang)

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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

GOVERNMENT APPOINTS DAN CHAIRMAN

Urban Development Department has notified that in accordance with Section 8A of the Nagaland Town & Country Planning Act, 1966 and in pursuance to Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Cell) Notification No.CAB-1/2008 dated 27-03-2018, the Government of Nagaland has appointed A. Nyamnyi Konyak as Chairman of Development Authority Nagaland (DAN) with immediate effect.

DoSE INFORMS INSTITUTIONS

All the schools under the Department of School Education have been informed that Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of School Education and Literary 2005 has already recommended Physical Education, Sports and Health as compulsory subjects from Class 1 to 10.

Therefore, all have been directed to allocate adequate period to the concerned teachers. The Department has a handbook for this purpose, which has been distributed to all the Physical Education teachers.

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCHEDULE TRIBE STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASS IX AND X

The Director (HoD), School Education, Wonthungo Tsopoe has informed all concerned students belonging to Schedule Tribe studying in Class IX and X (both private and government schools), pursuing studies in the state and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2 lakh, to apply (both Fresh & Renewal) for Pre-Matric Scholarship for Schedule Tribe students studying in class IX and X.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Student should belong to Schedule Tribe.
2. He/She should not be getting any other centrally funded Pre-Matric Scholarship.
3. He/She should be a regular student studying at government/private schools recognized by Government.
4. The tenure of scholarship is subject to good conduct and satisfactory progress in studies including promotion from class to class every year.

Application procedure & activity schedule:

1. One copy of passport sized photograph with signature of the student.
2. A photocopy of Schedule Tribe certificate duly signed by an authorized officer not below the rank of SDO(C).
3. Certificate of self declaration of family income under Pre-Matric Scholarship for Schedule Tribe students studying in Class IX and X should be enclosed.
4. Photocopy of first page student's bank passbook.
5. In case of parents' account, students should enclose their Birth Certificate along with the photocopy of their parents' bank passbook.
6. Students must keep their given bank account active for smooth transaction.
7. Invalid information related to bank account & IFSC code shall be summarily rejected.
8. The last date of submission of application form to the District Education Officer from the head of the institution is 31st May 2018.
9. The last date of submission of application forms both hard and soft data along with the application to the Directorate from the District Education Officer is 30th June 2018.
10. Submission of any proposal after the time schedule shall be summarily rejected
11. Application form should not be sold at any level and no additional fee under any circumstances or for any reason shall be charged from the beneficiaries.

SWACHHTA PAKHWADA (FORTNIGHT) 2018 LAUNCHED

‘Cleanliness is important for a healthy living,’ said Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom while launching the Swachhta Pakhwada (Fortnight)-2018 at NHAK MD Conference Hall on 2nd April 2018.

Pangnyu Phom maintained that cleanliness is important for environmental development besides health and spiritual development. Cleanliness should start from the kitchen, the family and the individual, he stated, urging all to maintain personal hygiene in order to defend and keep oneself away from viruses and infections. The Minister also encouraged doctors and nurses to start cleanliness drives at hospitals, dispensaries and health centres, maintaining that the

same will set a good example for the public to live a healthier and cleaner life. He concluded his speech by reading out the 12 Swachhta Pledge.

National Health Mission, Nagaland celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) for 15 days (1st-15th April 2018) with an aim to promote cleanliness fortnight, said Nodal Officer, Swachh Bharat & Additional Director, H&FW, Dr. Tokuhu Chishi. ‘Swachhta Se Siddhi’ would be the tagline of Swachhta Pakhwada, 2018 under National Health Mission Nagaland, he noted. Through Swachhta Pakhwada, NRHM will consider setting up permanent mechanism through various programmes and schemes, he added.

CM ADDRESSES AHOds/HODs MEETING

AHOds and HoDs meeting was held on 3rd April 2018 at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS.

Addressing the AHOds & HoDs, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio called on re-inculcating work culture and maintaining punctuality, working with accountability and transparency to fulfill the commitment and promises of the Government.

On the 91st Amendment of downsizing and restricting the appointments of Parliamentary Secretaries and the question of office of profit, Rio said Advisors were appointed in various departments after thorough consultation with legal luminaries. Their talents, expertise and experience, he added,

will contribute towards the development of the departments.

Non-settlement of some symbolic issues has been prolonging the Naga Political Issue even after dialogues and peace process for over 23 years, Rio said. Sooner or later, settlement will come, he said, calling on the unity of the Nagas for the same to



CM, Neiphiu Rio addressing the AHOds & HoDs meeting at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 3rd April 2018.

happen. He further apprised that the Centre for Peace and Non Violence will be created for the same purpose. The centre will be headed by non-governmental intellectual, experienced, unbiased, someone who will come above individualism and tribalism.

Every department should set a target and follow the same as a challenge, Rio called, touching the issue of good governance. He urged all government servants to link their service with their Aadhaar card to do away with ghost employees or double or triple employees. On removing the VIP culture, he expressed happiness that the elected representative and government officials including the churches and civil societies have been cooperating with the Government.

Road is the face of the state, Rio stated, commenting on road repairs and potholes. He said that Rs. 50 crore has been sanctioned for immediate repair of roads in Kohima and Dimapur which will be done by the concerned department.

Rio also stated that very soon, the common minimum program of the PDA government will be released. Rio also highlighted on many other issues including the Investment and Developmental Board, public grievances cell, economy, women issues

etc. He mentioned that more importance should be given to sports to engage more of our youth in sports activity. Also to recognize and respect legendary T. Ao, foundation stone will be laid in Dimapur.

Rio said that UPSC qualified written candidates will be given professional coaching. Also excursion tour to Delhi for selected students will be organized every year. He also said that for students studying outside will be given Rs. 5 lakh in the event of unfortunate death.

Rio emphasized that with the help of Civil Aviation Policy and Regional Connectivity of Northeast, Kohima will soon build a short runway for connectivity. He also said that Australian Private Company Cooperate Social Responsibility is going to provide aircraft and build a short runway of 500m free of cost. He mentioned that in the near future, short runway connectivity will be provided in all the districts.

Rio also stated that JNRUM will be transformed to transport and will be used as town bus in Dimapur particularly from Chumukedima to Dimapur. He also stated that the departments taking up the projects in ENPO area should be highlighted so that the departmental activities will be known.

HORTICULTURE FELICITATES NEW ADVISOR

A felicitation-cum-introductory programme was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Horticulture on 3rd April 2018 with Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan as the Chief Guest. The programme was chaired by Secretary, Horticulture, Alan Gonmei, IAS.

Mhathung Yanthan in his speech informed that Nagaland has a lot of potential to develop in the field of horticulture and called upon all the officers to sincerely work for the farmers. He mentioned that the need of the hour is change in approach, thinking, planning, and added that it is important to keep pace with technology. He mentioned that in many villages,

people have already given up farming, so the role of the department is to identify and research what went wrong. He questioned the aspect of the market chain or lack of technical knowledge and added that all funds should reach to those working in the grassroot level and emphasis on the importance of skill development and training should be given.

Welcome speech was delivered by Joint Director, Horticulture, Qhutovi Wotsa. Highlights of the departmental activities were presented by the Director & Mission Director (MIDH), Dr. R. Elithung Lotha. Vote of thanks was proposed by Deputy Director, Horticulture, Jerry Patton.

E & S WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR



L. Khumo Khiam, Advisor, E&S speaking during the introductory meeting held at the DES Conference Hall, Kohima on 4th April 2018.

A felicitation programme of L. Khumo Khiam, Advisor, Economics & Statistics was held on

4th April 2018 at the DES Conference Hall, Kohima. The programme was chaired by Y. Sacheo Ovung, Director, Economics & Statistics. An appraisal on the activities of the department was given by R. Kronu, Additional Director, Economics & Statistics.

L. Khumo Khiam in his speech thanked the department for organising a programme to welcome him. Considering the achievements and activities undertaken, he acknowledged the Director and the staff and stated that the department is an important functionary of the state. Elaborating on the work ethics and culture that needs to be followed, he expressed that the Department of Economics & Statistics should be an example to the rest of the other departments in the state. Assuring the best of his time and service so long as he is with the department, he asked for cooperation of each and every employee for strengthening the department for the benefit of all.

KOHIMA ENLISTED FOR LIVEABILITY ASSESSMENT

Kohima has been enlisted on the assessment of Liveability Index and rate cities as one amongst 117 cities across India.

A state orientation workshop was held on the 4th April 2018 on assessment of liveability indices in Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima which was attended by the 21 line departments and stakeholders concerned under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS.

The Chief Secretary in his keynote address in inaugural session said, 'Liveability Standards Index' is a mission and a project which basically is to improve the liveability of a particular city in the event of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. Stating that GOI decided to quantify 117 cities over the country undertaking this exercise into Liveability Index, Toy urged the Heads of the Departments for coordination towards the fulfillment of the mission. He also said that the

state is going to have planning and called upon the attention of all line departments and stakeholders subsequently.

Secretary, Urban Development, Motsuthung Lotha who delivered the welcome address, informed that the state is a little behind the schedule particularly due to the state assembly election. However, he requested all the stakeholders and departments to give due emphasis on the activities of the mission.

Nodal Officer for Northeast, Dr. Natashori K gave a powerpoint presentation on the overview of the Liveability Index, data entry portal progress monitoring dash board, key timeline and milestones and role of the coordinators. She further emphasised on the composition of the cities, understanding the stakeholders' responsibilities, formulation of comprehensive city plan/master plan thereby serving as a concrete plan in achieving erstwhile Sustainable Development Goals.

AOLEANG CELEBRATED AT MON

Konyaks celebrated Aoleang Monyu festival on 4th April at local ground, Mon with N. Bongkhao Konyak, Advisor DUDA as the Chief Guest and Thavaseelan K, IAS, DC Mon as the Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Bongkhao Konyak urged the people to work together for all the civil societies and reminded young intellectuals to find a path for preserving the lost rich traditions and culture. He called upon the young student leaders headed by KSU and MTSU to advocate the importance of education among the far flung villages and serve the community with utmost allegiance. He also urged

the youth to know the usage of technology and not to let the rich diverse culture and tradition become a mere history. He appealed to the young minds to embrace culture with pride wherever they go.

Guest of Honor, Thavaseelan K, IAS, DC Mon also called upon the people of Mon to rededicate oneself for the progress of the festival. Dignitaries like E. E. Pangteang, MLA; C. L John, MLA; Y. M. Yollow, MLA; Eshak Konyak, MLA and Khoiwang, President ENPO and well wishers attended the festival. Cultural songs and dance were performed by union of villages and areas.



Konyaks celebrated Aoleang Monyu festival on 4th April 2018 at Local Ground, Mon.

3rd Federal Assembly of NSF

The 3rd Federal Assembly of the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) for the tenure 2017-2019 was held at Mokokchung Village on 5th April 2018, hosted by Mokokchung Village Students' Union (MSKT) under the aegis of Ao Students' Conference (AKM).

The NSF Speaker as per the roll call declared the quorum formed and proceeded with the 3rd Federal Assembly. Wabangkumzuk Longkumer pronounced the invocation, welcome speech was delivered by S. Pur Longkumer, Tatar, Mokokchung village while, a special song was presented by Yapangtola.

IMCT holds Co-Ordination Meeting with WDDMA

Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) from Delhi led by Joint Secretary (Judicial) Ministry of Home Affairs, V.B. Dubey along with three other officers held a co-ordination meeting with Wokha District Disaster Management Authority (WDDMA) at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 5th April 2018. The IMCT visited the district for assessment of damage caused due to floods/landslides during the year 2017.

During the meeting, DC and Chairman WDDMA, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS highlighted disaster scenario, vulnerability and hazard analysis of Wokha district. The DC also highlighted that the district is not only compounded to natural calamities

but is also facing human and animal conflict which needs to be given special attention as the rural people depend on agricultural and its allied production as their mainstay. Disaster Management Officer, Wokha, Mercy also presented damage assessment and utilization of funds report.

Briefing about Human Elephant Conflict in the District, DFO Wokha, Zuthunglo Patton said Wokha district holds more than 2/3 of Nagaland's elephant population which is the second highest density per Sq. Km after Karnataka. Patton also highlighted some mitigation measures and challenges which lies ahead with the WDDMA, and suggested role-following points such as convergence, relief/compensation for crop damage, property damage, injury or loss of life, awareness (village to village, door to door) in high conflict areas and various low cost techniques for early warning as well as during crop raiding/elephant presence in village.

CM Graces Closing Ceremony Khelo India for PwDs

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio graced the State Games 2018 closing ceremony Khelo India for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Nagaland as the Chief Guest on 6th April 2018 at Old Showba Baptist Church, Dimapur.

Rio in his speech lauded the efforts of the office bearers and organisers for taking care of the PwDs by organising the event with a very apt motto 'Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.' He appreciated the commendable exemplary commitment and patience undertaken by the coaches and various organisations spending hours and hours in nurturing the potentials and talents of PwDs. Dealing with them needs special care and extra attention with love not only from parents and coaches but the society as a whole, Rio maintained. On the occasion, Rio informed that Nagaland will be announcing Special Fund for sports and assured

that the Government would include Special Olympic Nagaland (SON) under the ambient of Olympic Association Nagaland. Rio suggested to the Advisor Youth Resources and Sports, Er. Zale Neikha, who was also present to undertake further study in promoting sports for both abled and disabled persons. The Chief Guest also gave away the medals and certificates to the winning athletes.

SON Area Director, Arenla Tzudir Ezung appealed to the Government of the day for SON recognition by Nagaland Olympic Association and Sports department, cash award to all national and international medalists which includes 131 medals thus far, and for earmarking yearly budget for SON mission for five years starting from financial year 2018-19.

During the programme, heart touching skit, choreography and special songs were presented by the PwDs (campers). Mhachio Ngullie, International Special Athlete 2013 shared his journey in SON while, coach Jangtsu, camp director presented the State Games 2018 Report. Deputy Speaker, Zhaleo Rio also attended the programme.

Pangnyu Phom Calls on Union Minister

Minister for Health and Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom accompanied by department officials called on J. P. Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Anupriya Patel, Union Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare and Shripad Naik, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH on 6th April 2018.

S. Pangnyu Phom thanked the Union Ministers for their constant support to the State of Nagaland for improving the health care delivery system. The Minister also appraised the Union Ministers about the progress made by the state in implementing various centrally sponsored schemes. He requested the Ministry of India to extend support for following priority projects in the state, namely, i)

To run the Nagaland Medical College in Kohima as a central institute like NEIGRIHMS or RIMS, ii) Improving the infrastructure facilities in the District Hospitals in Longleng and Tuensang, iii) Setting up of a New Medical College in Eastern Nagaland, iv) Setting up of AYUSH Hospital in all the districts, v) Setting up of Accident and Trauma Centres in all district hospitals

and vi) Setting up of Regional Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Research Centre in the state.

The Union Ministers assured to extend all possible help to complete the ongoing projects in the state and also to consider the new projects proposed by the State Government for improving the health sector in the state.

Intensive Cultivation the Only Future: Mhathung Yanthan



Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan inspecting the Hi Tech Vegetable Seedlings Production Unit at SHN, Dimapur on 6th April 2018.

Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan emphasised on the importance of intensive cultivation with minimum space and maximum productivity by using hi-tech farming. He said this during his maiden visit to the State Horticulture Nursery (SHN) Dimapur on 6th April 2018, after taking over as Advisor of the department.

Addressing the staff of SHN and DHO Dimapur, Yanthan exhorted them to give in their best and deliver better services to the people while

in service, so that they don't regret after retirement. He pointed out that the department is fortunate for having 32 hectares of land in a prime location like Dimapur, and encouraged them to fulfil the vision of the department by making it a hub of research centre and a repository of knowledge. Regretting that many local indigenous crops are on the verge of extinction, Mhathung Yanthan advised them to preserve and promote the wild vegetables and the wild fruits found in Nagaland.

The Advisor also asked the department officials to put up proposal for expansion of Central laboratory SHN, as space was found to be very limited in the present lab. Assuring to address the deficiencies of the department in whatever manner possible, Yanthan encouraged the officers and staff to join hands together and work collectively in order to bring change in the State.

Director, Horticulture, Dr. Elithung; Joint Director, SHN Dimapur, Imrong; AHO, SHN Alemtems; DHO, Dimapur, Temsu Longkumer and Horticulture Officer SHN, Theja briefed the Advisor on the activities and grievances of the department with regard to Horticulture, to which he assured to look into the matter.

Planning Minister Calls for Effective Developmental Activities

Neiba Kronu, Minister for Planning & Coordination and Land Revenue on 6th April 2018 called upon the officers and staff of Planning

Machinery, Planning and Coordination Department to push forward the state with a vision to bring a greater level of development across the state. In his statement, the Minister highlighted on evolving an appropriate system to give direction to new development model and plans to develop the state in all fronts with substantial and efficient delivery system.

M. Patton, Commissioner & Secretary chaired the meeting while, Nosazol Charles, Additional Development Commissioner presented the activities of the department and initiated discussion on various

agendas. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

4th REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR NE STATES CULMINATES



Minister, H&TE, Temjen Imna Along with Directors and Principals at the 4th Regional Workshop on Technical Education for NE states at Kohima on 9th April 2018.

