



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi with a cultural troupe during his visit to New Pangsha village, Noklak on 28th September 2022.



Union Minister of State, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar during his visit to Zunheboto on 26th September 2022.



Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Pratima Bhoomik visited Kiphire and held an interaction with district officials at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 20th September 2022.



THE WARRIOR

A DIPR MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Editor : DZÜVINUO THEÜNUO

Sub-Editors : MHONLUMI PATTON & NOUNESENO PESEYIE

Published by:

GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

IPR Citadel, New Capital Complex,
Kohima - 797001, Nagaland

© 2022, Government of Nagaland
Directorate of Information & Public Relations

✉: iprnagaland@gmail.com

For advertisement : dipradvert@gmail.com

Views and opinions expressed in the contributed articles are not those of the Editor(s) nor do these necessarily reflect the policies or views of the Government of Nagaland.

Designed & Printed by

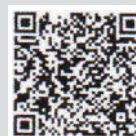
V.Y. PRINTERS

Kalibari Road

Dimapur - 797 112, Nagaland

CONTENTS

<u>REGULARS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
1. Official Orders & Notifications	04-10
2. State Round Up	11-41
3. Districts Round Up	42-62
4. Development Activities	63-64
5. Feature Article	65-66



Scan the code to install Naga
News app from Google Playstore

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

NBSE INFORMS ON PM-USP CSSS

In pursuant of Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Letter No. 1-42/2020-NS-I dated the 24th August 2022, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all concerned that the portal for renewal of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Central Sector of Scholarship for College and University Students (PM-USP CSSS) for the Academic Year 2022-23 is open from 20th July 2022.

It may be noted that students who wish to renew, can apply through the National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>). Therefore, Heads of the concerned colleges/institutions have been requested to inform the nodal officers to look into the entire process of application renewal and verifications so that it gets completed at the earliest, which will help the students to get their scholarship at an early date.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE

In supersession of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department Notification of even number dated 19.11.2016, the Government of Nagaland has constituted the Complaint Committee for the State Level Committee as per the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2013 consisting of the following for redress of complaints relating to sexual harassment of women employees of the State Government at their workplaces:

1. Hokhuli Chushi, IAS, Secretary, H&TE: Chairperson
2. Bodeno S Colo, Additional Secretary, Social Welfare: Member
3. Kusa Fithu, Joint Secretary, Co-Operation: Member
4. Rosy Athrila S, Joint Secretary, Transport: Member
5. Abeiu Meru, President, Naga Mother Association: Member
6. Sungtila Jamir, Joint Secretary, P&AR: Member Secretary

Terms and Conditions of the Complaint Committee:

1. The Committee shall receive a complaint from any woman who is a victim of sexual harassment at her workplace and cause an inquiry into the complaint and suggest measures to redress the complaint.
2. The Committee will take measures to create awareness of the right of female employees in this regard by suitably notifying the guidelines with awareness campaigns.
3. Complaint Committee will be deemed to be an inquiry authority for Central/State Civil Service (Conduct) Rules and the report of the Complaint Committee shall be deemed to be an inquiry report under the Rules. Thereafter, the disciplinary authority will act on the report following the rules.
4. The Complaint Committee shall submit an annual report to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms with details of the complaints, if any, made to it and the action thereof.

NAGALAND CONSUMER PROTECTION COUNCIL CONSTITUTED

In exercise of Power conferred by Section 6 & 7 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, the Government of Nagaland has constituted the Nagaland Consumer Protection Council for the State of Nagaland with the following Members:

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

1. Minister-in-charge of Consumer Affairs of the State: Chairman
2. Advisor, LM&CP: Member
3. President, Nagaland Volunteer Consumer Organization (NVCO): Member
4. Chairman, Kohima Municipal Council: Member
5. Nominee from the Department of Consumer Affairs, GoI: Member
6. Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Nagaland: Member
7. President, Kohima Chamber of Commerce: Member
8. Chairperson, Naga Mothers' Association: Member
9. Secretary, LM&CP: Member
10. Additional Controller & HoD, LM&CP: Member Secretary

The objective of the State Council shall be to render advice on the promotion and protection of Consumer Rights under the Act within the State.

1. The State Council shall meet as and when necessary, but not less than two meetings shall be held every year.
2. The State Council shall meet at such time and place as the Chairperson may think fit, and shall observe such procedure regarding the transaction of its business, as may be prescribed.

MODIFICATION OF VEHICLES FOR PwDS

In pursuance of orders dated 28.04.2022 and 28.06.2022 passed by the Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, and in partial modification of Notification dated 31.05.2022, the Transport Department, Government of Nagaland, has authorized the following workshops for retro-fitment of approved retro-fitment kit and alteration of vehicles as to make it suitable to be driven by persons with disabilities:

1. M/s Bimal Automobiles,
Address - H/No.125, Duncan Basti, Dimapur, Nagaland.
Contact: 9436069985
2. M/s Bhai Bhai Engineering Works (BBE Workshop),
Address - Billy Graham Road, Kohima, Nagaland.
Contact: 9856517295

NBSE INFORMS ON ISSUE OF DUPLICATE DOCUMENTS

In the interest of the public, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for general information that the following measures are being taken for issue of duplicate documents of the Board with effect from June 2022. Documents have been made uniform with a common design/format for the issue of duplicates with required features:

1. A common format/design of document for issue of duplicate Admit Card from HSLC 1997 till date and HSSLC 1998 till date.
2. A common format/design of document for issue of HSLC Marksheet from 1997 till 2013.
3. A common format/design of document for issue of HSLC Pass Certificate from 1997 till 2013.

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

4. A common format/design of document for issue of HSLC Marksheet-cum-Certificate from 2014 till date.
5. A common format/design of document for issue of duplicate Marksheet from HSSLC 1998 till date.
6. A common format/design of document for issue of duplicate Pass Certificate from HSSLC 1998 till date.

Further, duplicate Registration Cards of Secondary and Higher Secondary and Pass Certificates of Class VIII, IX & XI will be issued with a common design/format.

CLARIFICATIONS ON ISSUES RELATING TO SHARING OF AADHAAR AND RELATED DATA AMONGST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued an Office Memorandum stating that in order to leverage Aadhaar i.e. the Unique Identity as a tool of good governance to promote ease of living of residents and enable better access to services for them and facilitate a smooth, seamless, efficient, transparent, and error-free targeted delivery of benefits, services and subsidies to residents, several references were received from various government entities to clarify on the possibilities and modalities of sharing of Aadhaar related data amongst various government entities. Accordingly, Office Memorandums dated 27.10.2021, 06.12.2021, and 10.12.2021 have been issued by UIDAI providing necessary clarifications in this regard.

Though these Office Memorandums have addressed broader issues related to sharing of Aadhaar related data between various Central/State Government entities, UIDAI has been receiving references seeking further clarifications on specific issues pertaining to the enquiring departments which have since been duly provided to the concerned departments from time to time. It has been felt that the clarifications would be equally relevant to other departments. Therefore, the queries and clarifications thereto have been compiled and given below for the convenience of user government departments:

Query: Vide UIDAI OM dated 27.10.2021, it has been clarified that different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India can be treated as a single entity, i.e. the 'Central Government' for effective formulation of various government schemes and selection of beneficiaries. Can different departments of State Government be treated as a single entity on similar lines?