The 4th Regional Workshop on Technical Education for North Eastern States which began from 7th April 2018 culminated at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 9th April 2018.

‘Ministers of Higher & Technical Education of various states and faculty students should be invited for workshop in future,’ said Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along while delivering his valedictory address, adding that the respective State Ministers and students should understand the effort of the faculty, directors and principals or else success will be slow. He advised to look for possibilities where Class-VIII or X dropped out students should be absorbed in the technical education, stating that the energy of the younger generation could be harnessed. The Minister asserted that technical education being a practical department, should not have criteria but should give the best opportunity to the students from poor economic background. He also urged polytechnic teachers to

go extra mile and go beyond their duties and build the students, considering as personal endeavour, else he said the policies and programmes meant for the students would not be achieved.

Director, NITTTT, Kolkata, Prof. Phalguni Gupta gave the following recommendation during the valedictory program: Preparation for accreditation by NBA, feasibility study for establishment of new polytechnics and for introducing new programme in existing polytechnics, provision for skill based short term training for faculty members and technical staff of polytechnic institutes, the role of AICTE in enhancing polytechnic education system in North Eastern states, internship of polytechnic students in NITS, long term contractual faculty recruitment through MHRD for north eastern states, course file development for diploma programme, internet connectivity through satellite communication for north eastern states and industry exposure to passed out polytechnic students through BOPT/BOAT.

Toshi Wungtung Visits SCERT

Director, SCERT, T. Sekhose welcomed Toshi Wungtung, the new Advisor of SCERT, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards during the introductory meeting at the Directorate of SCERT on 10th April 2018.

In his speech, Toshi Wungtung said that education is the basic tool for social structure which manifests overall characters of a society and it must also be the same tool for the SCERT department and all the 11 districts. Education must be a progressive concept for the Naga people today and he asked the department to take up the challenges that lies ahead for the development of the society. The new Advisor expressed his desire to work with the department and to bring positive change in the society.

Be more engaged in academic work: Pro-VC, NU

A book release programme was held at the office chamber of Pro-Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University (NU) Kohima Campus, Meriema on 10th April 2018.

Speaking at the book release function, Pro-Vice Chancellor, NU, Prof. RC Gupta said it is a very

proud moment for the Department of Education to be releasing the three books written by his colleagues. He added that the book will be very helpful for the teachers in dealing with the various problems, challenges, parameter indicator, quality indicator, current issues etc. Knowledge is unending, he said and urged the educators to organise more seminars and project works in future.

Highlighting the achievements of NU, Prof. RC Gupta said that in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) held in 2018, out of 750 universities across the country, NU secured 95 position in the ranking which is commendable as compared to 2016 ranking where NU was in 227 position. He stated that this achievement could not have happened without the support of both the teaching and non-teaching staff of Nagaland University and added that in the coming years, NU will stride forward and target the 50 ranking position.

Also delivering a short message, HoD of Education Department, Prof. Lungsang Zeliang said that the book will not only enable prospective teachers to gain knowledge of their subject matter but will gear them to communicate effectively and work with dedication.

The book contains compilation of the paper presented during the seminar on 'Quality teacher education: issues and challenges,' held on 7th and 8th November 2016. The three volume book is edited by Prof. Lungsang Zeliang, Narola Chuba and Dr. M. Rajendra Nath Babu and published by APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi.

RMSA Induction Training for Secondary Teachers

Induction training for newly recruited secondary teachers under RMSA was held at the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) Office from 10th April 2018.

On the opening day, Senior Academic Officer, NBSE welcomed the teachers and shared about the objective of the training which is to help



Pro-Vice Chancellor, NU, Prof. RC Gupta with editors of the book, Prof. Lungsang Zeliang, Narola Chuba and Dr. M. Rajendra Nath Babu at NU Kohima Campus, Meriema on 10th April 2018.

teachers know their roles and responsibilities as a teacher and acquaint them with the conduct rules as a government servant.

Resource Person, Pheluopfelie Kesiezie spoke on the role and responsibilities of a teacher and urged the teachers to take their responsibility with seriousness and to be committed in their duties. He dwelled on the five cardinals of teaching (5H) i.e Heart - good character, Head - academic intelligence, Hand - to do practicals, Humour - to make the classroom lively and Humility - concern and love, respect for the students. He also briefed the teachers on the educational systems being practiced in some advanced countries where the teaching profession is regarded very highly. The teachers must become a role model for the children in all aspects.

Resource Person, Hovithal Sothu from Administrative Training Institute, Kohima took up the Nagaland Government Servants Conduct Rules 1968. The participants were thoroughly briefed on the Conduct Rules. The resource person urged the teachers to take their jobs as a mission in transforming the lives of our children. He also asked the teachers to perform with utmost integrity and devotion.

On the last day, Rangumbuing Nsarangbe, Additional Secretary, NBSE dwelled on the examination reforms, grading system and Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) followed by the Board. The participants were also briefed on quality question setting along with development of blueprint of a question paper.

Y&SR Advisor Meets Union MoS

Er. Zale Neikha, Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports called on the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore at his office residence in New Delhi.

During the meeting, Er. Zale Neikha appraised the ongoing centrally sponsorship schemes in the state and infrastructure needs of the YR&S Department. He submitted the state top priority needs of infrastructure development in various disciplines to be considered by the Central Ministry. In reply to his request, the Union Minister assured to take up those top priority projects for early sanction in the interest of Naga youth. The Union Minister also acknowledged the capable and potential talent of the Naga youths.

In the later part of the day, the Advisor also called on both the Secretaries of Sports & Youth Affairs at their respective offices and highlighted the activities of the Y & RS Department, Nagaland and requested them to support and extend their full help to the Naga youths which was accordingly obliged by both the Secretaries.

Toshi Wungtung Meets IPR Officials

The Department of Information & Public Relations had an introductory meeting with the Advisor, Information & Public Relations, SCERT & Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung at the Conference Hall, Directorate of IPR on 11th April 2018.

Talking on his background, the Advisor



Advisor, IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung addressing IPR officials during the introductory meeting at the Directorate of IPR on 11th April 2018.

said he has done researches and have looked for information, reading and writing books and co-authoring. 'Reading and writing is very important as it takes you forward, makes you interact; it launches you deep and far. There is no bound in having to be informed and to know.' Therefore, stressing on the importance of information, Wungtung said since the ancient civilizations, co-ordination and information have been the basic tool. All the departments are in need of our service because everyone knows how important it is to know and to get updated, we believe in a participative and inclusive governance, he mentioned.

'I believe in inclusiveness and participation, which to me is democracy. IPR is the backbone or the launch pad to strengthen the spirit of democracy, I

look for your innovative inputs and co-operation and also look forward to working with you all,' Wungtung further stated.

Director IPR, Limawati Ao during his welcome address, gave an overview of the department. He highlighted on the structural set-up of the Directorate as well as the district offices, the role and activities of the department and also the changes in the priorities of the department during the last several decades since the inception of the department.

Additional Director, IPR, Z. Tokishe Sema chaired the programme while, Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Lithrongla G. Chishi delivered the concluding remarks.

I&FC WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR

Advisor, Irrigation & Flood Control, Namri Nchang visited the Chief Engineer's Office, I&FC on 11th April 2018. Commissioner & Secretary, N. Hushili Sema who chaired the function, congratulated the Advisor and added that under his leadership, the department will attain and help improve the various activities and urged all the staff to work hard in order to achieve the demand and the needs of the people and urged those persons in the district to be in the station.

Namri Nchang in his speech informed that the staff should work extra mile in order to bring development and fulfill the needs of the people. He advised them to be punctual and disciplined and added that nothing can supplement hard work. He added that politicians may come and go but the officials in the department are the backbone so he asked all the officials to bring suggestion for the improvement of the department.

Chief Engineer, IFC, Er. S. Kughato Sema in his speech mentioned that with the coming of the new

Government and Advisor, the department is looking forward to finish the pending projects and bring more development. He informed that every year, the target is fixed to create additional potential but lack of funds is the factor for not achieving the plan.

The activities of the department were presented by SDO, IFC, Er. Wapangnaro Imchen while, a presentation on National Hydrology Project was given by EE, IFC, Er. Sobu Angami. Vote of thanks was proposed by Additional CE, IFC, Er. Tsuktinungsang.



Advisor, I & FC, Namri Nchang and officials during his visit to the Chief Engineer Office, I & FC on 11th April 2018.

NEPEX REVIEW MEETING HELD AT ATI

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority held a day-long review meeting on Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) at ATI on 12th April 2018. The programme was organized by Home Department in collaboration with NDMA Government of India.

While delivering the keynote address, Home Commissioner, Abhishek Singh, IAS said that whenever there is a form of disaster, for example, an earthquake that occurs in any part of the country, it is not the disaster alone that causes loss of lives and property but the prime reason is because of how unprepared the people are and also because of how poorly the buildings are constructed.

Abhishek Singh further added that the objective of the exercise to be carried out in the best possible medium is through the media. The media plays a vital role and therefore, he requested the private media houses and the IPR Department to spread this message.

Joint Advisor (Ops), NDMA, Dharendra Singh

Sindhu in his opening remark said that the main objective of the mega mock exercise is to test the adequacy and efficacy of the Emergency Response plans of the state and district against Disasters. He also highlighted the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders at the state and district level as per IRS. He added that the exercise is to enhance coordination and synergize efforts of various Emergency Support Functions of the state and district and to find gaps in the resources, manpower, equipment, communication and systems.

The programme was chaired by Deputy Commandant, General Home Guards & Civil Defence, Medozhalie Pienyu. DGP, Rupin Sharma, IPS also highlighted the roles of different section of Incident Response System (IRS); Dr. Hovital Sothu, Deputy Director, ATI also gave an insight on the structure of Incident Response System (IRS); OSD, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei highlighted on the review of NEPEX 2017. The discussion and demobilization was moderated by Khrolou Lohe, STCBO, NSDMA.

State ROUND UP



Home Commissioner, Abhishek Singh, IAS speaking during the review meeting on NEPEX at ATI on 12th April 2018.

AGRI & ALLIED DEPARTMENTS ORGANISE CONSULTATIONS ON 'FOCUS'

Agri and Allied Departments organised a consultation programme on 'Fostering of Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in North East' Project-Nagaland (FOCUS) at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 12th April 2018.

State Project Director, FOCUS spoke on the salient features of FOCUS and said the goal of the project is to foster climate-smart highland agriculture to marginal farmers in Nagaland and to improve and increase livelihood options through sustainable and equitable use of natural resources. She mentioned that FOCUS supports traditional practices and culture,

improving jhum cultivation, more productive and sustainable settled agriculture, access to value chains and supporting village livestock development.

Principal Secretary and APC, T. Imkonglemba Ao, IAS launched the FOCUS website. Various topics under the Project Design, Project Management and Project Coordination of FOCUS were discussed during the consultation meet.

FOCUS Project is being funded by International Fund for Agriculture Development. (IFAD).

IT&C WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR

Department of Information Technology & Communication held an introductory meeting with its new Advisor, Mmhonlumo Kikon on 12th April 2017. Commissioner & Secretary, K. D. Vizo who chaired the function and delivered the welcome address, congratulated the Advisor and said that through his dynamic leadership, dedicated and excellent experience, the department would benefit in various activities and bring a change.

Addressing the staff and officers, Mmhonlumo Kikon said that he is happy to be a part of the department since it is the future of Nagaland and if we do well, we have the future in our hands. He urged the department that if they are to implement half of what they are implementing, they will actually be able to have control over every other department someday, because information is knowledge and there will be a time when other departments will be dependent



Advisor, IT&C, Mmhonlumo Kikon with the officials of IT & C during the introductory meeting at the Directorate of IT & C on 12th April 2018.

on them. Kikon also added that he will put money on workshops, conferences or seminars as training is essential, upgrading themselves is essential and being in tune with the development of technological world is very important.

NRE 'A SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEM'

A felicitation programme was organised for the newly appointed Advisor for New & Renewable Energy, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon by the Department of NRE at the Directorate Office on 12th April 2018.

Mmhonlumo Kikon said that climate change cannot be predicted and is a major issue now but NRE Department is the solution to it, he stated. NRE has the highest potential to grow in terms of everyday energy problem which will impact thousands of life in the state and he looked forward to the contribution of everyone to achieve the target. He also assured the department to intervene in framing of NRE policies since it is the top priority of the department and the state as well. In terms of NRE projects, he is confident that unfinished projects will be completed soon and will find solutions, bringing operations from outside the state if necessary.

Director, NRE, Er. Kavito Chishi while welcoming the Advisor, expressed his gratitude and

happiness and stated that the department is very fortunate to get a young, energetic and learned Advisor. He said the department still has a long way to go and achieve the goals and is hopeful that the Advisor will lead and guide them in every way possible. A number of projects in the department have been completed and functional, yet some have been temporarily halted specially because of the funding process and requested the Advisor to intervene on the pending projects so that it may be implemented at the right time, he added.

Additional Director, NRE, Er. Kimaba presented a slide show highlighting the achievement and development of the department. Slides on Solar, Hydel and Wind projects, Biogas, Biomass were exhibited and further noted to plan and choke out the plans accordingly.

The programme was chaired by Secretary, NRE, Chubasangla Anar, IAS and vote of thanks was delivered by Joint Director, NRE, Er. James Khala.

R. KHING EXHORTS AH & VS OFFICIALS

An interactive meeting with newly appointed Advisor for Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing was held at the Directorate of AH & VS Conference hall on 13th April 2018.

Speaking at the meeting, R. Khing said that AH&VS is the department to bring change to the economy of our state since livestock rearing plays a very important role in economic growth of a country, especially for the people in the rural areas for food supply, source of incomes and livelihood. He said that the department can increase the economy of our state through cattle breeding, cattle produces, export and can also generate employment to the educated unemployed youths. The Advisor maintained that the department should set a certain target to achieve in



Advisor, AH & VS and WRD, R. Khing speaking during the introductory meeting held at the Directorate of AH & VS on 13th April 2018.

the upliftment of cattle farming especially in dairy farms and organic food.

Principal Secretary, AH & VS, M. K. Mero in his speech stated that Animal Husbandry is an important sector which contributes about 35% of the GDP. He also highlighted the different central

government allocated schemes and funds the department is depending on.

Additional Director & HoD, AH & VS, Dr. Aomangyang Walling who chaired the meeting, delivered the welcome speech and also highlighted the department activities.

Dimapur DC Flags Off Ujala Yojana for Nagaland

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel (IAS) alongside ADC, Dimapur Sara Jamir flagged off the Ujala Yojana programme for the State of Nagaland at Administrative Officers Residential Complex, Dimapur on 14th April 2018.

In his brief address, Sushil Kumar Patel informed that Ujala Yojana is a programme which is part of special campaign Sabka Sath Goan Sabka Vikas for celebrating Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. During the campaign, the Ministry of Power decided to complete electrification in all the remaining unelectrified households in 21058 identified villages across the

country under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Saubhagya, he said. In Nagaland, the programme covers 1400 villages out of which 82 villages has been selected under Dimapur district.

ADC, Dimapur, Sara informed that the programme is a joint venture of Ministry of Power in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. (EESL) who are providing vans for transportation free of cost and bulbs at cheaper rates. Administrative officers, GBs and Chairmen of different villages, officials from EESL also attended the flagging off ceremony.



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RIO EXHORTS THANKSGIVING SERVICE



CM, Neiphiu Rio exhorting the thanksgiving service of the Nagaland Legislators Christian Fellowship at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 15th April 2018.

A thanksgiving service of the Nagaland Legislators Christian Fellowship was held at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 15th April 2018.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his greetings stated that it is a privilege given by God and people of the state to be given the opportunity. Rio also said that all legislators have huge responsibilities towards God and the people in running the affairs of the state. He called on the support of not only the elected members to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly but also the support of the bureaucrats, technocrats, tribal hohos, civil societies and churches in order to deliver the promises made to people.

Delivering the message, Rev. Rachulie Vihienuo stated that all legislators were elected for a greater purpose and encouraged them to be tolerant of one another and to be just in their work. 'As agents of change for Christ, we must successfully engage in living out the values, principals and conditions influenced by in Jesus Christ, he added.

The service was chaired by State Chaplin, Rev. Kuzierang Thou. Minister, C. M. Chang proposed the invocation prayer while, Minister, Paiwang Konyak read the scriptures from the Bible. Special song was presented by the wives and children of the legislators, and also by Ameu and her choir.

'NAGAFARMDOCTOR' APP LAUNCHED

The Department of Agriculture organised a felicitation programme for Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye on 17th April 2018 at the Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima.

Kaito Aye encouraged the department officials to visit the villages to gear them up in order to reach the remote levels of the state during his felicitation speech. He requested the Director and his officials to be consultative and to show more support to the grass root level and bring out activities so that

it would benefit the community as a whole. He also mentioned that farmers who are doing well should be upgraded. Compact farming should be encouraged especially for farmers with small lands so that this would develop not only the individual farmers but also the state as a whole. Cold storage in certain areas where production is high should also be constructed in order to bring the 'Bye back policy.' The main target of the department should be to rescue the farmers in order to boost the economy of the state.