Clarification: As per the provisions of Article 166(3) of the Constitution of India, different departments of a State Government can be treated as a single entity, i.e. the 'State Government' for effective formulation of various government schemes and selection of beneficiaries. However, a separate consent of the beneficiary must be taken by the implementing State Government department at the time of final delivery of subsidy, benefit, and service. Further, attention is invited to Para 5 of the UIDAI OM dated 27.10.2021 which shall apply to various departments of a particular State Government also.

Query: Whether Aadhaar and related data pertaining to schemes/purposes notified under Section 4(4)(b)(ii) of the Aadhaar Act, read with the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020, can be shared by Central or State Government departments, as the case may be, amongst themselves and also between Central Government and State Governments.

Clarification: Aadhaar and related data can be shared amongst different departments of the Central Government, or State Government, as the case may be, considering that these are to be treated as a single entity.

Further, demographic information (name, date of birth, gender and address of residence) and photograph of beneficiaries, along with partially masked Aadhaar can be shared between Centre and State

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Governments and States inter-se. However, in case the consent as per Annexure to OM dated 06.12.2021 has been taken, the full Aadhaar number can be shared between Centre and State or States inter-se.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON MORTGAGE RELATING TO CROP LOANS

Finance Department Nagaland has issued a notification dated 9th September 2022 stating that in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 9 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, the Government of Nagaland has remitted with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Gazette, the whole amount of stamp duty chargeable on all instruments of mortgage relating to crop loans.

NBSE NOTIFIES SCHOOLS NOT TO CONDUCT SELECTION TEST AT CLASS X AND XII LEVEL

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified the following for information of all the Heads of Institutions registered under NBSE for strict compliance:

In spite of the fact that Selection Test was done away with in 2014 as notified on 10.3.2014 and stated in the rules under Management of Examination 2014, many institutions are still conducting Selection Test to screen out or drop the poor learners from appearing the HSLC/HSSLC Examinations.

Therefore, NBSE has once again reminded all Heads of Institutions not to conduct Selection Test at Class X or XII level to screen out the poor learners. Schools should assure that the course/syllabus of the academic year is covered and the learning gaps among the students identified and the varied needs of the students are addressed. All possible efforts should be taken to give remedial measures, special classes etc. for the weak students to improve their performance.

Further, all schools must conduct Model Test at the end of completion of the course based on the design of the Board's question paper to orient the students to sit for the Board's examinations.

DoSE INFORMS ON ATTENDANCE OF TEACHERS AND STAFF

The Directorate of School Education has informed that Heads of all Government Schools functioning within the State of Nagaland have been directed to ensure the following:

1. No teachers serving under their establishments engage proxies against them under any circumstances.
2. Photographs of all Teaching Staff along with names imprinted/affixed are displayed prominently in the Staff Room/School premises.
3. All Teachers/Staff sign in the Attendance Register in the same manner as they have appended their signature in the Service Book/Joining Report.

All DEOs/Senior SDEOs/SDEOs are directed to conduct surprise checking at schools under their jurisdiction and to ensure that no proxies are engaged by any staff.

Further, attention of all School Heads and DEOs/Senior SDEOs/SDEOs is drawn to Rule 4 (2) (i) of the Nagaland Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1968. It is reiterated that in the event of detection of engagement of proxies by any school staff during the surprise checks conducted by Officials of District

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Administration and Directorate of School Education, in addition to initiating disciplinary action against those teachers engaging proxies, disciplinary action will also be initiated against the concerned School Heads and DEOs/Senior SDEOs/SDEOs for violation of the aforesaid Rule.

NIULAND DISTRICT COMES UNDER ILP PURVIEW

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section (4) of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 and in continuation to Home Department, Political Branch, Notification dated Kohima, 9th December 2019 and in the interest of public, the entire District of Niuland will come under the preview of ILP with effect from 1st October 2022 with the following conditions:

1. Every Non-Indigenous Person henceforth entering the area of District of Niuland shall be required to obtain an ILP in the same mode and manner as presently required for entering the ILP area of Nagaland State and under the same condition as provided in Notification of even number dated 3/5/2018.
2. Every Non-Indigenous Person who is settled or has entered the area of District of Niuland which was hitherto not covered under ILP, before the date of issue of this notification and on or after 21/11/1979, the day the aforesaid area of Niuland was constituted as Tribal belt vide Land Revenue Department Notification No.LR/2-118/76 dated 21/11/1979, shall be required to obtain ILP in the same mode and manner and under the same condition as mentioned in Para 1 above within ninety (90 days) from the date of issue of this notification. 2022/9/21 18:57
3. Every Non-Indigenous Person who has settled or has entered the area of District of Niuland which was hitherto not covered under ILP prior to 21/11/1979, and has been continuously, will be exempted along with his/her direct descendants, from the requirements of having an ILP subject to him/her producing evidence of the same, in the form of documents like entry of name in the e-roll, land/property documents, house tax, entry of name in the e-Roll of Town Committee, school records, trade licenses etc. to the DC Niuland, who on the basis of the submitted documents and after holding such enquiry which he thinks fit and necessary, certify that the person in question has been staying continuously from before 21/11/1979, the concerned person on the strength of the certificate issued by the DC Niuland will not be required to obtain the ILP.
4. Any Non-Indigenous Person passing through the District of Niuland to other state as transit passenger and having a valid ticket will not be required to obtain ILP.

STATE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES ON NSSAA

The Government of Nagaland has designated the 'Nagaland State Social Audit Agency,' a society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 as amended vide Societies Registration (Nagaland Third Amendment) Act, 2008 (Act No. I of 2009) bearing Certificate of Registration NO.HOME/SRC-7607 dated 08-08-2022, as an independent Social Audit Unit (SAU) headed by an independent Director. The Social Audit will be responsible for the following:

- A. Build capacities of Gram Sabhas for conducting social audit and towards this purpose, identify, train and deploy suitable resource persons at village, block, district and state level, drawing from primary stakeholders and other civil society organizations having knowledge and experience of working for the rights of the people.
- B. Prepare social audit reporting formats, resource material, guidelines and manuals for the social audit

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

process.

- C. Create awareness amongst the labourers about their rights and entitlements under the Act.
- D. Facilitate verification of records with primary stakeholders and work sites.
- E. Facilitate smooth conduct of social audit Gram Sabhas for reading out and finalizing decisions after due discussion.
- F. Host the social audit reports including action taken reports in the public domain.

GOVERNMENT DECLARES ASSOCIATIONS UNLAWFUL

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam has issued an order on behalf of the Governor of Nagaland stating that the Central Government, in the exercise of powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), has declared the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts, including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as unlawful associations vide notification vide number S.O. 4560(E) dated 28th September 2022;

And in the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 42 of the said Act, the Central Government has directed vide Notification No. S.O. 4560(E) dated 28th September 2022 that all the States and Union Territory Administrations shall exercise the powers exercisable by the Central Government under Sections 7 and Section 8 of the said Act;

And whereas, vide Order No, 14017/4/2022-NI-MFO dated 28th September 2022, it has been conveyed that the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations may, by order in writing, direct that any power which has been directed to be exercised by it, shall, in such circumstances and under such conditions, as may be specified in the direction, be exercised by the Commissioners of Police, the District Magistrates or the Deputy Commissioners of Districts under the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations;

Therefore, in the exercise of the aforesaid delegated powers, the State Government has directed that the Commissioner of Police, the District Magistrates, and the Deputy Commissioners shall exercise the powers accordingly.