Kaito Aye launched the first ever 'NagaFarmDoctor' mobile app for android phones. This app has two features, one is the interactive part which is where the farmers can submit their queries and the other feature is where they can view queries about the diseases and infestation of the plants. They can also identify their problems through this app. This app has a chain communication feature like Whatsapp and is farmer friendly.

Director, Agriculture, G. Ikuto Zhimomi highlighted a slide show on the ongoing departmental activities of the projects, funding patterns, state schemes etc. and the actual targets in food grain

scenario which he hoped to achieve at the earliest. He displayed the organizational set-up of the department, demonstrated on construction of agri-link roads, the potential of cultivation of crops in suitable locations, distribution of machineries under different projects, water harvesting, training at villages with different schemes. He also stressed about the difficulties faced by the farmers at the grass root level and hoped the ongoing construction of Agri Directorate is completed shortly for them to work effectively.

Additional Director of Agriculture, Butang Khaim concluded the programme with a vote of thanks.

S&T WELCOMES MMHONLUMO KIKON

An introductory meeting with Advisor for New Renewable Energy, Information Technology & Communication, Science and Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon was held by the Department of Science and Technology on 17th April 2018 at the Directorate Office Kohima.

Addressing the officers and staff, Mmhonlumo Kikon said that the Department of Science and Technology plays a key role in formulating many of the policies in the state. He appreciated the work carried by the bio technology hub and further stated that the use of traditional knowledge can be harnessed with better research and labs. In addition, he encouraged the department to propose projects that can challenge bigger private players in the market. Also mentioning the Nagaland Innovative Expo that concluded recently in Kohima Science College, he recommended that such programmes should be conducted on a regular basis for the academia and

the public where they can find a platform to display their innovative ideas. He also suggested that an award for such can be proposed in the future under the CM fund.

Being a member of Global Citizen Climate Pledge, Kikon emphasised on the importance of tackling climate change and suggested the Nagaland State Climate Change team to carry out discussions both at national level, international level and in forums such as Conference of Parties (COPs) conducted by UNFCCC.

Welcome address was delivered by Dellirose M. Sakhrie, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Science & Technology. Department activities were presented by Dr. Zavei Hiese, Senior Scientific Officer, Science and Technology.

Several issues of the department were brought up, discussed and deliberated during the programme.

STATE LEVEL ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON LAQSHYA

A two day State level Orientation Workshop on LaQshya - The National Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative and Maternal and Child Death Surveillance and Response, PMSMA and GDM was

held on 18th and 19th of April 2018 at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

Addressing the resource persons, officers and participants, R. Ramakrishnan IAS, H& FW

stated that the state's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) is better compared to the national level data, however, he appealed that as service provider, we should strive towards achieving 0% IMR and MMR. Ramakrishnan also added that LaQshya being focused on the quality of labour room, we should work on the improvement of Institutional Delivery in the state. He also highlighted on the two important upcoming events in the state i.e Mission Indradhanush focusing on Full Immunisation and Ayushman Divas which is for Health Insurance of Family living below poverty line and requested the medical practitioners to work hard for the successful implementation of these programs.

Dr. Kevichusa Medikhrü, Mission Director, NHM, Nagaland also expressed his concern over the incidents of MMR and IMR in the Labour Room and the programme being focused on the strengthening

of labour room, he requested the participants to take the workshop seriously as it is pertains to the life of mother and child.

LaQshya aims to adopt a holistic and comprehensive approach at all levels of care to improve and strengthen Quality of Care (QoC) during intra partum and immediate post partum periods. In Nagaland, the implementation will be done in a phase wise manner, where during the 1st phase it will be launched in the District Hospital of Kiphire, Mon, Longleng and Tuensang followed by the rest of the districts.

The resource persons for the two day workshop were Dr. Amit Yadav, Senior Technical Officer, MoH&FW; Dr. Amrita John, Consultant, MoH&FW; Narender Jangra, Regional RMNCH+A Coordinator (NE); Dr. Spongmeren, OBG Mon DH and RMNCH+A Unit, Nagaland.

COOPERATION FELICITATES NEW ADVISOR

The Department of Cooperation felicitated Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye on 19th April 2018 at RCS Conference Hall, Kohima

Speaking at the occasion, G. Kaito Aye assured the staff and officers that under his leadership, the department will strengthen and progress in all round development in the state for the benefit of the people. He said that the main focus will be on progressive farmer with cooperation to benefit the needy people and that whatever little money the cooperative societies get, it should be used judiciously for the development of the people and encouraged the department to serve the public with sincerity. He also informed that many good schemes in the Agri & Allied sectors will be promoted soon in the state.

Delivering a brief profile of the department, Wepe Ritse, RCS stated that the statutory functions of the department are registration, supervision, assistance, counsel, control of registered cooperatives societies; Control over cooperative education and training; Audit, inspection, arbitration and liquidation;



Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye speaking at his felicitation programme held at RCS Conference Hall, Kohima on 19th April 2018.

Development of cooperative movement and human resources; Implementation of various schemes including NCDC and ICDP; Recovery of loan etc.

The programme was chaired by Secretary, Cooperation, A. Chumremo Odyuo, IAS. Short speeches were also delivered by Rokovisa Chase from MARCOFED and President NSCFSA, K. Lirichum Anar.

‘SAUBHAGYA’ ELECTRIFICATION FOR ALL

Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi officially launched the SAUBHAGYA ‘Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana’ at the Conference Hall of the Electricity House, AG Colony, Kohima on 20th April 2018.

Addressing the officers and staff, Tovihoto emphasized on the importance of power sector and expressed contentment that the schemes for the poor are actually functioning and progressing in the state. He hoped that all the unelectrified households will be eliminated shortly and informed the general public that Power Department will organise camps in cluster village where prior information will be given through media to avail this scheme.

Commissioner & Secretary, Power and Information Technology & Communication, K. D.

Vizo in his keynote address stated that the objective of the scheme is to achieve universal household electrification, creation of last mile connectivity to all household, providing electricity connections to all willing-unelectrified households in rural and urban areas, free electricity connections to all remaining economically poor unelectrified households, solar power packs for households located in remote and inaccessible areas and is expected to be completed by 31st March 2019 which is a big challenge for the Power Department. This scheme can be acquired by providing proof of valid documents and identity.

Earlier, Assistant Pastor, CRC, Tsiepfutsiepfhe Khriesavituo Belho invoked God's presence while, Chief Engineer (D&R), Er. Khose Sale delivered the vote of thanks.

Rio Calls on Union Home Minister

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio who is also the President of Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) attended the function in honour of the visit of Thomas Bach, President, International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah, President, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi at the lunch meeting of National Sports Federations and State Olympic Associations.

The Chief Minister along with Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor also called on the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh at North Block Office, New Delhi to appraise the Home Minister on modernization and infrastructural development of all the District Administrative Headquarters in the state.

Change is coming and together we can: Tovihoto

An officers' meeting-cum-felicitation programme was held in honour of Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi at the Conference Hall, Electricity House, AG Colony, Kohima on 20th April 2018.

Tovihoto expressed serious concern over the department being neglected for so long and how it is managing with the old traditional system till now. He expressed desire to change the outdated system in the department and restructure it. Stating that Power Department has a high social responsibility in every nook and corner of the state and with enthusiastic, dedicated, capable and efficient officers, he hoped the department will progress at its peak. He requested that meetings and interaction sessions should be organised and conducted more often with proper coordination from all over the districts.

Engineer-in-Chief (Power), Er. G. Chishi while cordially welcoming the Advisor, expressed his profound happiness and said that the department is fortunate to get a young and dynamic leader. He

briefed about the contributions and sacrifices made by the department to the state in the power sector by commissioning sub-stations at various locations.

The programme was chaired by Chief Engineer (D&R), Er. Khose Sale, who invoked God's blessing and Additonal Chief Engineer (D&R) Er. Keviletuo Yiese delivered the vote of thanks. Short

speeches were given by Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. Rokozhalie Angami; President, APEN, Er. Shikato Sema; Commissioner & Secretary, Power, K.D Vizo; President of All Nagaland Electricity Field Workers' Association and President of Meter Reader & Bill Assistant Association.

NAGC ORGANISES "GIRLS FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE"

The Nagaland Adolescent Girls Club (NAGC) under the aegis of the Nagaland State Social Welfare Board (NSSWB) organized a "Girls Friendship Circle" programme with the theme "We rise by lifting each other" on 20th April 2018 at Mezbur Higher Secondary School, Kohima.

Mission Director, SRCW & Secretary, NSSWB, Daisy Mezbur said that the Girls' Friendship Circle is mainly for the girls to come together, develop a bond with each other and to fight for themselves. It is a never ending circle concerning adolescent girls who are going through a phase of intense physiological and psychological transformation. She

urged the students of different schools to make this activity as their priority for their development.

In his message to the students, Rev. Mwchang Jamatia, Pastor of Freedom Church mentioned that God has created every individual with love.

The programme was chaired by Assistant State Coordinator, SRCW, Juliana Medom. NAGC was formed to facilitate adolescent girls to emerge as formidable agents, that each girl may become an "ambassador" of change in attitude and conduct, which will benefit them and the society at large, in numerous positive ways.

RIO EXHORTS NAGALAND VDB & VC CONFERENCE

Coinciding with Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, Nagaland Village Development Board & Village Council Conference was held on 24th April 2018 at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima, organised by Department of Rural Development.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that our VDBs have been functioning for almost four decades and are regarded as a role model for Local Self Government and Community Participation across the country. He also pointed that the institution of VDB is a 1238 strong organization looking into the mandate of village development and the 74 Blocks strong network has contributed immensely to the development of the villages across the State.

Rio expressed happiness that Pete Village Level Organisation (VLO) of Jakhama Block has been selected out of 2,30,158 VLOs in the country for the Ten Best Performing VLOs under NRLM National Award which he said, is a very big achievement and encouragement to others under various flagship programs in the State.

Rio announced that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Government of India chaired by the Prime Minister has given its approval for new restructured scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) with a total outlay of Rs. 7255.50 crore implemented from 1st April 2018. The scheme shall be extended to all states and Kiphire was identified as the

aspirational District by NITI AAYOG out of 115 districts in India, which will focus on sectoral interventions to be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, he added.

Highlighting the Grant-in- Aid to the VDBs, Rio said the objective of the grant is intended to be used in rural areas to support and strengthen the delivery of basic civil services including water supply, sanitation, septic management, sewage and solid waste management, storm water drainage, maintenance of community assets, maintenance of roads, footpaths, street lighting etc. Informing that the State Government was unable to provide the Grant-in-Aid for the year 2014 to 2018, he said that the government will be releasing all the backlog funds of three years to all the 1238 VDBs, Matching Cash Grants and Micro Finance Grants, incentives to performing VDBs and also funds to the communitised departments of School Education, Power, Health and PHE.

Advisor, Rural Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire in his keynote address, said that the origin of the institution of the VDB was first setup in December 1976 at Ketsapomi Village in Phek district and on the success of the Ketsapomi VDB, a mass campaign was launched in 1980 to expand the coverage of this unique institution throughout the state and with the enactment of VDB Model Rules, 1980. He pointed out that the actual concept of rural development began to

take shape during the 7th Plan period and in 1980-81, the idea of grass root level planning and development became a reality following with the enactment of “The Nagaland Village and Area Council Act 1978” and the constitution of the Village Development Boards (VDBs) in all the recognized villages of the state.

Dr. Kire apprised that, keeping in view the importance of Gender Budgeting, the Department has provisioned for setting aside 25% of total funds available for every village already in-built for women's scheme under Grant-in-Aid to VDB. In addition, in implementation of MGNREGA at least 40% of women workers are being engaged in all the villages. He stressed on the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme where the Department aims to implement the programme through the VDBs by providing durable shelter in the rural areas. Under convergence, the beneficiary can avail wage of 95 man days from MGNREGA for construction of house.

The programme was chaired by Principal Secretary for RD, Lhoubeilatuo Kire, IFS. Invocation pronounced by Senior Pastor, BMC, Kohima, Rev. Moa Longchari. Other highlights included greetings by President, Nagaland VDB Association, Thoshe Awomi, folk song and special presentation by Veketoule & Friends and Ameü Üsou Zao & choir. Vote of thanks was delivered by Director, RD, Imlimeren Jamir followed by thematic session.

PAIWANG KONYAK CALLS ON RAJNATH SINGH

P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Transport & Civil Aviation, Railways, Land Resources met the Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh at his residence New Delhi on the 24th April 2018.

In the meeting, Paiwang appraised the Union Home Minister on the helicopter service in the state, since demand of chopper service is increasing day by day and the present MHA

sanction of 480 hours of flying hours per annum is not enough to cater to the needs of the state, in which the Minister requested the Union Home minister to increase the helicopter service from 480 hours to 1500 hours annually.

The Union Home Minister gave assurance him that he will look into the matter at the earliest possible time and consider the request of the state.

NAGALAND LEGISLATORS CALLS ON JAGAT PRAKASH

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with his Cabinet colleagues and Advisors comprising of S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister; Jacob Zhimomi, Minister; Kashiho Sangtam, Minister; Dr. Longriniken, Advisor; Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor and Kazheto Kinimi, Advisor paid a courtesy call to the Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda at his official residence in New Delhi on 24th April 2018.

During the discussion, Y. Patton appraised the Union Minister on the ongoing state top priority project of the Medical College Kohima, Nagaland and requested him to extend all his help towards the early completion of the said medical college. The delegation members also expressed their gratitude to the Union Minister for his concern towards the state especially the rural health sector.

Foundation Course for NCS(P) and NSS 48th Batch Begins

The future of the people in the state is in your hands, and how you are trained and groomed at ATI will decide how you deliver justice to the people, said Commissioner and Secretary, Abhishek Singh, IAS. He was speaking as a Special Guest at the inaugural programme for Combined Foundation Course for NCS (P) 2018 batch and NSS 48th batch at Multipurpose Hall, Administrative Training Institute, Kohima on 24th April 2018.

The training is aimed at inculcating values significant for your career, said Abhishek Singh, congratulating the officers and trainees for their success. Let us strive to ensure a better opportunity for all children – education, health and even other sectors, as we venture into our new assigned task, he called.

Singh encouraged the Nagaland Secretariat Service trainees to focus on how to improve the functioning of the Government and provide better assistance to the society. Lamenting the poor work

culture in some departments at Secretariat, he called on the trainees to work towards making a difference in such areas.

The main objective of the training is to acquaint and inculcate in the trainees the spirit of good governance, and the basic knowledge of the political, social and economic scenario in the state, said Director, ATI, R. Asenla Keitzar, IAS, delivering the keynote address. Besides the exposure trips aimed at widening your horizon and providing a handout exposure, the training will also provide the opportunity to interact with varied personalities from different fields, she added. The training is also aimed at keeping you mentally, physically and spiritually fit, for which ample opportunities will be provided, she further said.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Additional Director (Administration), ATI, Kevin Zehol and Additional Director (Training), L. Youdang Jamir pronounced the vote of thanks.

Not to start and stop with ramp for PwDs: CEO

Taking forward the 2018 NVD theme 'Accessible Elections,' the CEO, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha held a consultative meeting on 'Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in electoral process' for devising a comprehensive strategy for the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) at Hotel Japfu on 25th April 2018.

Chairing the meeting, Abhijit Sinha highlighted over the recently conducted election relating to PwDs. Efforts were made for providing easy accessibility for the PwDs, providing wheel chairs, temporary ramps etc. in selected locations and in spite of the herculean challenge they faced, progress were seen, he stated.

Abhijit Sinha also appreciated and acknowledged the DC & DEO, Wokha for initiating the first of its kind 'Polling station comprising 100% entirely of PwDs,' besides some more innovative steps. However, he expressed regret over the outdated survey data of the number of PwDs enrolled till date which is very less for various reasons. Our society at many levels side step PwDs for some reasons but he said we still have a good time enough to utilize for the improvement of the PwDs.

Additional CEO, N. Moa Aier elaborated on SVEEP and Electoral Participation.

Deputy Mission Director, SSA, L. Khukiye Sema highlighted some of the consolidated statement of schools with and without barrier free access under SSA, he said 2066 schools including higher secondary are availing facilities like ramps, water, toilet, electricity, etc till date.

State Disability Commissioner, Dr. Atha Vizol emphasized his views on the facilities, provisions, aid and appliances, fund constraints, scholarships and monthly pensions for the PwDs.

DC & DEO, Wokha Manazir Jeelani Samoon shared his experience and presented a slideshow on the last election manning the polling station and introducing the 100% PwDs polling station with the motto 'No voters to be left behind' in which all categories of voters have to be engaged in electoral participation.

State Icon for PwDs, Diethono Nakhro in her suggestion for better inclusion of PwDs in electoral process, stated CEO/DEO websites must strictly comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 – Level AA by the W3C; All documents/circulars, audio visuals, apps, etc. concerning election/voter matters need to meet accessibility standards; Voter Facilitation Centres need to be in accessible formats; Assistants /scribes for filling up forms for persons with disabilities should also be considered; Besides Braille script and sign language, multi-media accessible awareness material on election process needs to incorporate captions (text versions) as well according to Web Accessibility Guidelines; More special camps must be held for enrolment and sensitisation of PwDs, training of all personnel involved in the process needs to be stepped up. Voter ID cards must be issued in Braille for people who are blind or have low vision, engagement of dedicated teams of volunteers such as NCC, Guides & Scouts, youth organisations, etc. to assist voters with disability or senior citizens on polling day.

After much deliberation, points were noted for a fresh specific survey to identify and enroll the PwDs, extra posters and pamphlets for awareness, mapping of electoral roll for PwDs, emphasis on more workshops, special camps and trainings for both BLOs and PwDs, user friendly websites for the PwDs.

NSSA BIDS FAREWELL TO SENIOR OFFICIALS

During 2018, 23 officials of various rankings from Secretary to Under Secretary of the Nagaland Secretariat Service Association retired from service on completion of 35 years of service, among whom one retired on attaining the age of superannuation as per an order of State P&AR Department.

A farewell programme in honour of the NSS officers, organized by the President and the Executive Council of NSSA was held on the 25th April 2018, at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima. The

combined farewell programme of various officers from different departments was the first of its kind that was been accorded to the NSSA officials. Among the retiring officers included three Secretaries, seven Additional Secretaries, ten Joint Secretaries, two Deputy Secretaries and one Under Secretary.

On behalf of the retiring officers, C. Kikon, Secretary, Home delivered a farewell speech. Kikon said that attaining retirement is the greatest achievement for a government servant and said

that it is all possible by the grace of God. Expressing satisfaction and happiness on his attainment of retirement, he also said that while in service, one has given his best time and prime time to serve the public, and on retirement, one is free to do anything he chooses to contribute to the society.

Sweho Naleo, the senior most official of the NSS gave a speech on behalf of the NSS.

The programme was led by Kitto Swu, VP, NSSA. President, NSSA delivered the closing remarks. Special number and presentation with mementos were the highlights of the programme.



A farewell programme in honour of the retiring NSS officers was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 14th April 2018.

Implementation of Nagaland Food Safety on Wheels

Dr. Meguosielle Kire, Principal Director & Additional Food Safety Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, Kohima issued a directive to the food testing team, State Public Health Laboratory to conduct food testing activity on the spot under Central Sector Scheme Food Safety on Wheels - Mobile Food Testing Laboratory starting from April 2018 in phase wise manner in all the districts.

In this regard, Dr. Kire has informed all the concerned authorities to co-operate and assist the food testing team under its jurisdiction for proper

implementation of the food testing activities in checking adulterants in food items in the interest of public health. The action plan shall be carried out in co-ordination with the District Administration, Police, Designated Officer (CMOs), Food Safety Officers and Food Business Operators.

This was informed by Dr. Akuo Sorhie, State Programme Officer, Food Safety & Standard Authority, Health & Family Welfare with regard to the implementation of "Food Safety on Wheels" in Nagaland.

SEMINAR ON GLOBAL EDUCATION

A one day seminar on “Global Education” was organized by the Nagaland Board of School Education in collaboration with Madhubun Educational Books for the Heads of Registered Institutions of the Board in two places. On 24th April 2018, the seminar was held at Greenwood School, Dimapur and on 25th April 2018, it was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima. A total of 402 Heads of Registered Institutions attended the seminar.

The resource person, G. Balasubramanian said education is all about re-discovering ourselves. Today, educators need to open up and absorb the new skills, new knowledge, new opportunities and schools should impart knowledge to the students to face the challenges. A school is basically about energy management. Children are more knowledgeable than the teachers in today's context. Therefore, as heads, one need to update themselves, re-learn and be ready to change.

Balasubramanian dwelt on the seven future challenges of education viz. Expanding spectrum; Automation unlimited; Sensors and chips; Amazonisation of education; Virtual and Augmented reality; Big data and Internet of things; Multi disciplinary learning and Intent learning (convergence of knowledge). He asked the Principals/Headmasters to create a friendly environment for the students to develop their abilities and skills.

Asano Sekhose, Chairman, NBSE shared certain important concerns of the Board which she felt was important and necessary for the heads of institutions to know. She urged them to read and follow the guidelines, regulations and notifications issued from the Board for a smooth academic and administrative functioning of the schools.

Additional Secretary, Rangumbing Nsarangbe welcomed the participants and proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the seminar.



Resource person, G. Balasubramaniam addressing the one day seminar on “Global Education” held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25th April 2018.

Delegation led by Y. Patton calls on Rajnath Singh

The delegation led by Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton appraised Rajnath Singh that the State of Nagaland from its inception has been lacking economic viability because of which from the day one, it was provided in the historic 16 point agreement that the State of Nagaland shall need central grants both for administrative expenses as well as development. The development needs for Nagaland for many years were met by liberal grants under State Plan whether by way of additional central plan assistance or by way of special plan assistance which were stopped with the replacement of Planning Commission by NITI Aayog. Furthermore even enhancement of devolution by 14th Finance Commission did not have additional positive impact on finances in the State because of it being revenue deficit. The State is receiving share in central taxes at much lower rate than what was computed by 14th Finance Commission due to much lesser realisation of central taxes vis-a-vis what was estimated by Finance Commission, because of which there is a huge budgetary deficit. There are no resources available to meet state share for availing centrally sponsor schemes and for doing the development of state.

Therefore, the delegation requested special central assistance to Nagaland in the form of one

time grant of Rs.1400 crore to wipe out the budgetary deficit and for providing the long due and pending amount of Rs. 863 crore for completion of pending SPA projects sanctioned by erstwhile Planning Commission and also recommended by NITI Aayog. The delegation also requested that the state share towards CSS, NEC and NLCPR should be waived off in case of all revenue deficit because they do not have any resources to provide the State share and therefore do not get any money under the so called centrally sponsored schemes.

The delegation also requested that two immediate special packages of untied funds must be sanctioned to meet development needs of most backward areas of Eastern Nagaland and also for creating an Airport in Kohima.

The delegation further stressed that the Central Government must realise that a revenue deficit State like Nagaland cannot develop at all if the central assistance is not provided. The delegation prayed for an immediate solution to the "Naga Political Issue" because the people of Nagaland had agreed to an election this time only in anticipation of a quick solution to this long lasting problem which also hinders the state's development.

MEGA MOCK DRILL EXERCISE CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE STATE

Kohima:

Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) was organised by Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on 26th April 2018.

The mock drill started off with ringing of the siren in the State Capital at 10:00 am. All the disaster management forces across the State Capital geared up to contain the damages caused by 8.7 Magnitude Earthquake. After the siren sounded, immediately

people in schools and institutions/ offices responded by method of Drop, Cover and Hold for two minutes until the siren was sounded for the second time. Similarly, the stakeholders vacated to safe places (Pre-Identified Safe Zone) covering their heads with their hands or any hard object.

The state staging area of the mock drill was at Solidarity Park below Civil Secretariat and the district staging area was at Kohima village ground below Don Bosco School, Kohima. The simulation exercise was conducted at 56 selected locations

including hospitals, shopping malls, schools, offices, market area, churches, post office, high rise residential buildings and major hazardous units in all the 11 districts to improve the administration's capacity in mobilising resources and reaching out to the affected communities. The consolidated Incident Report of NEPEX from the 11 districts, where total death reported was 133, seriously injured 234, minor injured was 417. Senior officials from all the important departments such as NDRF, Health, Police, Fire fighting, Information & Public Relations, Transport etc attended the exercise.

NEPEX is the State wide emergency exercise of NSDMA. Nagaland lies under Seismic Zone and is vulnerable to many natural calamities such as Earthquakes, Landslides, Flash floods, Thunderstorms, Windstorms, Forest fire etc. NEPEX is organised annually during different seasons of the year to acclimatize and build resilience to different extreme weather throughout the year. The mock drill will support the development plans for rescue and relief measure, developing local warning and evacuation plans, mobilizing and organizing resources in building practical Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for disaster management in the State.

Zunheboto:

Mega Mock Drill was held in Zunheboto under the chairmanship of ADC, Zunheboto, Vekhoyi Chakesang. The programme was organised by Zunheboto District Disaster Management Authority (ZDDMA) under Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX).

Departments which took part in the drill included Administration, District Planning, Rural Development, District Agriculture Office, District Welfare Office, Police, Medical, Food and Civil Supplies, NIC, NST, Treasuries and Accounts, Land Records and Survey, Election, Home Guards and Civil Defence, State Disaster Response Force, District Transport Office, DPRO Office, 111 BSF, 5th Assam Rifles Zunheboto, Fire Services, PHED and PWD (R&B),

Project Colony youth volunteers, Government Higher Secondary School, Olympic Higher Secondary School.

Khenito Chishi, District Commandant, Home Guards & Civil Defence was the Operation Section Chief and Observers Report was given by Lhokiye Yephthomi, DESO Zunheboto. The drill was exercised simulating the 8.7 magnitude earthquake and its aftermath at five locations in Zunheboto town.

Phek:

An Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) consisting of logistic section, planning section, operation section and incident command post was set up at Phek Local Ground for the exercise.

Mock drill demonstration was conducted at different locations, namely Bible Hill Colony junction, Church junction Bethany-I Colony, Mission Compound Colony, Government Higher Secondary School and Deputy Commissioner's Office compound, Phek, where emergency response team were sent to carry out procedural search and rescue evacuation of casualties to the nearest medical centre.



NEPEX was conducted at DC's Office compound, Phek on 26th April 2018.

Wokha:

Wokha district also conducted mock drill at four locations, namely Mt. Tiya College, Wokha (Building collapse), Police point (Building collapse), Little Angel School (Evacuation drill) and WTC Shopping Complex (Fire incident).

Siren was sounded at 10:00 AM to signal the starting of the drill, after which the Community First Responders (CFRs) reported about the incidents to the officers present at the Emergency Operation Centre. Personnel from SDRF team and Fire & Emergency Services department reached at all the pre-identified location to carry out rescue and operation works assisted by the police, Assam Rifles, Medical team, CFRs and Trainers of Trainees (TOTs). 24 numbers of SDRF and eight personnel from F & ES Department were present at the different locations to carry out the rescue and evacuation operation. Emergency Operation Centre was set up at DC's Conference Hall, staging area at Wokha Local Ground, incident command post at ground rostrum, operation section, planning section and logistic section were also set up at the local ground.

Chairman, Wokha DDMA & Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS during the debriefing, thanked all officers, personnel and individuals who were assigned with different tasks and for carrying out their responsibilities with sincerity and making the mock drill a grand success.

Longleng:

Despite shortage of manpower and machineries, Longleng district conducted NEPEx (Mega Mock Drill) on earthquake and outbreak of fire. The mock drill was conducted at St. Joseph School and Phom Lampong School for earthquake, and Treasury Office for outbreak of fire.

After the siren alarm was sounded off, the line departments along with required machineries, equipments, items and manpower rushed to the local ground to take note of the prevailing situation. They set up their respective emergency camp to provide relief, shelter and first aid to the fire and earthquake victims. The Incident Commander & ADC, Longleng, Temsuwati gave an emergency briefing to the rescue team and informed them about the three locations badly affected by the disaster. The Fire & Emergency



Search and Rescue Team carrying out their activities during the mock drill held at Longleng on 26th April 2018.

Service along with ambulance rushed to Treasury Office to dose off the fire and liberated the fire victims while the Police and 12th NAP (IR) rushed to Phom Lampong School and St. Joseph School and rescued the student victims. The rescue operation teams rushed back to the staging area setup at local ground to provide all necessary facilities to the victims.

John Tsulise Sangtam, Deputy Commissioner briefed the media and the gathering about the disaster and its effects on human lives and properties. He also highlighted about shortage of manpower, medicine and machineries and appealed to the concerned authorities to provide the facilities for emergency.

Peren:

The Peren District Disaster Management Authority successfully conducted mega mock drill of Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEx) at Peren town.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of District Administration, Peren where ADC, Chuba Wati Chang in his briefing dwelt on the importance of NEPEx in the state. Further, he said that Nagaland being vulnerable to many natural calamities, it is imperative to establish a scientific

approach in responding and managing disaster. Both the government and the public need to prepare themselves for any disaster which usually strikes without any warning.

The mega mock drill enacted an 8.7 magnitude earthquake. The incident response system, operation, section, the planning section and the logistic system swung into action after a briefing by the responsible officer at the ADC Office. The Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) was set off at the Local Ground, Peren. The enactment show road blockade from Jalukie to Peren, Peren to Tening and Jalukie to Athibung. The total casualty as per the enactment and mock drill was - severely injured 62, minor injured 39 and the death reported 50. Relief section distributed 200 bags of rice and 400 bottles of mineral water.



Peren DDMA conducted state wide mega mock drill of NEPEX at Peren on 26th April 2018.

Tuensang:

District Disaster Management Authority, Tuensang successfully conducted Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) on 26th April 2018 with the government agencies, school and collages and public. The mock drill was carried out by simulating an earthquake of 8.7 magnitude Richter scale with a scenario of mass causality at bazaar area, Fire and building collapse at Agri Office, high rise building rescue at Youth Resource Office, search

and rescue at residential area and school evacuation drill. After the compilation of drill, a debriefing session was held at staging area and chaired by EAC (Development) Tuensang, Tsidi while, closing remarks was delivered by Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DDMA, L. Jamithung Lotha.

Mokokchung:

As part of the Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX), mock exercise was carried out in Mokokchung in simulating an earthquake of 8.7 magnitude resulting collapse of building and number of casualties in different locations.

Stationing at Imkongmeren Sports Complex as Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), mock drill on rescue operation was carried out in four locations in the town - Edith Douglas Higher Secondary School, Longkumer Kilem, Alempang Ward and Post Office Area.

ADC, Mokokchung W. Manpai Phom, who was the Responsible Officer (RO), during the debriefing thanked all the departments, response teams, student volunteers, ward authorities, stake holders and the Assam Rifles for their contribution in making the mock exercise a success. Around 500 individuals comprising of personnel from SDRF, Police, Assam Rifles, students, stalk holders, volunteers from different wards and government officials participated in the preparedness exercise.

Mon:

Scenario of Emergency Preparedness Exercise was initiated by the District Administration and the entire line departments under Mon. Earthquake with 8.7 magnitude on Richter scale struck the state of Nagaland including Mon district and Mon town in particular.

The following location and place were conducted: Government Higher Secondary School, St. Mary School, District Hospital, Lucy's Shopping Complex, Police Church, NST garage, Wangkhao

College, DRDA Office and Phomching & Aboi Sub-division.

Staging area was set up at Local Ground, Relief Camp at Badminton Stadium, Helibase at Helipad and at DBs court. Incident Command Post, Operation Section, Planning Section and Logistic Section were set up.

20 volunteers from GHSS, 20 from St. Mary School, 50 from KBCM and 20 volunteers from Walo, Jahjon, Wagiem and Tanlao wards were Community First Responders. This Mega Mock exercise is to test the capability of the district to responds, manage and timely response during the time of disaster and to minimize loss of lives and properties.

Kiphire:

The NSDMA in collaboration with DDMA (Kiphire) and concerned departments successfully conducted the NEPEX Mock drill at helipad ground.

The mock drill was conducted in four locations, Loyola Higher Secondary School, District Agriculture Office, Kiphire Town Council building and in private residential building. The mock drill began with an emergency siren at 10:00 am, where people responded by way of Drop, Cover and Hold for two minutes and the exercise lasted for two hours. About 200 SDRF personnel and 200 volunteers from various schools, departments, Bharat Scouts & Guides and volunteers from NCC Zisaji Presidency College participated in the mega mock exercise. The mock drill concluded with a vote of thanks from ADC, Kiphire, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

Dimapur:

Dimapur district conducted mock drill exercise simulating 8.4 on Richter scale with the involvement of Dimapur DEMS and all the stakeholders.

Improvising upon last year's NEPEX exercise which was basically pre-planned, this year the mock drill exercise in Dimapur was done on the spot projecting real live happening situation. No prior

traffic arrangements were made and the SDRF/rescue teams were also assigned their tasks on the spot from the staging areas, where all the resources were kept ready.

Earlier, as soon as the siren sounded at 10 am, DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS called an emergency meeting at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) located at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur and briefed all the officials and stakeholders for carrying out their tasks in the staging area where ADC, Dimapur, Sara Jamir was the Incident Commander. The mock drill was conducted to assess the level of preparedness of the district in the event a disaster strikes.

Later, after the conduct of the exercise, debriefing was held in DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, where ADC, Dimapur, Sara Jamir observed that the mock drill was better than expected yet remarked that the level of preparedness was not up to the mark when compared to a real live situation. She was of the opinion that the wireless system needs upgradation in certain areas. She also advised all the departments for updating the available resources and machineries so that planning and coordination could be worked promptly in the event of a disaster.



Rescue Team evacuating injured persons from high rise building at Notun Basti during NEPEX exercise held at Dimapur on 26th April 2018.