HOME DEPARTMENT ISSUES OFFICE MEMORANDUM ON AGITATIONS

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS through an office memorandum, has stated that certain individuals, organizations and associations have been calling for bandhs, strikes, agitations involving blocking National Highways and public roads in the State as a mode of agitation to press for their grievances. In this regard, he stated that blocking National Highways and public roads is a punishable offence under relevant sections of National Highway Act 1956, the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984 and Indian Penal Code. Further, in various judgements of the Supreme Court and High Courts, it has also been held that bandhs and road blockades are illegal and unconstitutional and organizers must be prosecuted.

J. Alam further stated that in some cases, as a part of agitation to press for certain local demands, calls are given for disturbing celebrations of National Days or forcefully preventing law abiding citizens from participating in such celebrations and functions. It may be stated here that any forceful act with intent to disturb the celebrations of the National Days is illegal and a serious offence and the culprits are liable to be prosecuted

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

under relevant sections of law.

Any purported grievances for any agitation should be brought to the notice of, and pursued with, the concerned government authority for appropriate action. Any public gathering, meant to express views/grievances or otherwise, without prior permission of the competent district authorities is illegal. Further, district authorities are also empowered under law to firmly deal with those indulging in actions which violate the law or create law and order problem, or disturb the existing atmosphere of peace and public tranquility, or cause nuisance and obstruction to general public.

The Home Commissioner said that the District Administration and Police officials should appropriately sensitize the organizations, groups concerned which have any pending grievance or have given a call for disruptive agitation. Further, in case of any violations as mentioned above on the part of any individual/group/association, the authorities concerned should initiate appropriate action under the relevant provisions of Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984, the National Highway Act 1956 and such other appropriate Laws depending upon the violations, disruptions, disturbances caused.

An illustrative list of provisions which may be invoked depending on the situation is annexed. This list is not exhaustive and other laws as applicable may also be invoked by the law enforcing agencies.

Actions under different acts that can be invoked (depending upon the specific incidents):

1. Indian Penal Code:

- a. Section 143: Whoever is a member of an unlawful assembly shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.
- b. Section 147: Whoever is guilty of rioting shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both
- c. Section 153: Wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot
- d. Section 153A: Promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc. and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony
- e. Section 153B: Imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration.
- f. Section 188: Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant
- g. Section 341: Punishment for wrongful restraint
- h. Section 342: Punishment for wrongful confinement
- i. Section 426: Punishment for mischief

2. The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984:

- a. Section 3: Mischief causing damage to public property

3. The National Highway Act 1956:

- a. Section 8B: Punishment for mischief by injury to national highway

POSHAN MAAH 2022 LAUNCHED**DIMAPUR:**

Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan on the theme 'Traditional foods for woman and children in tribal areas' programme was held at Kuda Youth Hall, Kuda village, Dimapur on 20th September 2022.

CDPO, Dimapur (U), RENCHANO ODYUO in her briefing said the campaign has been functioning for the past five years to give information on how to improve nutrition of kids and adults. She said the focus of Abhiyaan is to emphasize the nutritional status of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children from 0-6 years of age. She added that Poshan 2.0 seeks to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by the creation of a convergent ecosystem to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness, and immunity.

Other highlights of the programme included local food shops by 12 SHGs under RD-NSRLM, on-the-spot distribution of IEC materials of fortified rice, demonstration of fortified rice, and video streaming of an online cooking competition on nutritious food for women and children.

MON:

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS on 2nd September 2022, launched the Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan, Poshan Maah at DRDA Hall, Mon with the theme, 'Mahila and Swaasthya (Women and Health).' The DC stated that the main objective of the campaign is to spread awareness about proper nutrition for women and children. DPO (ICDS) Mon, T. Yanlem gave an introduction on Poshan Maah,

and CDPO Wakching, Mhayani read out the Poshan Pledge. CMO, Mon, Dr. Vezokholu gave a presentation on 'Awareness on menstrual hygiene for AG and women.'

Aboi sub-division held the programme for Rashtriya Poshan Maah on 9th September 2022. Block level anaemia and screening camp was conducted by CDPO Office, Aboi, Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with CHC, Aboi, Department of Medical with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aboi, Anoka H. Assumi as special guest.

A cooking competition and local food show for Mon Block was organized as part of the celebration of Poshan Maah 2022 at Hongpoi village, Mon on 20th September 2022. Altogether, 54 items participated in the cooking competition and seven groups at the Local Food Show.

NOKLAK:

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 was launched at Noklak on 1st September 2022 at CDPO's Office Noklak.

Speaking on the inaugural function for Noklak Project, Senior Supervisor, CDPO's Office, Noklak, P. Hemping gave a brief introduction on Poshan 2.0 and highlighted about health and nutritional care for children, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating mothers. He stated that, in order to accomplish the target, it is the duty and responsibility of all the line departments to work hand in hand, and to make this mission a people's movement through the support from local administrative bodies, Village Councils, SHGs and the community as a whole.

Poshan Pledge was administered to all the Anganwadi workers.

PEREN:

2022 was graced by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 30th September 2022



Peren ICDS Project under the Department of Social Welfare organised district level launching of Poshan Maah Women Welfare Hall, Peren on 1st September 2022.

LONGLENG:

Poshan Maah & ICDS Project 2022 was launched in Longleng under the theme 'Converging towards a healthy walk

Peren ICDS Project under the Department of Social Welfare organised a district level launching programme of Poshan Maah 2022 at Women Welfare Hall, Jalukie town on 1st September 2022. During the programme, AWW Samziuram, Amanna administered the Poshan Pledge, while CDPO, Nsong, Dishong Chawang highlighted the aims and objectives of Poshan Maah and the importance of mass participation. CDPO, Tening, Yanbeni Humtsoe also spoke on the importance and awareness of nutrition of all age groups, especially children below six (6) years, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating mothers.

Department of Social Welfare, Jalukie ICDS Project along with Medical Team from CMO's Office, Peren jointly organised a block level importance of good nutrition-cum-medical camp at Lamhai Dungki Village Council Hall, Peren on 3rd September 2022. The camp was organised as part of the month-long celebration of Poshan Maah 2022.

The closing programme of Poshan Maah

through life' by CDPO, Longleng, Longlang Luckpan who also administered the Poshan Pledge to the health workers and officials at CDPO's Office Complex on 3rd September 2022 in the presence of Anganwadi and health workers of the district. Afen (DC PMMVY) spoke on awareness of PM-MVY and best working experience was shared by Merenchenla AWWs and Limayangla AWWs. Guidelines related to Poshan Maah activities was delivered by Chingyang (Block Co-ordinator), Longleng.

Social Welfare Department Longleng organized Poshan Maah closing programme on ICDS project on 30th September 2022 at CDPO's Office compound, Longleng.

TSEMINYU:

Poshan Maah 2022 was launched by Longasen Lotha, ADC, Tseminyu on 3rd September 2022 at BDO's Office Conference Hall, Tseminyu.

The ADC urged the Anganwadi workers to continue being sincere and dedicated to their

assigned duties and responsibilities, and also be forthcoming whenever the administration and other convergent departments call them up for their assistance and coordination.

Menokhrielie, CDPO, Tseminyu highlighted about the Poshan Abhiyaan theme 2022.

PHEK:



Anganwadi workers and helpers along with officials during the launching of Poshan Maah programme in Chozuba on 2nd September 2022.

Poshan Maah, a month long programme was formally flagged off by ADC, Imokokla at Chozuba on 2nd September 2022.

Poshan Maah aims to address the challenges of malnutrition and to improve outcome for children under six years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Brief introduction on Poshan Maah was presented, followed by rally undertaken by women.

TUENSANG:

The district level Poshan Maah 2022 was launched at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 5th September 2022.

EAC, Tuensang, Arhonbeni Ezung speaking during the launching programme, stressed on the concept of the Poshan Maah and also requested the gathering to sensitize children and mother in their respective villages and centers. She also encouraged the AWW and AWHs to continue

to do their social work effortlessly and also grow a nutri garde. She stressed on people's participation in Poshan Maah to make it a mass movement.

District Programme Officer, Tuensang in collaboration with Sangsangnyu ICDS Project observed the closing programme of Poshan Maah 2022 at CBLT Conference Hall Tuensang.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district launched Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 on 6th September 2022 at CDPO's Office, Zunheboto.

DPO Zunheboto, Meshusayi

Tetseo gave a brief introduction on Poshan Maah. EAC Zunheboto, Mopling Phom exhorted the gathering to spread awareness about nutrition at the grassroots level as they are the agents of nutritional improvement in the district. Poshan Pledge was led by Senior Supervisor, Inoto Shohhe.

WOKHA:

Department of Social Welfare organized the closing ceremony of Poshan Maah 2022 at Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall, Wokha in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS.

Addressing the culmination programme, the DC acknowledged the commendable job done by the Anganwadi team and encouraged them to continue serving with sincerity and dedication for the welfare of society. He urged the Anganwadi workers/team to identify severe

acute malnourished children (height, weight, and age data) in the district, and after collecting the data, to upload/include the accurate data in the Poshan Abhiyaan tracker.

Mentioned may also be made that, in recognition of their notable work in August 2019, Wokha ICDS was awarded the State Poshan Abhiyaan award for Best Field Convergence. In recognition of their service rendered, 10 (ten) Anganwadi workers received cash awards and two MAM (Moderate Acute Mal-nutrition) were identified from GA/Project colony Wokha, the cash award was handed over by the Deputy Commissioner.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The closing programme of the Rashtriya

Poshan Maah 2022 was held at Sangtemla Ward Multi-purpose Hall, Mokokchung.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS while delivering a short speech, said the Constitution of India provides equal rights to every citizen but as a welfare state, it has recognized the need to provide special attention to those vulnerable sections of the society which include children and women with flagship programmes like Poshan Abhiyaan. He also appreciated the efforts put up by the officials and workers of the Department to successfully carry out all the activities, the whole year round and intensively during the Poshan Maah celebration.

MFA HOLDS THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME

The Morning Football Association (MFA) held a thanksgiving programme with the sponsors and team admins of Lirunas Morning Premier League on 1st September 2022 at Hotel Ura, Kohima.

Asangla Imsong of Lirunas and title sponsor of MPL Season 2022 appreciated the concept of the league which is to provide platform for football lovers and enthusiasts who are in their thirties and above. She stated that it fosters friendship and brotherhood among all involved and hoped that the league would go from strength to strength.

Chiset of Disong Designs (Co-sponsor) and Sentianger (Trophy sponsor) also spoke on the

occasion. Dr. Viposa Kiso, Director, Gethemgo Sports International (GSI) exhorted the gathering where he said that MPL is a stage where 210 players from 10 teams come together with a common love for football which is a commendable achievement. He hoped that through this league, all the families and friends associated with the players would one day unite and come together in future to celebrate the bond created by the love for the beautiful game of football. He then proposed the thanksgiving prayer. A memento each was also presented to all the sponsors by the President of MFA, Apong Longchar.

G. KAITO AYE GRACES AGRICULTURE OFFICERS' CO-ORDINATION MEETING

Agriculture Officers' Co-ordination meeting was held at Capital Convention Centre, New Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd September 2022 with Minister for Agriculture and Co-operation, G. Kaito Aye as the special guest of honour.

Minister Kaito in his speech, called upon the officers, staff and field workers of the department to address to the needs of the farmers in the State. He also called upon the officers to go to the fields, interact with the settled farmers about their



Agriculture Officers' Co-ordination meeting was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 2nd September 2022.

difficulties, motivate and educate them about the new technology of farming, and encourage the farming community to adopt the cluster system of farming and emphasize about integrated settled farming, so as to promote farmers of the State to have a sustainable life. He also instructed the officers to see that the schemes/facilities for the beneficiaries reach them on time and to identify the bogus beneficiaries of PMKSY schemes meant for the farmers and to spread awareness to the farmers to avail the KCC loans which is an interest free loan. He added that the farmers should be encouraged to grow commercial crops which can be produced in the State.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS who also spoke as the special

guest, said that Agriculture Department has a huge responsibility to guide the other allied departments since 70% of the state population are engaged in agriculture. He also pointed out that our traditional system of farming based on jhum and shifting cultivation should be pondered upon, since this farming system is not economically viable and ecologically sustainable. He called on the Agri & Allied departments to come together in a cluster for food sustainability which should turn to a business enterprise, and also added that the Department should address the farmers to grow crops as per the demands of the market so that there is sustainability in the farming community. He also called upon all the officers and staff of the department to be present in their respective stations.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

State Level Teachers' Day was celebrated at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 5th September 2022. The programme was graced by Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest, who presented the State Teacher's Award 2022 to twenty (20) teachers and also awarded the Chief Minister's Meritorious Student's

Fellowship to the Top 50 students in order of merit, of the HSLC Examinations 2020 and 2021.

Greeting the teachers on the occasion, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that teaching is a very noble profession, it is not limited to providing only academic knowledge but students look up to their teachers to find their ethical and moral compass, and learn values that will guide them

throughout their lifetime. Rio informed that the Digital Teacher's Diary is being initiated to enable government teachers to record their progress in classroom teaching learning transactions, and expressed hope that through this there will be improvement in their performance. Condemning the practice of proxy teaching, he said that to stop these practices, the Government will be launching Teachers Attendance Monitoring System in days to come, to help address proxy teaching and improve the attendance of teachers in their respective postings.

Sharing some concerns regarding the School Education Department, Rio stated that the Department has the second largest number of employees in the State. He emphasized the role of teachers, especially government teachers in reaching the remotest villages where few private schools are present, citing that the teacher-student ratio in the State is 1:12, while the national average is 1:27, and in government schools, the ratio is better at 1:7. While stating that government schools have not come upto expectation, Rio called on the government teachers and the Department to introspect and see how they can match or perform better than the private schools. He stated that the State Government is also working towards strengthening the teacher recruitment process by making it more transparent by giving equal opportunity to all candidates desiring to take up teaching.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu called out those teachers who have been keeping proxies, and said that they not only are bad role models but also compromise the future of students, of generations and of the future of the State. He strongly condemned such practices and said that if there are teachers who do not want to serve, they should immediately resign

rather than sacrifice the future of the students. He appealed to all the Deputy Commissioners to take strict action, and engage the administrative offices to visit the schools, and submit the report of proxy teachers to the Department so that action can be taken. He also informed that under various initiatives of State Government, Samagra Shiksha, Government of India and World Bank funded NECTAR project, efforts are being made to reform the education sector in the State. He stated that professional development, improving and strengthening capacities of educators/ teachers/ school administrators to deliver better in classroom transaction/ work place are regular activities now, and that new areas will be explored to build complementary skills for personal and professional growth of teachers.