DEBRIEFING AFTER MEGA MOCK DRILL

A press debriefing with the observers, officials and media was held at State Emergency Operating Centre at Keziekie, Lotha Hoho Ki, Kohima on 26th April 2018.

Speaking at the press conference, Advisor, NSDMA, Pukhai Sumi expressed gratitude to all the government machineries, officials from Assam and neighbouring states who participated in the emergency preparedness exercise. 'Today's exercise is to see how prepared we are when such disaster struck and how well equipped we are to save lives,' he added. He further suggested the state machineries to manage a strategic point to put up siren in a place like Science College where it can cover the entire Kohima city when the siren alarmed is sound. He also suggested on setting up a control room at a central location.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS chairing the press debriefing, said that the mega exercise is to test the preparedness of the state and that similar drill was done last year. Commenting on the observation during the mock drill, he said that traffic is one area of concern which needs to be looked into and proper study has to be carried out so as to reduce the traffic congestion during disaster or in normal

circumstances. He raised concern on issue of sirens in the state capital. He stated that there is only one siren for the whole of Kohima which is installed in PHQ but, is not audible in many parts of the city. He directed the NSDMA to install more sirens at the appropriate location in Kohima and that this siren should be use only during disasters.

The other constraints Temjen Toy highlighted were communications via walkie talkies and other means of communications used during the mock drill which needs to be upgraded. Toy further said that communications gap between various agencies like Assam rifles, CRPF, NDRF, SEOC and the staging areas which need to be examined and improved. He also reiterated that lack of communication between the SEOC and the staging areas need to be improved so that there will be no confusion in future and that SEOC should be the one point information centre during emergencies.

Also on availability of resources, Toy said that proper inventory of resources available in the battalion headquarters and with all line departments and how best these resources can be utilise or deploy during emergency needs to be re-examined. He said that refuelling of various transport vehicles such

as ambulances, fire truck, helicopter etc. should be kept in mind and reminded that facility of refuelling should be taken into consideration. He also called upon the media to play a big role in terms of creating awareness among the people.

Observers and officials of different agencies shared their observations on the mega mock drill held at Kohima.



Advisor, NSDMA, Pukhai Sema with CS, Temjen Toy at the press debriefing at State Emergency Operating Centre at Lotha Hoho Ki, Kohima on 26th April 2018.

TOSHI WUNTUNG CALLS ON UNION MINISTERS

Toshi Wungtung, Advisor for IPR, SCERT and Village Guards called on Union Home Minister of State, Kiren Rijiju; Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Human Resource Development, as a courtesy call to all of them at their respective office in New Delhi 26th April 2018.

During the meeting, with Kiren Rijiju, the Advisor highlighted the important role of Village Guards in the state especially in the interior parts of the state bordering with Myanmar. Union Minister Prajash Javadekar conveyed to the Advisor that all the schools will be re-strengthened and upgradated for example class 4 will be upgraded to 6, class 8 to 10

and class 10 to secondary, RMSA, SSA will be under SCERT, all the DIET institutes will be re-strengthened and also wherever need arise in any district, it will be taken up with all support from the centre. While meeting Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Toshi Wungtung who is also a member of Wild Life Protection briefed the Union Minister in regard to endangered animals in the state and shared his serious concern on shifting cultivation (jhum field) in the state. The Minister said that awareness programme for the community participation, NGOs and individual must be conducted to preserve the endangered animals and forest; he also mentioned that the Ministry will look into the matters for compensation and help to the farmer/ villagers to protect the forest as well as those endangered animals in the state.

GOVERNOR ADDRESS REGIONAL SEMINAR AT JOTSOMA

Youth are in demand across the globe but the knowledge acquired should be applicable to the demands and therefore universities and educational institutions should take the responsibility to make students job givers and not job seekers, stated Governor, P.B. Acharya while addressing a regional seminar on "Natural Resources, Skill Manpower and Development of Northeast," organised by Kohima Science College (KSC), Jotsoma on 30th April 2018 at KSC Auditorium Hall.

Governor Acharya stated that institutions should include skill courses in their curriculum so that students are employable and can take up entrepreneurship. He further stated that the Government of India has introduced Mudra schemes targeted for helping students, especially from the weaker section of the society to become entrepreneurs. He called on the institutions to inform students on the various schemes so that they can take make use of them.

Additional Director, Higher Education, Dr. I. Anungla Aier in her keynote address stated that Northeast is a resource rich region, both in terms of population composition and natural resources, but what it lacks is the right skill sets to harness it

sustainably, viably to be applied scientifically and skillfully. Dr. Aier said that the interface of development agenda and natural resources management has been the cause of conflict in many countries. She advocated for development and use of natural resources based on the rich cultural tradition that abounds with innumerable indigenous knowledge systems that has enabled and sustained the people and conserved the rich biodiversity for generations.

Resource persons during the regional seminar were Professor Sapu Changkija, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding, SASRD, Medziphema, Neichute Doulo, Chief Executive Officer & Co-ordinator, Entrepreneurs Associates and Amba Jamir, Founder & Executive Secretary, Sustainable Development Forum, Nagaland. The topics discussed ranged from natural resources of Northeast India with special emphasis on Nagaland, skilling manpower for Nagaland and various development issues.

The panel discussion was moderated by Wenytso Kapfo, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, KSC while the programme was chaired by Dr. Seyiekhrielie Whiso, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Kohima.

SP WOKHA RELEASES 'WAVERING HEARTS'



Author Anito Kiba with SP, Wokha during the book release ceremony at SP Office, Wokha on 3rd April 2018.

Superintendent of Police, Wokha, Bharat Laxman Markad, IPS launched “Wavering Hearts” written by UBSI, Anito Kiba on 3rd April 2018 at SP Office Conference Hall, Wokha.

Releasing the book, Bharat Laxman Markad said it is heartening to see a poet in uniform and wished the author success in his endeavor. Nothing is impossible if we have the passion, he said, maintaining that the same has been shown by the launch of the book. It is an inspiration for all officers, staff and colleagues, he added.

The author, Anito Kiba who is serving as an UBSI under Wokha district had earlier released a book titled ‘Poetry for Nagaland’ in 2005.

The author also read out some of the lines from Wavering Hearts during the launching programme. The book will be available at Heritage Publishing House near DABA, Duncan Basti, Dimapur.

Dimapur DPDB Meeting

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Dimapur district was held on 5th April 2018 in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur. DC Dimapur, Sushil Kumar (IAS) who is also the Vice Chairman of DPDB Dimapur chaired the meeting.

Reviewing the previous DPDB meeting, the house forwarded to the government the proposal for registration of Highway Area Sumi Sports Association, Ikishe village and upgradation of Spring Valley School, Chekiye village, as all the criteria were found to be in place. Further, the house also forwarded to the higher authority for registration of House of Friendship Old Age Home Society, Landmark Home, Diphu Road and Act of Kindness Society, Dimapur. With regard to registration of Cleaning Brothers Foundation, East Police Colony, Dimapur, the house forwarded the matter to DMC Chairman, Dimapur for

further verification. For registration of Pine Firewood Dealers Union, the house entrusted SDO (C) Sadar for verification. Proposal for registration of some more societies was decided to be taken up in the next DPDB meeting.

In the meeting, DC, Dimapur advised the Power department to mobilise staff and ensure for regular checking of transformers, stating that more load would increase due to onset of summer season. While appraising the Power Department that in some areas, the trees are seen touching the wires, he suggested them to tie up with respective Village Councils and to take corrective action in order to avoid untoward incidents. Sushil Kumar also expressed concern on the stretch of road from Commissioner Police Office to Nagarjan and Circuit House. Official from PWD informed the house that the particular stretch of road would be maintained at the earliest probably before monsoon.

Kiphire DPDB Meeting

Monthly meeting of District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Kiphire was held on the 5th April 2018 at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining. The Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB at the outset, welcomed all the members, various NGOs, apex tribal organisations of the districts, the new DPDB Chairman, V. Kashiho Sangtam, Sanjay Kumar IAS, Joint Secretary, MHRD and Prabhari Officer of Aspirational District Kiphire for their presence in the meeting.

In the meeting, various apex tribal organisations of the district highlighted the shortcomings and the problems faced by the people of Kiphire. They mentioned that the district is facing poor maintenance and functioning of hospitals and the present educational system.

V. Kashiho Sangtam also requested the Prabhari Officer to kindly frame specific programmes that would be acceptable by the Government of India as he knows the districts well. He assured that, with the initiation of the Prabhari Officer and officers of the districts, Kiphire could be declared as one of the most advanced districts by 2022.

The Prabhari Officer encouraged the people of the Kiphire district to join hands and work together so as to move forward together. He also highlighted that there are certain areas that cannot be taken care of from the state level alone such as roads, drinking water etc. He requested the departments to make radical gap analysis and learn from the best practices which can be implemented.

Brief report presentations by various departments like Health & Family Welfare, Zisaji Presidency College, Education, PWD (Roads & Bridges), Agriculture, DRDA, Lead Bank and Horticulture were carried out. The board also deliberated on the following agendas submitted through the Senior Sub-divisional Education Officer, Kiphire and agreed to

recommend to the government for necessary action, namely registration of St. John School, Kiusam village and setting up of Primary School at Okhe village.

Training on Scientific Methods of Crop Production

Training on “Scientific methods of crop production” was organized by KVK and sponsored by ATMA, Kohima district at Nerhe Pezha on 6th April 2018. In the first technical session, resource person Imtisenla, ACTO, KVK shared on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI). In this system, rice seedlings should be transplanted when young, within 10-15 days old with just two leaves and carefully transplanted to avoid trauma to roots and to minimize transplant shock. Through this system, 30 percent more yield is obtained over traditional practices.

In the second technical session, Michael Pienyu, ACTO, KVK discussed on the topic Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Successful IPM combines several methods such as cultural, mechanical and biological use of chemicals. The programme was followed by interaction session. Altogether 37 farmers participated along with ATMA & KVK staff.

Mangkolemba SDPDB Meeting

The Mangkolemba Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board meeting was held at ADC Office Mangkolemba on 6th April 2018 under the chairmanship of ADC Mangkolemba, Razouvolie Dozo.

The Chairman while welcoming the members lauded all head of the offices for the successful conduct of the last Assembly Election. During the meeting, the house decided to forward to the concerned authority regarding upgradation of GPS Akumen to GMS and application for grant-in-aid submitted by Principal, Baptist Higher Secondary

School, Mangkolemba. The house also discussed regarding the construction of rostrum at public ground Nokyu ward and approach road to cemetery, water and electrification at cemetery.

Jalukie Coordination Meeting

The monthly Jalukie Sub-division coordination meeting was held with Nagaland State Disability Forum, government officials, GBs, youth and church leaders at Jalukie Town Hall on 7th April 2018.

SDO(C), Jalukie, Lankonsen Tsanglao thanked all the members present and NSDF President, Kezha gave detailed information on the Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016 and spoke on the roles of the citizens to avoid discrimination of disabled persons.

Mokokchung DPDB Meeting

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held in the ADC (Planning Cell) Conference Hall on 7th April 2018. The meeting was chaired by the new DPDB Chairman, Imnatiba who is also Advisor to the department of Industries & Commerce and NIDC. The meeting was also attended by Minister for Public Works Department, Tongpang Ozukum and the Advisor to the departments of Law & Justice, Border Affairs and Treasuries & Accounts, Dr. Longrineken.

In his speech, Imnatiba said he is quite new with little experience in the field of politics but said he was excited to do his best and extend his service for the welfare of the people and give a push to development of the district. He sought fullest cooperation from members of the DPDB and called upon the members to contribute their innovative ideas on issues pertaining to catering to the needs of the people.

Minister, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Dr. Longrineken also shared their visions and dreams to give an impetus to development trend in the district. They also said that a meeting of all the elected members from Mokokchung district would

soon be held to discuss how they can collectively take up measures and steps to give a new face in developmental front.

DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Sachin Jaiswal IAS welcomed the new DPDB chairman, Imnatiba; Minister, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor, Dr. Longrineken to the meeting. He discussed on a number measures to strengthen such as public services delivery system, implementation of Citizens Charter in all the departments in the district, better coordination among departments in implementation of various welfare schemes and also shared his priority area to help develop and maintain peace in the border areas.

The meeting took up discussions on the urgent need of construction of a ring road for Mokokchung town, operation of all transport buses from the Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) at Khensa. It also decided to pursue it with concerned departments as these are long cry of the people to make it a reality. Minister, Tongpang Ozukum informed that repairing of potholes in all the district headquarters are undergoing on war footing. In this regard, he called upon all sections to cooperate with the government to complete the work within the time frame.

A proposal for construction of approach road to new dumping zone under MMC was also approved and forwarded to the concerned department to take up the construction at the earliest.

Ao Senden President, Imliyanger Jamir and the Vice President, Chubawati who attended the meeting, actively took part in the discussions and assured their full support to ensure that development takes place without obstruction in the district.

Pughoboto SDPDB Meeting

The Sub Division Planning Development Board, Pughoboto meeting for the month of April was held with MLA and Chairman, Y. Vikheho Swu at the ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 9th April 2018.

ADC, Avelu Ruho reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Vikheho Swu sincerely



MLA & Chairman, SDPDB, Y. Vikheho Swu speaking at the SDPDB meeting at ADC Office, Pughoboto on 9th April 2018.

acknowledged all the officers in the meeting for their rendered services with co-operation and while lauding the election officials, he said that the election was held without facing any problem and was conducted successfully. He said that he tried his best to initiate a new programme in the Pughoboto Sub-Division and launched a few programme under LADP and assured that he will continue to carry out the development works to uplift Pughoboto. The MLA said that to encourage the farmers, he is planning to bring officials from the Land Resources Department for 'Coffee Plantation' in his area soon.

The house deliberated on lifting of boulders from Doyang river and agreed to send a letter to remind the Village Council to prohibit the lifting of boulders. The house also approved to hold a seminar on 'Biodiversity Conservation' on the 5th June 2018 coinciding with World Environment day. The house also decided to write to the concerned departments to give direct power supply to Pughoboto from Kohima. Other agendas discussed included Clean Pughoboto Award Committee, CHC Pughoboto, Maths Teacher under GHS Ghathashi, Lazami, Pughoboto, water supply to Pughoboto and opening of SBI.

Peren DPDB Meeting

The monthly meeting of Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at the DC's Conference Hall on 10th April 2018 under the Chairmanship of ADC, Chuba Wati. The meeting started with a review of the previous meeting. The board recommended setting up of Gravity Goods Ropeway in Punglwa, Peren Block under NERLP.

Sensitization Programme on Harmful Effect of Tobacco

To spread awareness and sensitize the shopkeepers/traders in and around the school premises, a sensitization programme was organized on 10th April 2018 at Lotha Tribal Council Hall (LTC), Wokha.

Dental Surgeon, Sanis CHC, Dr. Mhonthung Tungoe while delivering the keynote address, said there are more than seven thousand poisonous chemicals found in tobacco products and every six seconds, a person dies globally which is the direct result for use of tobacco products. Everyone knows that tobacco use can have disastrous consequences on our health but many ignore the risks and use it, he said, and urged all to discourage the use of tobacco products for healthy life.

Psychologist at NTCP Wokha, Abeni speaking on the harmful effects of tobacco on health and COPTA Act 2003, said the main aim in organizing the programme is to sensitize the shopkeepers not to sell tobacco products within 100 yards from the school premises. She also emphasized on the section and rules of any violations of the provision under the Act and added that violation may lead to imprisonment of two to five years or more with penalty in the form of imposition of fines in accordance with the offence committed. She also stated that very shortly, checking will start in collaboration with the enforcement agencies.

The programme was chaired by Social Worker, NTCP Wokha, Mharoni R. Ezung.

Phek DPDB Meeting

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 10th April 2018 in the DPDB Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Shanavas C, IAS. The house welcomed the new member, Dr. Tiala Longkumer, M.S (D.H).

Initiating the meeting, the Chairman informed the house of the appointment of Neiba Kronu, MLA 16th A/C (Pfutsoro) as Chairman, DPDB, Phek. He also highlighted about the monsoon preparedness and in this regard, he invited five departments viz. i) Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) ii) Executive Engineer, Power iii) Executive Engineer, PHED iv) DSCO and v) Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control to submit their comments, views and ideas for the monsoon season where certain vulnerable portion and pockets are to be identified, and give special attention. The Administrative Officers were asked to be extra vigilant and take measures for prevention of calamities.

PWD Executive Engineer, Abija Khing said that his department is ready for such occurrence by convergence with the PWD Mechanical Department as the later has enough machinery at their disposal, for which the board decided to write to the departments for help during needs.

The Chairman suggested on rain water harvesting of water during dry/lean season. Er. T. Imtiakum said that comparatively, the source and the quality of water will be compromised, but in the case of supply, it might be a little short to meet the needs of the growing population in the headquarters. He added that rain water harvesting is not at their department's disposal as there is no regular fund provided. The DSCO was requested to send proposal in this regard on rooftop water harvesting as well as ring well.