On the occasion, the Teacher's Day Flag was unfurled by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. National anthem was presented by students of T. M. Government Higher Secondary School Kohima, and a special song was presented by students of Mt. Sinai Higher Secondary School, Kohima. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Kelhuseto Nagi, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Phezhu, Jotsoma. A short video on National Awards to Teachers 2022 awardee, Mimi Yhoshu, Head Teacher, Government Middle School, Officers' Hill, Kohima was screened during the programme. Also, a short video on the life sketch of Late Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was presented by Ruzhukhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima. Honouring of teachers by the students of Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Kohima, and tribute to teachers by students of Pilgrim Higher Secondary School, Kuda 'B' Dimapur were the other highlights of the programme.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched the Nagaland Reading Festival, Digital

Teachers' Diary, and ASSET-Question-A-Day (AQAD).

The recipients of the State Level Teachers' Award 2022 are Mary Tep, Graduate Teacher, GMS Tesophenyu; S. Bensochullen, Primary Teacher, GHS Chingmelen; Visedenuo, Post Graduate Teacher, GHSS Chozuba; Saji Paulose, Head Teacher, St. Thomas School, Tuensang village; Temsumongla Jamir, Graduate Teacher, GHSS Mon; Lephizo Apon, Graduate Teacher, GHSS Dimapur; T. Apokla, Assistant Teacher, St. Mary Higher Secondary School, Dimapur; Jiheli Swu, Assistant Teacher, St. Anthony's School Amiphoto Colony; Thejaselie Savino, Graduate Teacher, GHSS Chumukedima; Neitholezo Nakhru, Graduate Teacher, GMS Kigwema; N. Wanmai Konyak, Teacher in-charge, GPS 'B' Monyakshu village; Savithsu Nyuthe, Assistant Teacher, St. Xavier HSS Meluri; N. Adahrii, Assistant Teacher, St. Andrew School, Jotsoma; Vikali H, Primary Teacher, Shovishe Memorial GHS; Y. Thungbeni Ezung, Assistant Teacher, Don Bosco HSS, Wokha; Tonko Bahadur Chetri, Assistant Teacher, Green Valley School, Mon; L. Rijjing, Primary Teacher, GMS Muleangkiur, Shamator; Rhonbeni Kikon, Post Graduate Teacher, GHSS Jotsoma; Lamhen Kuki, Hindi Teacher, GHS Lilen; and Basoyemjong Chang, Graduate Teacher, GHS Nito, Niuland.

The following teachers were selected for the grant of Financial Assistance to Teachers 2022, namely Imkongchitla A Imsong, Primary Teacher, GHSS Tuli; Prabhat Kumar, Hindi Teacher, GHSS Jotsoma; and Bohoto Zhimo, Graduate Teacher, S.M. GHS Zunheboto

TUENSANG:

The District Education Office, Tuensang conducted the Teachers' Day celebration at

Town Hall, Tuensang on 5th September 2022 with Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS as the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Ramnikant said students can achieve great heights in life and the credit goes to the teachers, and that teachers play an important role in transforming the society. He also challenged the gathering to do away with proxy teachers so that such activity will not overshadow the dedication and hard work of the sincere and committed teachers. He also encouraged the teachers and society leaders that a lot more has to be done to achieve the desired results for the district. He also exhorted the students to listen and learn what the teachers are teaching them for a successful future.

The programme witnessed special number by Loyem Memorial School, ode to teachers by Wela Foundation School and GMS Post Office, and honouring of teachers performed by GHSS Thangjam. The Deputy Commissioner also gave away the District Teachers' Award to four teachers.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire district celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2022 at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall with the Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, T. Wati Aier as the guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, Wati urged the students to maintain discipline and to be pro-active and focused in all the activities to be a good student. He also called upon teachers to pay special attention to Mathematics and Science as many students are weak in the two subjects. Stressing on the role of a teacher, he said apart from teaching, they are also a mentor and a guide for the students. He also asked the teachers to coordinate with the staff and students for better environment, while also urging them to be patient while dealing with the students.

Kiphire District Teachers' Award 2022 for meritorious service rendered towards the student community was awarded to three teachers. Merit Student Award in HSLC from Kiphire district, sponsored by KDPSS, was awarded to Chumtila A Sangtam from Saramati Modern View School.

MOKOKCHUNG:



61st Teachers' Day celebration programme was held at the Town Hall, Mokokchung on 5th September 2022.

Organized by the Ao Students' Conference (AKM), the 61st Teachers' Day celebration programme was held at the Town Hall, Mokokchung on 5th September 2022, under the theme 'Leading in crisis, re-imagining the future.'

The speaker in the programme was Chief Conservator of Forest (EBR), Supongnukshe Ao, IFS. Short speeches were delivered by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, DEO Mokokchung and ANPSA, Mokokchung Unit. The programme was enthralled by special presentations from the students of N. I. Jamir Government Higher Secondary School and Note Grid School of Music and Tree House Academy Mokokchung. A prelude was presented by the students of Jubilee Memorial School.

WOKHA:

The All Nagaland Private School Association

(ANPSA), Wokha Unit celebrated Teacher's Day on 5th September 2022 at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Wokha with Advisor for Justice & Law and Chairman DPDB Wokha, Dr. Chumben Murry as the special guest.

In his speech, Dr. Murry congratulated the teachers for their service and sacrifice in shaping and moulding the lives of the students. He urged

upon them to be agents of change. Reminiscing his younger years and role played by his teachers, he sent out a positive message to all teachers about their roles and responsibilities.

Other highlights of the programme

included song, cultural presentation poetry recitation, and dance presented by various member schools of the association.

PEREN:

Teachers' Day 2022 was observed by the teachers and students of Government High School, Ngwalwa, Peren at the School Auditorium on 5th September 2022.

A speech on the significance of Teachers' Day was delivered by Lungciepeule of Class 10. On behalf of the teachers, Headmaster, Chusi Hieme conveyed words of gratitude to the students. A song was presented by the students of Class 9 & 10.

Teachers' Day was also celebrated at Government Higher Secondary School, Ahthibung and Government Higher Secondary School, Tening.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

The 1st Teachers' Day celebration of Chumoukedima district was held at CTC Hall, on 5th September 2022, with General Prisons, Homeguards & Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Rupin Sharma, IPS gracing as the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Rupin Sharma expressed his gratitude to the teachers for being an inspiration to their peers and urged them to continue their noble deeds in moulding successful and responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow. He mentioned that the standard of education and teaching is improving all over the country and even in Nagaland, but there is still a lot of things to be done. He stated that in Nagaland's Scenario, he observed that quality of discussion and discourse is missing and it is because of the environment in schools which has been strictly controlled. He added that lateral thinking among students and teachers need to be encouraged.

Rupin Sharma conferred the District Teachers Award to two teachers. Other highlights of the programme included special song presented by Vetsiiu Khamo, GHSS, Singrijian and students of GHS, Sovima, ode to teachers by Kevithono Secu, GHSS Medziphema, short skit by Gonyu Memorial School, Chumoukedima, and 'Meet me at the spot' presented by Cosmopolitan School, Chumoukedima.

MON:

Department of School Education, Mon organised a grand celebration of Teachers' Day



Department of School Education, Mon organised Teachers' Day 2022 at Council Hall Mon on 5th September 2022.

2022 with the theme 'Teachers: Leading in crisis, re-imagining the future,' at Council Hall Mon on 5th September 2022.

Guest of honour, DC, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS focused on the important role of both the teacher and the student in steering the direction of any society. Drawing inspiration from the life of Dr. Radhakrishnan, Verma advised the students to live a life of simplicity and humility with the motive of acquiring knowledge and consistently improving themselves. He appealed to all the teachers in the district to be active and enthusiastically complete all the assignments and tasks laid before them. He stated that the teaching community would determine the future of the district and encouraged them to take honour and pride in teaching the children.