As the power cuts frequently occurs during

monsoon season, the Chairman also made special emphasis to rectify this problem. Er. Aron Sema highlighted the situation of power being fed from Meluri Sub-division which has many obstacles like the trees and landslides that disturb the regular supply of electricity and secondly, the insulators are outdated and it breaks down, where installation of power in short time is not possible in spite of the efforts made by the department. In this connection, the department has been requested to send proposal for early remedy with the recommendation of DPDB.

As entrusted, the Forest Department & CMO, Medical gave powerpoint presentation of their respective departments.

Tseminyu SDPDB Meeting

Tseminyu SDPDB deliberated on activities of various departments in its meeting held at DBs Customary Court on 10th April 2018. Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Chairman of the SDPDB Tseminyu, R. Khing chaired the meeting.

Highlighting the activities in health care sector, Dr. Tinenlo James, SMO of CHC Tseminyu spoke on shortage of doctors in the hospital which needs to be addressed. R. Khing informed the house that the he will initiate the matter with the concerned department for overall improvement of the CHC Tseminyu.

The activities of Public Distribution System by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies were highlighted in the meeting by Inspector, Food & Civil Supply, Tseminyu, Sashilemla Pongen. R. Khing asked the concerned department to streamline the distribution of kerosene oil. SDEO, Tseminyu, Ramdi Thou highlighted on the management system of the mid-day meal for the School children.

Reviewing the previous meeting minutes, ADC and Vice Chairman, SDPDB Tseminyu, Theodore Yanthan who conducted the meeting, reminded the members regarding adoption of village in the Sub-Division to be made by the concerned SDPDB. The



Advisor and Chairman, SDPDB, Tseminyu, R. Khing speaking at the SDPDB meeting at DB's Customary Court, Tseminyu on 10th April 2018.

matter was discussed and accordingly, Ramishinyu village was adopted for the year 2018.

The meeting also discussed the celebration of the completion of 50 years of Tseminyu Sub-Division to be held in 2018. Deputy CVO Kohima, Dr.

Joseph M. Angami who also attended the meeting, shared the activities of the Department of AH&VS and informed the importance of the department for animals and human beings for healthy living.

PUBLIC HEARING UNDER MGNREGA FOR WOKHA

Social Audit Public Hearing for eight villages (Humtso, Longsa, Ralan Old, Bhandari, Mekokla, Chanka, Liphayan & Merapani) under four blocks was conducted on the 10th of April 2018 at VDB Multipurpose Hall, Wokha.

The programme was chaired by BDO, Bhandari, Thungjamo Lotha and the introduction was delivered by State Resource Person (SAU), Imlirenla Sanglir. Sanglir highlighted the activities of Social Audit Unit (SAU) that were being carried out during the financial year 2017-18 wherein the SAU has audited 129 villages in the entire district of Nagaland. She pointed out that SAU will be targeting at least 70 villages per district, an overall total of 770 villages in the state, which will be audited as per the current Annual Action Plan (Financial Year 2018-2019). To achieve the target, capacity building measures and

awareness generation will be carried out extensively for the implementing agencies as well as primary stakeholders. She further reiterated on the importance of proper book-keeping and following the guidelines for effective implementation of the programme.

Presentation on social audit finding was given by Sara Khesoh, Abenla and Benchumo Shitiri (District Resource Person, SAU and Village Resource Person, SAU respectively). Issue relating to job cards updating and refinement of job cards, muster roll related issues, maintenance of detailed Transparency Board, worksite facilities, mismatched sanctioned amount were highlighted by the resource persons. Rectification were made by the concerned RD Block Officers on various issues and resolved to take corrective measures for transparency and effective implementation of the programme.

SURUHUTO SUB-DIVISION MEETING

Advisor for Art & Culture and Tourism, Khehovi Yephthomi held a meeting with all the Heads of Offices of Suruhuto Sub-division at SDO (C) Office, Suruhuto on 11th April 2018.

In the meeting, the Advisor sought cooperation from all the department officers and said that all should collectively work together to bring change in Suruhuto area. He also said that as a former government servant, he knows the problems faced by offices and that he is ever ready to help in his

capacity. The Advisor also said that all the government servants posted at Suruhuto should be at station for the welfare of all.

A grievances cell has been set up with Kavito as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) by the Advisor and through this platform, the public and the government departments can share their grievances. In the meeting, it was also decided that monthly coordination meeting of Suruhuto Sub-division will be held.



Khehovi Yephthomi, Advisor, Art & Culture and Tourism speaking during a meeting held at SDO(C) Office, Suruhuto on 11th April 2018.

Wokha DPDB Meeting

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11th April 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. The meeting was chaired by Chairman DPDB & Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon, Deputy Chief Minister in-charge of Home & National Highways, Y. Patton, Advisor for Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan and MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry also attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman requested all members to attend the meeting regularly so that issues pertaining to the district can be addressed timely. He also requested the DC and SP to visit places in case of any border/land issues

and take stock of the situation and submit report to higher authority for immediate redressal. Very shortly, repair and construction of town road will be taken, for which he urged concerned department and officers to ensure that quality work is maintained and that funds are utilized judiciously.

Deputy Chief Minister in-charge of Home & National Highways, Y. Patton thanked DC, SP, Para military forces, NGOs and various organization for the co-operation in successfully conducting the election smoothly and peacefully. Supplementing on the issues raised by the Chairman, Patton also stressed on timely on-spot verification in case of any law and order problem. He also urged all officers posted in the district to be regular and work for the progress and prosperity of the district.

Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan said wishes and aspiration of the people lies with the officers and appealed to all officers to understand their responsibilities and be committed to fulfill the needs of the public.

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry also highlighted important issues pertaining to the development and beautification of the district and urged his fellow legislators to share responsibilities in brining change and prosperity.

The board also approved for setting up of public library. With regard to financial assistance from common pool fund 2018-19 towards celebration of Tokhu Emong festival, the Chairman requested the organizers to prepare detailed activities of the event for approval. Department of Education presented the activities and programme of the department during the meeting. The Chairman also informed that surprised checking/inspection in all the offices will be carried out from time to time.

Tuensang DPDB meeting

Tuensang District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 11th April 2018 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of L. Jamithung Lotha, Deputy Commissioner of Tuensang.,

The Chairman, while welcoming the

members, lauded all the officers for the successful conduct of the recently held General Assembly Election. After reviewing the previous month meeting minutes, the Chairman reminded the PWD to look at the ongoing repair of roads and drainage in the towns. The DC also conveyed to the house that Toshi Wungthung, Advisor of SCERT, IPR and Village Guard has been appointed as Chairman of the Tuensang DPDB.

Zunheboto DPDB Meeting

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th April 2018 at DC's Conference Hall. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of ADC Hq. Vekhoyi Chakhesang. The Chairman thanked and gave credit to all the departments and individuals who were directly or indirectly involved during the successful conduct of Assembly Election in the district.

In the business hour, the house reviewed the minutes of previous meeting. SDO(C), Ajit Ranjan, IAS appraised the members about the action plan and projects to be taken up in the district on the Protection of Girl Child (Beti Bachao) which is the national peculiar program in the country. Later, a powerpoint presentations on the status of HIV/AIDS were presented by Supervisor of NSACS, Zunheboto Unit, Hokishe Chophy.

RAJYA SABHA MP GRACES PACS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Phokhungri Area Cultural Society held its 7th cultural festival from 10th – 12th April at Shilloi Lake under the theme "Our culture, Our Identity" with M.P. Rajya Sabha and Secretary General, NPF, K.G. Kenye as the Chief Guest.

Kenye in his inaugural speech on 11th April said that in 1991, when he was the Chairman, Phek DPDB, DPDB meeting was held at Shilloi Lake. During that time, only 11 households were there and today it has become a tourist place since development has taken place. He also acknowledged G. Kaito Aye for initiating in setting up a tourist spot at Shilloi Lake

when he was the then Minister, Tourism. Exhorting the gathering, Kenye called upon the gathering to preserve their rich culture. Naga tribes have little differences in culture like singing tune, language, dress, dancing etc. which signifies their identities. He also said that Nagas have the highest traditional self-governance (ownership of land) and urged the people to follow the good legacy of the ancestors like honesty, friendliness, hard work, kindness and trust which are diminishing in our society. Kenye assured to construct a VIP guest house at Shilloi Lake and also to renovate the helipad.

Pastor, Liitsam Baptist Church invoked God's blessing, welcome note was delivered by K. Tsathvii, folk tune was presented by Siitsii womenfolk, presidential address was delivered by Thimu Feethu, solidarity note was given by Krutu Thur, President, PAPO and greetings was presented by Tiipin, President, PCO. Cultural troupes from New Thewati, Siitsii, Laluri, Zhiipu, Phokhungri, Old Thewati and Latsam performed folk songs.

NSCW Visits Tuensang District Jail & Women Cell

Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) led by its team leader and NSCW Chairperson, Dr. Temsula Ao visited Tuensang District Jail and Women Cell on April 13, 2018.

The Commission visited the District Jail inmates and Women Cell on the directives of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, to collect first-hand report on the conditions, infrastructures and status of the jail and women cell of their district. While donating rupees five thousand to the jail inmates, Dr. Temsula informed that they will be visiting all the 10 districts in the state, except Longleng this time.

Awareness Seminar on JFMC at Wokha

Forest Development Agency, Wokha organized a one day awareness seminar for Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) & Frontline Personnel on National Afforestation Programme & Role of JFMC at Forest Colony Community Hall, Wokha on 13th April 2018.

DFO, Wokha, Zuthunglo Patton, IFS while briefing on the salient features of National Afforestation Programme (NAP), said the purpose of organizing the event is to sensitize the community about the rehabilitation of degraded forests and other areas by institutionalizing participatory forest management and supplementing livelihood improvement. She also mentioned about the active participation of the villagers in creation, management

and protection plantation to achieve ecological needs with sustainable productivity of wood and other NTFP. Patton also apprised the JFMC about proper maintenance of register like membership, cash nursery and assets for transparency. Alikhum JFMC and Longsachung JFMC were awarded the Best Performing Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC), while Merapani and Wokha Range were awarded the Best Performing Range by the DFO.

RFO, Merapani, Punseni Khing highlighting on the role of JFMC said, villagers should actively participate in protection of forests, buffering layers, awareness, improvement rapport between people and department, timely information to department during emergencies, quality execution of work and social awakening.

Ambedkar Jayanti observed at Jalukie

A district level celebration of Ambedkar Jayanti in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was observed on 14th April 2018 at Town Hall, Jalukie with SDO (C), T. Lankonsen Tsanglao as the Chief Guest.

DWO, Peren, Nokcharenla Longchar delivered the keynote address while, CDPO Tekatemjen chaired the function. The programme was organized by the Department of Social Welfare.



SDO (C), Jalukie, Lankonsen Tsanglao speaking during the Ambedkar Jayanti which was observed on 14th April 2018 at Town Hall, Jalukie.

Music Audio Album Launched at Kohima

Music Audio Album 'NI RITEPER,' which means 'I am in a hurry or restless' by Lima Longkumer was launched on 14th April 2018 at SCERT, SIEMAT Hall, Kohima.

Pastor KABA, Sentsashi who chaired the function and delivered the welcome address, said that everyone has their own story and each story is an art where we express our story. He said, releasing an album is a great achievement because it is not as easy as we pleasantly listen to; it is a support of team work from family, friends and his co-worker behind the success of the artist.

Lima Longkumer, giving a brief note on the message of his song, said that the song conveys a message where in the present world, everyone seem to value more of the material aspect and spend most of their time and energy to amass wealth rather than cater to the needs of spiritual well-being. "May the mountain yield prosperity for all because the leaders does what is right, help them to defend the poor to rescue the children of the needy and to crush the oppressors," is the basic theme where he got the inspiration to write the song and convey the message of love and oneness to fellow beings, he further stated.

Lima had also earlier released an album in English in 1995 and during 80s & 90s, he had performed in All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra, Kohima. Pastor, KABA, Sentsashi released and dedicated the album and a special song was presented by Mesenti.

Ariju at Dc's Bungalow, Mokokchung

An Ariju, a replica of bachelors' dormitory in Ao villages in olden days, was constructed by the Aoli Dobashis at DC's Bungalow, Mokokchung. It was constructed from LADP fund 2017-18. Ariju, the prime education and military training centre where

all values were taught to young boys in olden days, was inaugurated by DC, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal on 16th April 2018. With the inauguration of the Ariju, the DC's official residential complex has become a captivating place in the district.

Sachin Jaiswal in his inaugural speech, said that with the construction of an Ariju and the installation of a Sungkong (Log Drum) in 2017, the DC's Bungalow is emerging as one of the most attractive places. Expressing his deep appreciation to the Dobashis for their good deed, the DC said he is considering inviting students from various schools to visit the bungalow.

Zulunungsang, P.A To DC in his introductory speech said that the Ariju, though small was constructed in a bid to preserve the values of the Aos, saying that social and institutional values are fast vanishing in the tide of modernity and to make the DC's bungalow more like a heritage. Ao Senden General Secretary, S. Temsu Aier who also addressed the gathering, commended the Dobashis for their good initiative.

CM Addresses Kohima DPDB Meeting

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation programme for the newly elected members of Kohima district was held in the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th April 2018 under the chairmanship of Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports and Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Er. Zale Neikha. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio; Speaker, NLA, Er. Vikho-o Yhoshu; Advisor for Rural Development, Neikiesalie Kire; Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources, R. Khing and MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro attended the programme.

Recalling his first time as a member in DPDB as Area Council Chairman way back in early 1980s and then his association with the Board, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the DPDB has made progress over the years. He said people belonging



CM, Neiphiu Rio addressing the DPDB meeting-cum-felicitation programme for the newly elected members of Kohima district held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th April 2018.

to the capital are more privileged than others and likewise, officers posted in the capital are privileged but have more responsibilities to show the way in whichever departments or responsibilities they hold.

Stating that 'Life is all about economy,' Rio said that unless one is self-sufficient, he/she is at the mercy of others and added that Nagas has no concern about economy as we do not have work culture. Pointing out that the economy of various villages is agrarian, he said the agri and allied sector should particularly produce sufficiently for sustenance. Rio therefore requested all the Heads of Departments of the district to make an effort and sincerely work with the villagers closely and build their economy. He opined that whatever schemes have been given to one village in a year or for a period should be monitored by the Deputy Commissioner for any overlapping or duplication and come up with an annual progress report of utilizing the local area developing fund or respective departments, village wise, which would be transparent in nature and also would give responsibilities for the officers or the villagers to implement the scheme.

In his introductory remarks, the DPDB Chairman, Er. Zale Neikha urged all the members for their cooperation to work with sincerity while discharging one's responsibilities and also to contribute constructive inputs towards the programmes of DPDB more effectively and efficiently. He insisted all officers to inculcate the orientation of action plan rather than paper plan oriented, and called upon all officers to actively participate in the deliberation of DPDB programmes and schemes and urged all members to be regular and to uphold their responsibilities.

Short speeches were also delivered by Speaker, NLA, Er. Vikho-o Yhoshu, Advisor, Neikiesalie Kire, Advisor, R. Khing and MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS who delivered the welcome speech, also gave a brief highlight of DPDB activities. After the felicitation program, the DPDB meeting agendas were also deliberated.

Kohima DPDB Meeting

The monthly Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held in the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th April 2018. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS where Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports and Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Er. Zale Neikha, Advisor for Rural Development, Neikiesalie Kire and Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources, R. Khing also attended the meeting.

On the agenda for registration of societies, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS informed that six societies have applied for registration which have been verified by the concerned administrative officers and committee where the house decided to forward it to the Home Department for necessary action.

Pointing out that Kohima town being declared as dustbin free town, he requested the KMC to tie up with other departments and to re-visit the dustbin collection points within the town. The DC felt that if proper barricaded collection points could be installed, then the garbage would not be washed away by the rain and moreover, it would be easy for KMC to collect the garbage.

Other agendas deliberated during the meeting included Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. The District Planning Officer also informed the house on the constitution of Adoption Committees.

ATMA Kohima Conducts Interstate Farmers Exposure Tour

ATMA Kohima district conducted Interstate Exposure tour to MD Farm, Jorhat from 16th-17th April 2018. The purpose of the tour is to expose the farmers to learn innovative technologies for better farm package and practices.

Samir Bordoloi, Farm Consultant firstly briefed on the various activities carried out at the

farm. He encouraged the farmers to go for organic production as it has high market value and also to utilize one's own available resources and to adopt latest farm technologies for higher production.

The team visited various units such as Intensive Raised Beds, Vermi Composting Unit, Diary, Nursery Beds, Azolla Culture etc. Participants were Farmer's Friend' (FF) and staff from ATMA, Kohima.

Gram Swachh Bharat on Parv at Phek

The programme for Gram Swachh Bharat PARV under the aegis of Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan (Village Self Governance campaign) was held for Phek district at PTC Conference Hall, Phek on 18th April 2018. The programme was organised by Phek Town Youth Society with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Shanavas C, IAS as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Shanavas congratulated the department for organizing the programme which is an ongoing event all over the country. He also emphasized on personal and social hygiene and called upon all to co-operate and fight against waste pollution. He added that cleanliness is very important for betterment of life and for healthy living and declared Phek District as an Open Defecation Free (ODF).

The programme was chaired by Neizote Venuh President, PTYS and invocation was pronounced by Kunusahu Vero, PTBC Church Secretary. Keynote address was delivered by Er. Imtiakum, EE, PHED Phek and the vote of thanks was delivered by Virhelie, Sanitation and Hygiene Consultant, DWSM, Phek.

District Heads of Offices Meeting at Mon

Mon District Heads of the Offices held a meeting on 18th April 2018 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon.

SDO (C), Mon, Reny Wilfred, IAS who chaired the meeting, notified to all the Ward Presidents/GBs and Liaison Officers to mobilize and inform their respective members of the Ward to initiate social work especially for clearing of blocked drainages and cleaning of drainages as part of monsoon preparedness. Further, all Ward Presidents, Ward Committee members and GBs were directed to convene a ward meeting immediately and to use the vehicles already assigned for social work.

Kohima DWC Constituted

The Kohima District Website Committee for Formation and Regular Updation of Kohima District Website has been constituted to review the content of the website developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) on S3WaaS (Service, Scalable, Sugamya Website as a Service) platform with the following members with immediate effect - Deputy Commissioner, Kohima as Chairman and SDO (Sadar), DPRO, Kohima, DPO (Planning), DSO (Statistics), Tourist Officer, PD (DRDA), DEO (Education) as Members and District Informatics Officer, NIC as Member Secretary.

A powerpoint presentation on the activities of Nagaland Science and Technology Council (NASTEC) was delivered by Kekuneil Ltu, Scientist B.

Co-Ordination Meeting at Bhandari

ADC, Bhandari, Changimeren Chang, on 18th April 2018, held a Departmental co-ordination meeting with all the Heads of Offices under Bhandari Sub-division at the Dobashi Customary Court building, Bhandari.

In the meeting, the agendas discussed were i) Monthly co-ordination meeting to be conducted on every first Wednesday of the month ii) Departments to highlight and give presentation of their activities on rotation basis after which relevant agendas will be screened and put up to the DPDB Wokha, for necessary action thereof.

The meeting deliberated and resolved to adopt a Model Village under Bhandari Sub-division and to undertake a convergence programme for which departmental committee was set up to work out modalities and select a village. This is being initiated to help raise the livelihood and economy of the rural people.

It was also decided that BDO, Bhandari and Branch Manager, SBI and Baghty will liaise for opening of bank accounts and holding of village cluster camps for Aadhaar enrolment and accounts opening. Requirement for opening of accounts under SBI with Aadhar number to avail benefits by the Job Card holders under the MGNREGA Scheme was discussed at length as it was stated by the concerned department that presently, out of thousands of Job Card holders, only limited number of beneficiaries have bank accounts.

With regard to Aadhaar enrolment of zero to six years old children under Child Development Project Officer, Bhandari, its present congested office space and the need for allotment of land for construction of CDPO office was also discussed. Suggestion by BDO, Bhandari, that a layout of Annual Action Plan by departments would be helpful to avoid duplication of schemes was also discussed.

Running of illegal mills along the National Highway from Merapani to Bhandari, absence of

proper office building for Food & Civil Supplies, Bhandari etc. were also discussed in the meeting.

Longleng DPDB Felicitates Elected Representatives

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation for the elected members was held on 20th April 2018 at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner.

Congratulating the two elected members of Longleng district, namely S. Pangnyu Phom and B. S. Nganlang Phom, Deputy Commissioner, John Tsulese Sangtam said he was looking forward with great expectation to work for the welfare of the people.

Addressing the DPDB members, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom highlighted the abolition of VIP culture and the motto of the PDA government to change the system to ensure peace, stability and progress in the state. He asserted that VIP culture cannot be eliminated and change can never take place in the state unless the government officers and the elected members who are directly linked with the people take the initiatives and adhere to the call of the government. He called upon the officers to share their views and come forward with proposals and innovative ideas to convert Nagaland to a vibrant society.

B.S. Nganlang Phom, MLA in his speech lauded the government officers led by the DC for the smooth and peaceful conduct of election in the district. He emphasized on cooperation, proper execution of role and responsibility of the officers for real change and also urged the officers to avoid and change the system the predecessors were following. He also pointed out that Longleng is a small district and the performance of every department and its officer will be easily exposed.

Pangnyu also gave away the prizes to the winners of the essay, drawing and painting competition held during Beti Pachao Beti Padhao programme. EAC, Longleng, Robi Sangtam presented a powerpoint on Beti Pachao Beti Padhao (Save girl child, educate her). He informed that district level committee on Beti Pachao Beti Padhao was headed by

DC, and also children's park along with six toilets was constructed under the BPBP. The MS, District Hospital and CMO presented their departmental activities. The MS informed that the DH Longleng was upgraded in 2004 and the hospital is functioning with the same status and facilities as CHC without any upgradation in manpower and infrastructure development. The board also had a lengthy discussion on Longleng Changtongya road.

43rd Graduation Ceremony of CTC

Clark Theological College, Mokokchung held its 43rd Graduation Ceremony on 20th April 2018 at the College Multi-Purpose Hall, Mokokchung, of which 16 Master of Theology (M.Th.) students passed out and 59 students graduated.

The ceremony was graced by Rev. Dr. Qwek Swee Hwa from Singapore as the main speaker, who said as Christians, the students should think for others as christians are commanders to work and shine for the Lord. He also encouraged the graduating students to humble themselves to work in the Lord's field.

CTC Choir enlightened the congregation by presenting the song 'Be strong in the Lord.' The CTC 43rd Graduation Ceremony was presided by Boholi Z. Sema.

GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN PROGRAMME

Jalukie:

As part of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, a programme of Ujjwala Diwas of the Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat was launched at Jalukie 'B' village under Peren district on 20th April 2018. The programme witnessed LPG connection distribution to five PMUY beneficiaries, where a nominal amount of Rs. 1,600/- was realised from the beneficiaries and which will allow six times free refilling.

Chubawati Chang, ADC, Peren in his speech stated that Gram Swaraj has the spirit of social harmony and that the government had made it a

reality. He also cautioned the villagers to be careful while filling up the forms of the Scheduled Tribe certificate, Indigenous certificate, Bank Account etc. in order to comply with the norms for availing different government schemes. He requested the gas agency to speed up the implementation process.

Earlier, Achintya Kumar in his introductory speech on Ujjwala Diwas said that the scheme was introduced with a view to ease women's burden with clean fuel. He added that the 738 villages will be taken up under this scheme, including 45 villages under Peren district.

Dr. Tasile shared the benefits of clean energy for environment protection. The programme was chaired by Namki Mpom, VCC Jalukie 'B' village.

Longleng:

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Camp and LPG Safety Clinic was launched at Longleng town on 20th April 2018 at Leinnak Gas Agency, Longleng. The programme was jointly organized by the Food & Civil Supplies Department in collaboration with Indian Oil – AOD, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Indane Area Office, Tinsukia in association with M/s Leinak Gas Agency, Longleng.

Lauding the Prime Minister of India for introducing the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala scheme for the benefit of the common people, SDO(C), D. Robin in



G. Sajith Kumar, Nodal Officer & Under Secretary to GoI briefing on the Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan campaign at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 23rd April 2018.

his short speech called upon the beneficiaries to avail the facilities. He informed that the scheme provides subsidies and encourages doing away the use of firewood which is hazardous to health and climate change. He also lauded the organizing department and agencies for launching the programme in the district.

President, BJP, Longleng said that Longleng is the first district to launch the PMU scheme in the state while, the Manager of Leinak Gas Agency, Sumon Paul briefed on the norms and guidelines of the PMU. LPG gas was also distributed to women beneficiaries. The meeting was attended by NGOs and government officials.

Tuensang:

Programme for Ujjwala Diwas Gram Swaraj Abhiyan was held at KC Lodge, Tuensang on 20th April 2018, organised by M/S Hangba Gas Agency with Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha as the Special Guest.



DC, Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha distributing LPG connections to a beneficiary at KC Lodge, Tuensang as part of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan programme on 20th April 2018.

In his speech, the DC spoke on the objectives of the programme and mentioned that the programme is focused on safety, efficiency, health, environment, economic development and women empowerment.

During the programme, Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Tuensang highlighted the main purpose of Ujjwala Diwas, mentioned the importance of Aadhaar Card enrollment and urged the Village Councils to identify the genuine beneficiaries.

Owner of M/S Hangba Gas Agency, Tuensang, Hangba Chang expressed concern over the grievances faced by the villagers due to inability to open bank account and the net connectivity problems. The Tuensang District BJP President spoke on the programme and few housewives also shared their experiences with LPG usage at home.

The introductory speech was delivered by Ajit Kumar Sinha and the programme was chaired by Manager, M/S Hangba Gas Agency, Gyan Karki. The programme ended with the distribution of LPG connections to the newly selected beneficiaries by DC, Tuensang.

Kohima:

As part of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan Special Campaign, DC, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS flagged off the ceremony on 24th April 2018 at DC's Office, Kohima.

Flagging off the 15 vehicles for carrying LED Bulb to 58 targeted villages under Kohima district, the DC stated that the main objective of the programme is to promote Unnat Jyoti through affordable LEDs for all (Ujala Yojana) and to conserve energy at home, office, commercial institutions by using energy efficient appliances and star labelled products which would result in significant reduction in monthly electricity bill as well as reduction in outages of power supply which is mainly due to over loading of existing transformers, distribution lines etc. causing unwanted power interruption. He impressed upon the beneficiaries to make use of the LED Bulb to reduce the load on the transformers, adding that it would also help the environment by reducing carbon footprint. He informed that individuals can avail at the subsidized rate of Rs. 50 per bulb and 3 bulbs per

family by producing any of the documents such as Aadhaar Card, Ration Card etc.

The campaign was organized by Kohima District Administration in collaboration with EESL.

Wozhuro:

Taking forward the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan programme initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a campaign was organised by Rural Development and Power Departments at Shaki village, Wozhuro block under Wokha district on 28th April 2018.

Deputy Secretary & Nodal officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Sunil Pant, who was present in the programme held at Community Hall, Shaki village, said that the main objective of the campaign is to find out ways for improving the quality of life and eradicating rural poverty so as to improve the overall social and economic well being of the rural populace. The official had close interaction with the participants with regard to all the schemes initiated by the Prime Minister. He enquired directly from the villagers about their living conditions and well-being and also sought their opinions as to whether the CSS programme are benefiting them. Further, Sunil Pant also enquired about the availability of LPG, LED bulbs, immunization of children, DBT bank account, Aadhaar enrolment and status of opening bank accounts. The official commented that he was impressed with the clean environment maintained in and around the village.

Project Director, DRDA, Wokha, Thungdeno Mozhui stressed on the importance of opening bank accounts and reminded that no cash transactions can be made to the concerned beneficiaries without a bank account.

BDO, Wozhuro, Chumthungo Khuvung proposed the vote of thanks while, Chairman, Shaki village delivered the welcome note. Besides others, the programme was attended by officials from RD and Power Departments, Village Council members and village elders.

Coordination Meeting with GSA Nodal Officer at Longleng

In connection with conduct of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (Village Self Governance Campaign), a coordination meeting with the Nodal Officer, G. Sajith Kumar, Under Secretary to the Government of India and line departments was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam at DC's Conference Hall on 23rd April 2018.

Deputy Commissioner said that the purpose of the meeting is to brief the Nodal Officer about implementation of seven central flagship programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya (Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Abhiyan), Ujala Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, and Mission Indradhanush by

the line department. He informed that the nodal officer will visit the villages to ascertain implementation of these schemes. He also directed the line departments to submit their respective activities taken up and problems faced by the department to him at the earliest.

In this regard, the officers and representatives of line departments present such as the PHED, Power, Home, Health & Family Welfare, Food & Civil Supplies, NRLM, Rural Development Department and Agriculture highlighted about their respective activities to the Nodal Officers. They also raised issues and grievances faced by the departments in implementing the programmes at the village levels and put up suggestions for remedies.

AH & VS Distributes Fodder and Materials for Piggery Shed Construction

The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH & VS) Department distributed fodder and materials for piggery shed construction to Kidima villagers under RKVY scheme which was led by Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Joseph M. Angami on 24th April 2018.

With the inauguration of Quarantine Check Post at Kidima which borders with Manipur on 27th March 2018, the Department of AH&VS

distributed fodder, piggery, materials for piggery shed construction for livestock and economic growth of the rural areas in particular. Free distribution to the villagers, technical supervision of scientific feeding and rearing of swine and interaction with the guests were the highlights of the programme.

Department of AH&VS distributed fodder and materials for piggery shed construction at Kidima village under RKVY scheme on 24th April 2018.



Central Team Holds Meeting on GSA under Zunheboto

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team led by Abhishek Chandra, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India accompanied by Sanjay, Under Secretary to the Government of India held a coordination meeting with Zunheboto district nodal departments under Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan on 24th April 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto.

In the meeting, the visiting team inquired and took reports on various central government flagship programmes taken up under the Abhiyan in the district such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (LPG connections for eligible families), Saubhagya (Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijili Har Ghar Yojana), Ujala Scheme (LEDs for all), Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, and Mission Indradhanush (immunization of children under two years and all pregnant women).

A powerpoint presentation was presented on Subhagya scheme by Power Department, Zunheboto. Earlier in the morning, the team visited Askhomi village.

MFTT Inspects Dimapur Super Market

Mobile Food Testing Team from State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) Kohima and Food Safety Officials (FSO), Dimapur carried out food analysis on loose species sold at Super Market area, Dimapur on 25th April 2018 where the items were dyed with cancer causing synthetic colours.

According to the team, they found Kesari Dal sold as food item which is prohibited under the Food Safety Act as it causes paralysis and also leads to loss of lives. The SPHL also claimed to have found Metanil yellow which causes degenerative changes in the lining of stomach, kidney and liver and also affects ovaries and testes. Rhodamine dye which

breaks down Red Blood Cells and adversely cause growth retardation and damages the liver and kidney, and the Sudan dye which is highly toxic to liver were also found by the testing team.

Longkhim Co-Ordination Meeting

Monthly Co-ordination meeting with Heads of Offices under Longkhim Sub-Division under the chairmanship of SDO (C) Longkhim, Shelley Katiry was held on 27th April 2018 at DUDA Hall, Longkhim town.

MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam thanked the officers for the peaceful conduct of the recently conducted General Assembly Election. He urged all the officers posted at Longkhim to work sincerely for the upliftment of the people and asked them to be at their place of posting. He assured to look into the problems faced by the department in the days to come.

In the meeting, Power Department, Government High School, Police and Medical Department presented their activities and problems faced by the departments. After the meeting, MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam visited CHC Longkhim, PWD (R&B) Office and BDO Office, Longkhim town.

Road Safety Week at Zunheboto

Road Safety week initiated by District Transport Office Zunheboto was held at Zunheboto under the theme, "Road Safety Life Safety" on 27th April 2018.

Bharat Scouts and Guides, Zunheboto assisted the traffic police during which they cautioned bikers without helmets, drivers to put on seatbelts and also distributed pamphlets at Traffic Point Junction, Zunheboto. School students from Love Dale Higher Secondary School and Cornerstone School participated in the event.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK AT DIMAPUR



Bike rally being flagged off during the 29th Road Safety Week at Dimapur on 27th April 2018.

As part of the 29th Road Safety Week 2018, a bike rally was organised by the Office of RTO, Dimapur in collaboration with Nagaland Motorcycle Club under the theme 'Road Safety Life Safety' at Dimapur on 27th April 2018.

Around 30 motorcyclists came together for the ride to create road safety awareness among the citizens. ADC, Dimapur, Sara S. Jamir flagged off the ride from City Tower Junction, Dimapur.

MUTHINGNYUBA VISITS OFFICES AT LONGKHIM

Muthingnyuba Sangtam, MLA visited CHC Longkhim, PWD (R&B) Office and BDO Office Longkhim on 27th April 2018. After inspecting the government

offices, he said that Longkhim town is one of the oldest sub-divisions in the state and lamented that many departments are yet to be established.



MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam during his visit to CHC, Longkhim Town on 27th April 2018.

PAINTING COMPETITION HELD AT WOKHA

As part of the Road Safety Week, Superintendent of Police, Wokha, Bharat Laxman Markad, IPS organised a painting competition at the Office of the SP, Wokha on 28th April 2018.

The competition was held on the theme "Your Safety Security Your Family - Be cautious on Road." Altogether 38 students from 10 schools took part in the painting competition. The competition was held under two categories, Junior (Class 2-7) and Senior (Class 8-10).

The panel of judges for the competition were Thungbemo Murry, Zubenthung, DPRO Office, Anito, Traffic I/C Wokha and Yenrothung Odyuo, Vice President, Lotha Students Union. The competition was judged on interpretation and clarity on the theme,

creativity and originality of the depicted theme and quality of artistic composition and overall design on the theme.

SP, Wokha, Bharat Laxman Markad while speaking at the prize distribution ceremony, said around 1.5 lakh people die every year in road accidents causing loss of life, property and materials. He said proper awareness and sensitization are required so that such kind of tragedies can be reduced, and with this objective, the Police Department has organized the painting competition. Markad also appealed to all participants to be an ambassador for road safety and urged the students to spread the awareness message to friends and neighbors and not confine it to a one day affair.