Four teachers from different parts of Mon were presented with the District Teachers' Award for their outstanding service.

TSEMINYU:

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Mini Indoor Stadium, Tseminyu on 5th September 2022 with DC, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS as the special guest.



Teachers' Day was celebrated at Mini Indoor Stadium, Tseminyu on 5th September 2022.

Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi expressed his gratitude to the teachers and educators for playing an

Akenyu Khing of GHSS Tseminyu.

important role in shaping the future of the students and the society.

Other highlights of the day included folk dance by Christian School Tseminyu, string ensemble by BHSS Tseminyu, special number by Government High School Tseminyu and a tribute to the teachers by

STATE LEVEL PROGRAMME ON MEDICAL CERTIFICATION



State level programme on MCCD & Affordable Cancer Care Project was launched at Hotel Vivor, Kohima by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS on 7th September 2022.

State level programme on Medical Certification Cause of Death (MCCD) & Affordable Cancer Care Project was launched at Hotel Vivor, Kohima by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS on 7th September 2022. The programme was jointly organised by Tata Memorial Center, Department of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Economics & Statistics.

The Chief Secretary, while speaking on

affordable healthcare, said that in many places, since high out-of-pocket expenditure is incurred by families, people are pushed to poverty while getting treatment for major diseases and this problem is also relevant in Nagaland. Through various insurance based schemes, there is a

gradual movement towards Universal Health Care system and he hoped that Nagaland would be one of the first states to have this system. Alam also mentioned that affordability becomes a major issue, therefore, facilities with low cost health care and cancer care should be made available for the benefit of the citizens. He further said that since Nagaland has a high number of

cancer patients, it is necessary that cancer care facilities be set up in the State, and he requested the Tata Memorial Center to set up a unit which could be a part of a District Hospital or a part of the upcoming medical college.

In terms of MCCD, the Chief Secretary hoped that the programme would help in sensitising people about the importance of issuing death certificates which will help analyse the health trends of the State and will lead to evidence based decision making. The Chief Secretary also highlighted the major steps taken by the State Government in improving health facilities in the State in the last few years and the support provided by the Central Government in this regard.

Dr. Ravikant Singh, Officer in Charge HBCH & RC, in his keynote address said that Tata Memorial Center is under the Department of Atomic Energy and is financially supported by CDC Foundation, USA. Singh mentioned that the basic importance of MCCD are information through death certificates and is of considerable

use to public health planners, administrators, medical professionals and research workers, MCCD is made use of in the assessment of the effectiveness of public health programme. On affordable cancer care project, Dr. Singh mentioned that their aim is to take cancer care services nearer to district levels and, for the first phase, they have identified Kohima and Mokokchung districts as their targeted intervention where they will be training all the medical staff on cancer screening process, and along with the Health & Family Welfare Department, he said that they will be setting up some chemotherapy centres in the State.

Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Asangla Imti, Dr. V. Khamo, Consultant, Naga Hospital and Commissioner & Secretary, Economics & Statistics, Kevileno Angami also spoke on the occasion.

Chief Secretary J. Alam launched two booklets on 'Training Manual for Doctors, Affordable Cancer Care,' and 'Manual on Medical Certification of Cause of Death.'

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW MEETING OF TOURISM AND YOUTH RESOURCES & SPORTS HELD

Departmental review meeting of Tourism and Youth Resources & Sports was held with Chief Secretary, J. Alam IAS at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Secretariat, Kohima on 9th September 2022.

Director, Youth Resources & Sports, Akumla Chuba highlighted that the Department aims to promote sports and further develop sports infrastructural facilities, conduct tournaments, coaching camps, talent search, participation in regional, national, and international levels of competition, training and nurturing the young talents in the sports academics. The Department

also plays an important role in channelizing the energy of youth for positive development and overall development of the State which includes promotion of Music and Arts (TaFMA), Adventure Programme, outdoor learning, personality development, youth festivals, etc. and participation in regional and national levels. She also pointed out that the Department has been functioning with inadequate manpower hampering the smooth flow of affairs and also the department budget allotment constraint.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam while addressing the issues said that the talent hunt for good

sports players is a must and that it is important for the department to have connections with the youths to carry out projects and also maintain a system to facilitate them after completion of their course for job maintenance. He also asked the department to maintain transparency, equality and not have nepotism among the sports players, and maintain a database. He mentioned that the distribution of sports equipments in villages is another way of promoting and encouraging sports to the youths and also said that the department's financial issues have been noted.

Commissioner & Secretary of Tourism, Kitto Zhimomi pointed out that the strategies of the department are to identify and export all key tourism products, develop quality tourism infrastructure and facilitation services, provide human resources development, develop marketing plans and create enabling environment

for local tourism stakeholders. He also explained that the upcoming projects and initiatives are the state institute of hotel management, ropeways, investment opportunities, IRCTC, off-road capital of the country, CSR opportunities, and Homestay and capacity building/skill development. He pointed out that many district officers and staff in the State are functioning without offices, and land owner issues are hampering their progress.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam while addressing these issues, called upon the department of tourism to be industry-friendly, have the tourism guides registered, follow the single window app, calculate the total industry output, and see to the feedback of the tourist. He also asked the department to come up with a policy to encourage entrepreneurs for vehicle tourism with better luxury vehicles, give more publicity to boost tourism, and see what the people want.

WORKSHOP HELD ON DOCUMENTING CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Department of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with the Centre for Naga Tribal Languages, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema organized a three-day workshop on 'Documenting and Developing Cultural Heritage: Methodological Approaches' from 7th to 9th September 2022.

The inaugural session for the same was held in Nagaland University in the presence of the guest of honour, Pro Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University, Kohima Prof. N Venuh, Director of Department of Art & Culture, Adela Moa, delegates, and participants from Directorate of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland, and research scholars.

Yanbeni Yanthan, Faculty and Coordinator of the workshop spoke on the need for the development of cultural heritage and relooking

at ways we understand the cultural heritage, especially in the context of decolonization, and carving an indigenous way of looking at culture and identity. This was followed by an address by Adela Moa, Director, Art & Culture who dwelled on the importance of having such a workshop to equip the officers of the Department with the necessary information and skills that they can use in their respective fields.

Guest of honour, Prof. N Venuh said that given the contemporary scenario where Naga society is changing at a rapid pace, the need to have such a workshop is the need of the hour. He also said that a change of perception about the way we view native researchers is much needed.

The resource persons for the workshop included historians and archaeologists, academic and community folklorists, and linguists.

NBSE ORGANIZES COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), in collaboration with Dream a Dream, organized a two-day online workshop on Competency-Based Education for the principals and teachers on 8th and 9th September 2022. Over 500 teachers participated in this interactive workshop.

The focus of the workshop was on competency-based assessment which is an important component of National Education Policy 2020. The workshop provided an overview of Competency-Based Education highlighting core principles of CBE, key elements in curriculum design and teacher learning process, and hands-on experience with core assessments education policy, 2020.

The resource persons from Dream a Dream shared the framework for developing a Competency-Based curriculum and how to provide hands on experience on various

assessments in CBE.

Speakers for the sessions were Bhavani Arumugam and Puneet Balamurugan from the Design and development team of Dream a Dream, and Dr. Swetha Bhushan, Dr. Joseph Thomas and Dr. Sreehari Ravindranath from the Research and impact team at Dream a Dream.

The speakers emphasized how competency-based learning will foster a culture of equity and inclusivity in the classroom and how to re-imagine education beyond academic performance and relook at the curriculum for enabling children to prepare for life.

In her address, Asano Sekhose, Chairman, NBSE commented that it is clear that we need to embrace change and we are on the way.

Teachers and principals from various schools in Nagaland shared their practical challenges and invited suggestions for implementing CBE.

1st NAGA MIRCHA FESTIVAL AT SEIYHAMA VILLAGE

1st Naga Mircha Festival was held on 10th September 2022 at Seiyhama village, organized and hosted by Seiyhama Village Council, Seiyhama Naga Mircha Growers and sponsored by Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland.

Sharing a success story of Naga Mircha cultivation, Organizing Committee Convenor, Lhoulalie Zumu said that last year, this village reported a total income of Rs. 27 lakh through Naga Mircha cultivation and are expecting nearly Rs. 1 crore this year which acts as an engine of boosting the village economy. Stating that one good thing is that many graduate and post graduate students have also taken up Naga Mircha cultivation, and are doing a brisk business. There are 361 total households in the village, out of which, 200



Vibeilietuo Kets speaking during the 1st Naga Mircha Festival held on 10th September 2022 at Seiyhama village.

households cultivate Naga Mircha at Seiyhama.

He added that each household is expected to earn a minimum income of Rs. 60,000 to Rs 70,000 and the larger scale cultivators are expected to get nearly Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 lakh this year, the income through Naga Mircha cultivation helps support the children's education and sustainable livelihood. He thanked the State Government, particularly, Horticulture and Agriculture Departments for assisting the Naga Mircha growers and enabling the villagers to land a significant milestone thus far.

Seiyhama Village Council awarded certificate of appreciation to Duolhoulie Zumi for contributing highest product of Naga Mircha at the festival, Zasituo Thevo for highest production of Naga Mircha, Atu Thevo for cultivating largest area of Naga Mircha, and Mengubeio Metha for harvesting the largest.

Gracing the occasion as the special guest, Vibeilietuo Kets, President, Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), 11th Northern Angami-

II Assembly Constituency called upon the Naga Mircha growers to focus on value-added products and also sell the produces at affordable price as far as possible, to sustain the business. He encouraged the villagers to come forward and apply the scheme of Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative, which was launched by Government of Nagaland to encourage credit for carrying out economic activities.

S. Senka Jamir, District Horticulture Officer, Kohima encouraged the villagers to vigorously pursue their innovative way of cultivation, assuring that the department will extend trainings and technical support to take the production to a larger scale. He informed that Botsa block is a focus area of DHO Kohima for cultivation of Naga Mircha in Kohima district, wherein Seiyhama also falls under this block. He mentioned that viewing the feasibility, the Department is targeting about 100 hectares for the purpose.

136 COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICERS INDUCTED



A five-day induction of 136 newly appointed Community Health Officers (CHOs) of the 4th, 5th, and 6th batch started on the 12th of September 2022 at the Capital Convention Hall, Kohima.

A five-day induction of the 136 newly appointed Community Health Officers (CHOs) of the 4th, 5th, and 6th batch started on the 12th of September 2022 at the Capital Convention Hall, Kohima.

While addressing the newly inducted CHOs, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Thorhusie Katiry mentioned that

CHOs are the caregivers to the community under their jurisdiction and so their first goal is to provide quality health care to the people. He also requested them to live in harmony with the village people wherever they are posted and create an enabling environment in and around their Health & Wellness Center.

The State Program Officer, Dr. Mereninla

Senlem, NHM, Nagaland stated that the CHOs have a great responsibility toward the people in the villages in providing access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. She also mentioned that the CHOs in their HWC should not only provide Reproductive Child Health and Non-Communicable Disease services but also all the vertical programmes under National Health Mission.

The training comprised sessions on Maternal

Health, Child Health, Non-Communicable Diseases, TB, Palliative Care, Blindness Control Programme, Oral Health, Mental Health, Adolescents Health Etc.

The Community Health Officers will be appointed against different Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness-Sub Centers across the State. Till now including the recent 4th, 5th, and 6th batches, there are 298 Community Health Officers appointed for Health & Wellness Centers across the State of Nagaland.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING CONDUCTED FOR OFFICERS AND STAFF OF WRD

A two-day capacity-building training on service and accounts matters for officers and staff of the Water Resources Department (WRD) was held at the Conference Hall of the Chief Engineer Office, WRD, Kohima on 15th September 2022.

Under Secretary, Department of Economics & Statistics, Andreas Ezung, and Retired Senior Accounts Officer, Treasuries & Accounts Department, Khinyi Woch were the resource persons for the training.

Superintending Engineer, WRD, Er. K. Hutoi Sema addressing the trainees, stated that the training is being conducted to enhance the knowledge and skills of the employees and to provide information and instructions on how to better perform their tasks. Highlighting the importance of service and account matters for

the functioning of the office, he appealed to the staff and officers of the department to clarify their doubts and learn through the opportunity provided.

Executive Engineer, Er. Wapangnaro Imchen who chaired the programme, informed that the Department has been conducting the training for the past three years, and this has proven to be successful in imparting knowledge to many officers and staff.

The training will be imparted on matters such as Government Servant Conduct Rule 1968, Disciplinary and Appeal Rules 1967, APAR, filing system, noting and drafting, maintenance of service book, personal file, pay and allowances, seniority, and promotion, budgeting management, auditing of government accounts, etc.

IAS ASSOCIATION HOLDS GENERAL BODY MEETING

The IAS Association, Nagaland held its General Body Meeting on 15th September 2022 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima. The Association elected its new team members as follows: Abhijit Sinha, IAS – President; Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS - Vice President; Kesonyu Yhome, IAS - General

Secretary; Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS - Treasurer; and Temsunaro Aier - Joint Secretary.

The IAS Association, Nagaland discussed pertinent administrative challenges and deliberated on the way forward to improve the public service delivery mechanism in the State

of Nagaland. The Association also discussed service-related issues of the IAS and pledged to

re-dedicate themselves to the welfare of society and the nation.

WORKSHOP ON RECENT INITIATIVES FOR SIMPLIFYING AADHAAR USAGE CONDUCTED AT KOHIMA

As part of efforts to promote Aadhaar usage by states, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Regional Office (RO) Guwahati organized a state level workshop on 'Recent initiatives for simplifying aadhaar usage' at Administrative Training Institute, Kohima on 19th September 2022.

Addressing the participants and officials as the special guest of the workshop, Chief Secretary, Jan E Alam, IAS said that Aadhaar is very essential in availing various social welfare schemes and urged the residents to get registered for Aadhaar to receive benefits under Direct Benefit Transfer. He also mentioned that special efforts shall be undertaken to cover the left out population.

CEO, UIDAI, Dr. Saurabh Garg elaborated on the progress made by Aadhaar in the past decade. He highlighted in his speech that Aadhaar authentication provides an instant mechanism to prove one's identity through online authentication. He also emphasized that UIDAI will continue its efforts for improving the Ease of Living for residents and urged the Government of Nagaland to implement DBT in every service delivery schemes to bring transparency.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director General, UIDAI, RO Guwahati, Devajit Khound explained how Aadhaar has become the core

of India's digital public infrastructure. He said Aadhaar with its inherent features of Uniqueness, Authentication, Financial Address and e-KYC has helped the government authorities to directly reach residents for delivery of various subsidies, benefits and services. He emphasized that Aadhaar is verifiable anytime, anywhere both online as well as off-line in a cost-effective way.