Minister, PWD, Tongpang Ozukum and other officials inspecting the ongoing black topping at Noklak on 28th April 2018.

GSA OBSERVED AT LONGLENG

The departments of Rural Development and Power under Longleng district observed Gram Shakti Abhiyan on 28th of April at MIS Hall, DRDA, Longleng. The programme was initiated for creating awareness regarding implemented of government schemes and programmes to the general mass.

Vitoka, EAC, Longleng speaking on behalf of district administration, encouraged the masses to be well aware of the government schemes and projects for proper implementation and benefit of the people and also to keep updated with the schemes implemented for them. Short speeches were also delivered by BDO, Tamlu and President of VCC/VDB while keynote address and welcome address was

delivered by APO, DRDA. Powerpoint presentation on MGNREGA & PMAY (G) under RD Department and Saubhagya under Power Department was presented by SDO, Power, Longleng while, vote of thanks was delivered by BDO, Sakshi. The programme was chaired by BDO, Longleng.

Under the programme, a meeting-cum-training of all the Village Councils Chairmen and VDB Secretary was also held at DC's Conference Hall on 27th April 2018 where the nodal officers in-charge of Longleng district briefed the village functionaries for strict implementation of government schemes in the district.

MEGA ANGLING COMPETITION HELD

The first Mega angling competition of the year with a total cash prize of more than Rs.2 lakh was held at Musu Angling Center, Hoito village, on 28th April 2018. More than 150 anglers participated in the competition with anglers coming from as far as West Bengal and Assam besides participants from Dimapur, Mokokchung and other districts of Nagaland.

Head GB of S. Vihuto village, who is also President of Western Sumi Kukani Hoho, S. Vihuto Yeptho graced the anglers meet as the Guest of Honour

and gave away cash prizes of Rs.50,000, Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 20,000 respectively with citations to the first, second and third position winners respectively. He described angling as a peaceful game and appealed to the association to work collectively for promoting angling in the state. He also advised the association for appealing to the people not to use bleaching powder and other chemicals so that fishes can be conserved.



Winners of the mega angling competition with the Guest Of Honour, S. Vihuto at Musu Angling Club, Hoito village, Kuhuboto on 28th April 2018.

Chief of Hoito village, Khevovi Chopi who is also the proprietor of Musu Angling Club said that the objective of organising the angling competition is not for profit motive but for promoting the anglers and also to encourage the youth. The proprietor informed that he hired 50 volunteers from Shouba village for

the event, took care of their uniforms, transportation besides paying them allowances. Professional catering group was also hired for the day, he said. Apart from competitive events being held, angling at Musu club is a daily affair with nominal fees, he added.

MON DPDB MEETING

The monthly Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 30th April 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon under the chairmanship of Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation and Chairman, DPDB, Mon, P. Pohwang.

Pohwang said that the government is committed to provide timely service delivery to the citizens and requested all members to be regular and stay at station.

Recommendations made during the meeting include extension of Longkhoho School, Tangnyu, registration for Highland Meadow Society, Aboi and creation of Border Magistrate at ITC, Longwa.

The board also discussed issues relating to non-release of 2nd phase payment under LADP in nine constituencies under Mon district. The house resolved to release payments for those works which is completed and verified by the committee.



Advisor and Chairman of DPDB, Mon, P. Pohwang addressing the DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 30th April 2018.

Powerpoint presentations were presented by Er. G.Vikhepu Yeptho, EE, PWD (R&B) Mon Division on departmental activities under Mon during 2017-18 and by Z. Murie, DWO, on various activities and schemes implemented by the Social Welfare Department in Mon district.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING AT BHANDARI

A co-ordination meeting was conducted at ADC Office, Bhandari with DC and SP Wokha along with the DC and SP, Golaghat and Sector Commander (Sector C & D). During the meeting, some border issues were discussed. Construction of neutral force BOP at Chandalashung-B (DAB Sector-C), DC, Golaghat assured to check harassment of Nagas and ensure safety of the Nagas travelling through Assam. They also agreed to activate the Border Peace Committee and to also conduct outreach programme, cultural

exchange programme and sports to create co-operation and peace for better understanding between the two states. Both sides agreed on transparency in sharing of information and co-operative mindset to solve the issues within the BM level/DC level without sending them to the higher authorities.

The meeting was attended by DC and SP Wokha, ADC, Bhandari, SDO (C), Ralan, SDPO, EAC, Bhandari and also DC and SP Golaghat, Sector Commanders (Sector C & D).

SUB -TREASURY OFFICE INAUGURATED AT AGHUNATO

The inaugural function of Sub-Treasury Office was held at Aghunato town on 10th April 2018 with MLA & Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology and NSDMA, Pukhayi Sumi gracing the programme as the Chief Guest.

Pukhayi said that locals have suffered for 26 long years because of shifting of Aghunato treasury to Zunheboto. He reminded Aghunato public to respect the office, the officers and staff. Stating that many government servants are not sincere in their duties, he called upon all to be dedicated. He also spoke on the developmental activities to be pursued. He also stated that SDPO post and the post of SDO, Electrical Department is in the pipeline for upgradation.

EAC, Aghunato, Saratho Katiry who chaired the programme, said that setting up of Sub-Treasury Office Aghunato would bring benefit to 500 plus pensioners and government servants, and affect more than 17 government offices at Aghunato Sub-Division. Samuel, Senior AA, Treasury Department, Aghunato said that the Sub-Treasury Office, Aghunato earlier functioned as Non-Banking Treasury, where all



MLA and Advisor, F&CS, LM and NSDMA, Pukhayi Sumi inaugurating the Sub-Treasury Office at Aghunato town on 10th April 2018.

the cash business was conducted by SBI, Zunheboto. Later, the office was relocated to Zunheboto. Kashito Yephthomi, GB, Ghuvish village requested installation of more ATM booths at Aghunato town for convenience of transaction. He also requested the GBs and elders of Aghunato to safeguard the assets well.

Invocation and benediction were pronounced by Pastor, ATBC, Vihoto H and Kiyeho, Chaplain N/P, Aghunato respectively.

Government Polytechnic Sedum Inaugurated at Tuensang

Minister, Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along inaugurated Government Polytechnic Sedum, Tuensang on 11th April 2018 at Tuensang town.

Addressing the gathering, Temjen Imna Along thanked the landowners for their contribution in construction of the polytechnic institution which will benefit the people of Tuensang. He added that changes cannot be brought by the Government alone without people's support and added that every individual has a role to play for any successful establishment of new institutions. The institution will offer Civil Engineering as a course from this year onwards. The Minister urged the teaching faculties to be more sincere in

performing their duties and requested the landowners and district administration to be more vigil in case of land encroachment in future.

The programme was chaired by Er. Arjun Singh, Director, Technical Education. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. T Among, Pastor, TVBC and vote of thanks was delivered by Tiakaba, Project Director, Technical Education.

Tammong Village Inaugurated

Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards and Civil Defence, M. Noke Wangnao inaugurated Tammong village under Mon district on 12th April 2018.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Noke stated that Tammong village should be a model

village for all neighbouring villages and urged the villagers to maintain neat and clean environment. He said that though the schemes and the developmental activities come from the government, the villagers are responsible for proper implementations and to carry out all the activities. He asked all the officers to be sincere and to work hard for the upliftment of the people.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, K. Thavaseelan, IAS in his short speech said that April 12 will be a 'red letter day' for Tammong village. The recognition of the village is necessary for its proper development. The district administration will be in full support for proper implementation of all the schemes for the development of the village. Chief Angh of Mon village and Y. Tingyeih, BDO also spoke during the occasion.

The programme was chaired by T. Nokyam and welcome address was delivered by N. Monao, Chairman of Tammong Village Council. Men and women cultural troupes of Mon village performed cultural display.

The Chief Guest was accompanied by Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, P. Pohwang, DC, Mon, K. Thavaseelan, IAS. President, ENPO, Khoiwang Wangsha, dignitaries, invitees and host of government officials attended the function. Earlier, the Chief Guest unveiled the monolith where dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. Chemyuh Konyak, Executive Secretary, KBBB, Mon.



Advisor, Social Welfare, HG&CD, M. Noke Wangnao speaking at the inaugural function of Tammong village under Mon district on 12th April 2018.

FIRST POWER CCC IN DIMAPUR LAUNCHED

Advisor, Power Department, Tovihoto Ayemi launched the first ever Power Department's Customer Care Centre (CCC) at Burma Camp, Dimapur on 14th April 2018.

In his address, Tovihoto said that with the commissioning of the CCC, the department would give priority to the consumers by attending to their needs and complaints and further assured for enhancement of manpower for manning the CCC for addressing consumers' grievances 24x7 effectively. Highlighting some notable achievements of the department in recent times, Tovihoto said the department has implemented Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP), making the eight towns IT enabled, except Mokokchung. He also announced that the department is contemplating to gradually implement CCC and Point of Sale swipe machines for cashless payment in others districts too, besides Kohima and Dimapur.

Tovihoto also said that the department is currently taking up CSS of Integrated Power Development scheme (IPDS) and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) for providing electrification to all the households both in rural and urban pockets by 2018. Despite the improvements and better revenue earning by the department, Tovihoto pointed out that the state still purchases power from outside for distribution to the consumers. Towards this, he urged upon the Village Councils and GBs to monitor power theft and defaulters within their jurisdictions. He further appealed to the public for using CFL and LED bulbs to save power.

Presenting a brief note on CCC, Additional CE (D&R) and nodal officer, R-APDRP, Er. Keviletuo Yiese explained that the main objective of CCC is to improve customer service by processing and resolving consumer requests/queries/complaints in minimum possible time, by taking up at the appropriate place and level through single window

computerized system. He informed that CCC is one of the most important modules implemented under R-APDRF and said that consumers could now dial toll free number 1912 (Pan India Electricity Complaint)



Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi launching the first ever Power Department's Customer Care Centre (CCC) at Burma Camp, Dimapur on 14th April 2018.

which would be made available 24×7 to lodge their grievances. He also informed that the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system would be available to cater to customers' grievances in multi lingual (English, Hindi and Nagamese) through the trained Customer Service Representatives as long as BSNL network remains available. Customers can contact CCC for grievances including billing, no power supply, fuse and shock complaints, and other queries and assistance, he added.

Chief Engineer (D&R), Power, Er. Khose Sale chaired the programme and also delivered the welcome note while, S.E, Er. Moa Aier proposed the vote of thanks. DC Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel (IAS), representatives from Naga Council, colony GBs and Chairmen, Electrical Contractors Union, Commissioner and Secretary, Power and IT&C, K.D Vizo, officers from Power Department were among others who attended the commissioning programme.

AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO KOHIMA TO BE COMMISSIONED WITHIN 45 DAYS



Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi along with PHED officials inspecting the project site for augmentation of water supply to Kohima town at Mima village on 17th April 2018.

Minister for PHED, Jacob Zhimomi inspected the project site of augmentation of water supply to Kohima town at Mima village on 17th April 2018.

Jacob Zhimomi also said that the project will be commissioned within 45 days; it is part of the Smart City plan, which will provide safe drinking water to the citizens of Kohima town. Zhimomi said that the government is concerned about the health of the people and the project will not only provide safe drinking water to the people but would solve the water scarcity problem in the city. He informed that in Wokha, the same project will also be commissioned within 45 days. He also said that for rural areas, a project is on the verge of completion at Chiephobozou RD block under Kohima district which will cover 21 water scarce villages and stated that very soon, similar projects will be implemented in other districts.

This project is a two staged pumping system, whereby the water will reach the pressure

break tank and through gravity, the water will flow down to the main reservoir located at Kohima town. This reservoir overall pumping for design takes 20 hours and design capacity is 3.8 mld. The process

of this pumping goes diversion wise, desilting tank, sedimentation tank, hydraulic jump, clarifloculator, rapid sand filter, disinfection, and pumping. The intake point of this project is Zarü river.

LOSATEPHE VILLAGE INAUGURATED

MP, Rajya Sabha, K.G. Kenye graced Losatephe village inauguration on 24th April 2018. In his speech, Kenye lauded the villagers for their entrepreneurial activity which has added good reputation to the village. He called upon the villages to come together and strengthen rural economy and stressed on the need to maintain peace for all round development of the village.

Yitachu, MLA for 20 A/C, who was the host of the programme, expressed gratitude to the villagers for electing him to represent them as an MLA; even if he is not in the ruling party/government, he assured to give his best for upliftment of the people. He was optimistic that the village will be a good business centre for which he urged them to maintain the

good image. Speaking on the occasion, MLA for 17 A/C Chizami, Kezhienyi Khalo stressed on the importance of culture and tradition and advocated co-operation and support among the people. President, Chakhesang Public Organization (CPO), Kekhwengulo Lea and Phek ADC, K. Mhathang Tsanglao also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Losatephe Village Council Chairman, Khrowete Lasuh briefed on the history of the village while, Keziwelo Akami, Chairman, Losami Village Council delivered the welcome address. The programme also witnessed words of blessing from Losami village Head GB, Rekhwetso Swuro. The function was chaired by Wepe Mekrisuh.



MP, Rajya Sabha, K.G. Kenye with Yitachu, MLA, Kezhienyi Khalo, MLA and other officials during the inauguration of Losatephe village under Phek district on 24th April 2018.

MAHSEER HATCHERY PROJECT INAUGURATED AT LONGKONG VILLAGE

In collaboration with ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fishery Research (DCFR) Bhimtal, Uttarakhand, Nagaland State Fishery Department successfully developed a Mahseer Hatchery Project at Suteplenden of Longkong village under Mokokchung district. The project, first of its kind in the state, has been set up at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh, aiming to propagate and to replenish the dwindling number of the species in the major rivers in the state. The project was inaugurated by Minister for PWD, Tongpang Ozukum in the presence of senior officers, scientists from ICAR-DCFR and high officials from the Nagaland State Department of Fisheries on 25th April 2018.

In his inaugural speech, Tongpang Ozukum said that with the setting up of a mahseer hatching centre, the dwindling number of the species would be replenished. Expressing concern over the use of chemicals and other means in fishing which leads to extinction of this wonder fish, the Minister urged the department to be more vigorous in bringing public

awareness to preserve this species in the rivers. He also said adequate knowledge should also be given to public about the feeding and breeding of this species. He also thanked the owner of the Suteplenden Multi Farm, Imnutoshi and asked the department to extend all possible help.

Director, ICAR-DCFR Bhimtal, Dr. Debajit Sarma; Dr. R.S. Haldar, Nodal Officer, ICAR-DCFR and Dr. Sudhir Raizada, ADG (Inland Fishery) who also spoke at the function, shared their happiness over the success of the project and said that they are always looking forward to undertake such projects for the benefit of the people of Nagaland. Dr. Sudhir Raizada who was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural function said ICAR-DCFR has taken up another Trout Hatchery Project at Tzulaki in Kohima district.

The inaugural function was chaired by Secretary, Department of Fisheries, T. Mhabemo Yanthan while, vote of thanks was proposed by Kevisa Kense, Director, Fisheries.



Minister, PWD, Tongpang Ozukum inaugurating the Mahseer Hatchery Project at Suteplenden of Longkong village under Mokokchung district on 25th April 2018.



Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom with doctors and officials of NHM at the launching of the Swachhata Pakhwada (Fortnight)-2018 at NHAK MD Conference Hall, Kohima on 2nd April 2018.



Bharat Scouts & Guides, Zunheboto and government officials during the Road Safety Week held at Zunheboto on 27th April 2018.



Governor, P. B. Acharya addressing the Regional Seminar on Natural Resources, Skill Manpower and Development of North East at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma on 30th April 2018.



Delegation led by Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton with Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh at New Delhi.



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Commissioner & Secretary, Abhishek Singh, IAS, Director, ATI, R. Asenla Keitzar, officers of ATI with NCS (P) and NSS 48th batch after the inaugural programme for Combined Foundation Course at ATI, Kohima on 24th April 2018.



A two day State Level Orientation Workshop on LaQshya, PMSMA and GDM was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 18th and 19th of April 2018.



Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi officially launching the SAUBHAGYA 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana' at Kohima on 20th April 2018.



NEPEX was carried out in Mokochung town on 26th April 2018.



Tuensang DDMA conducted state wide mega mock drill of NEPEX at Tuensang on 26th April 2018.



Wokha conducted state wide mega mock drill of NEPEX on 26th April 2018.



DC, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam with a team of doctors from Mumbai, CMO, MS, nurses and staff during the medical camp at District Hospital, Longleng from 23rd - 25th April 2018.



Dr. Suparana Nirgudkar (Team Leader) along with district administration, doctors and staff during the free medical health camp held at District Hospital, Mon from 23rd to 25th April 2018.



Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) led by its team leader and NSCW Chairperson, Dr. Temsula Ao visited Tuensang District Jail and Women Cell on 13th April 2018.



Advisor and Mokokchung DPDB Chairman, Imnatiba addressing the DPDB meeting at ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 7th April 2018.