The various sessions of the workshop deliberated on Aadhaar features, key developments on usage of aadhaar, data privacy and information security. Deputy Secretary, DBT Mission, Devendra Kumar highlighted the various features on DBT and its implementation procedures for the State Government. Officials from UIDAI highlighted the importance of DBT and the issuance of Section 7 gazetted notifications for the schemes and benefits disbursed from the State Consolidated Fund. Discussions pertaining to Section 4(4)(b)(ii) was also held for issuance of notification under good governance.

Progress of Aadhaar enrolment and initiatives taken to implement DBT were shared. Best practices adopted by the State were also explained. It may be added that in spite of challenges/network issues, the Government of Nagaland is making rigorous efforts to ramp up Aadhaar enrolment.

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NLA HELD

The first day of the Twelfth Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) was held on 20th September 2020 at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima.

OBITUARY REFERENCES:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio made the obituary reference on the passing away of Late K. Sankaranarayanan, former Governor of

Nagaland who expired on 24.04.2022. Leader of NPF Legislature Party, Kuzholuzo Nienu made the obituary reference on the passing away of Late Vejoi Vero, former Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly who expired on 22.07.2022. The House observed a minute silence and paid homage to the former Governor and MLA.

STARRED QUESTIONS:

MLA, Yitachu enquired on the status of waterways in Nagaland to which, Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways, Paiwang Konyak replied that the State Government has been pursuing with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India for the development of Tizu-Zungki river (National Waterway No. 101) as an Inland Waterway Corridor.

As per the advice of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, Nagaland Inland Waterways Board (NIWB) has been constituted, headed by Minister, Transport as the Chairperson and Chief Secretary as the Co-opted Chairperson. There are four rivers identified by IWAI as National Waterways viz. 1) National Waterway - 30: Dhansiri/Chate River 2) National Waterway - 31: Dikhu River 3) National Waterway - 32: Doyang River and 4) National Waterway - 101: Tizu-Zungki River.

On being asked by MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo on the status of construction on Training Institute Building under SIRD at Chozuba Sub-Division, Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir replied that the work is in good progress with Administrative, Training and Classroom Block - 90%, Boys Hostel - 65 % and Girls Hostel - 1 %.

Rs. 390.00 lakh is sanctioned for the project.

MLA Kuzholuzo Neinu asked on the works

taken up by Tribal Affairs Department under Article 275 (1) within Phek district, to which Minister in-charge of Tribal Affairs Department, Temjen Imna Along replied that the following works were carried out, such as, 1) Digitization of Library & Classrooms in Phek Government College and Pfutsero Government College 2) Digitization and upgradation of office utilities at Tsunazho Polytechnic 3) Construction of Community Council Court at Zavema (DPR @ Rs. 100 lakh is under finalization and work order yet to be issued (2021-2022); and 4) Construction of Guest House at Thipuzu (@ Rs. 50.00 lakh). Works allotted to the Directorate of Higher Education @ Rs. 26.26 lakh per unit (Rs. 26.26 x 2) for implementation (2020-2021) and works allotted to the Directorate of Technical Education @Rs. 41.66 per unit (Rs. 41.66 x 1) for implementation (2020-2021).

MLA Yitachu asked on the policy of the Government to resolve the Adhoc and Contingency employees attaining retirement age, to which Chief Minister and Minister-in-charge of P&AR, Neiphiu Rio said that Adhoc and Contingency employees by their very nature, are temporary, and no policy is required to provide on their attaining retirement age.

MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu enquired on the land encroachment problem in Dimapur Airport, to which Minister-in-charge of Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways, P. Paiwang Konyak furnished the names of the encroachers - Inato Yephtho, Kughalu Sema, Hekevi Yephtho, Sheloka Yephtho, Linovi H. Zhimo, Tito Yephtho, Tokihe Chishi, Vinoka Chishi, Akaho Zhimo, Kakheho Yephtho, H. Inoto Murru, Shikai Tuccu, Toshili Sumi, C. Yang Khamniungan, Kivikhu Kiho, Suhuto Chishi, Asuho Albert Sumi, Heito Sumi,

M. Sensotemjen, Phushito, Hoshito Shohe and Hokashe. The State Government is putting a concerted effort to complete the formalities of handing over the land occupied by Assam Rifles and C.R.P.F. to Airports Authority of India, so as to enable the AAI to take up Airport Development work in time bound manner. A series of meetings had been held with the various stakeholders. Assam Rifles and CRPF authorities had agreed in principle to hand over the land to AAI. The final meeting for the handing and taking over of the land from the Assam Rifles and CRPF would be conducted upon submission of the final joint survey report from the appropriate authority.

On a query on how much funds were sanctioned under Smart City so far, the Chief Minister stated that the total amount sanctioned are, Government of India share - Rs. 245 Crore, State Share - Rs. 30 Crore, and the total amount utilized is Rs. 234.42 Crore.

On a query of whether the State has a policy on child adoption, Minister, Metsubo Jamir informed that rules for adoption is provided under Nagaland Juvenile Justice Rule 2017.

Minister-in-Charge, PWD (NH) replying to a query on whether any MoU has been signed between the Government and the company/ NHIDCL/ contractors for maintenance of the existing road till the completion of the four lane road, stated that there is no such MoU signed between the Government of Nagaland and NHIDCL, and the main reasons for the delay given by NHIDCL were unprecedented/unseasonal adverse, weather condition, shortage of bitumen, unprecedented rain, extremely adverse weather condition, landslides due to frequent rain, working constraints due to disturbance of locals/land issues/hindrances, COVID-19 restrictions, etc.

On being asked about the work status of State Capital Kohima Railway Line by MLA Yitachu, Minister-in-charge of Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways, Paiwang Konyak stated that the Dimapur-Dhansiripar to Kohima-Sechu Broad Gauge rail line is being taken up in three phases: Phase - 1 (from 0 to 17 Km): 100% progress; Phase - 2 (from 17 to 44%): 65% progress and Phase - 3 (from 44 to 82.50 %): 12% progress, with the total progress made being 48%. The 1st Phase of the Dimapur-Dhansiripar to Kohima-Sechu rail line has been completed and the final phase is targeted to be completed by 2026. The Shokhuvi Station, the 2nd Rail Station in Nagaland was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 26th August 2022. The Chief Minister also flagged off the Donyi Polo Express during the day. Delay in acquisition of land, heavy and long monsoon season and short working season, non-existence of approach road to the project site, and the COVID-19 lockdown caused delay in the completion of the works.

Replying to the starred question put up by MLA Yitachu regarding the status of the State Capital Kohima Airport, Minister Transport, Civil Aviation and Railways, P. Paiwang Konyak said that in line with the AAI policy of 'Purchase and Transfer,' the State Government has already purchased a suitable land for the proposed airport measuring an area of 1013.72 acres and is ready to be transferred to the AAI for the construction of the proposed Greenfield Airport at Ciethu for the State Capital, Kohima. He further mentioned that the construction work shall start after getting approval from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, GoI and subsequent sanctioning of the requisite fund for the project by Union Cabinet.

Minister, PWD (Housing & Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, replying to the starred

question by MLA Kuzholuzo regarding the status of the Mini Secretariat Complex at Phek District said that the construction of the Mini Secretariat Complex is being undertaken at Pfutsero ADC Hq. in Phek district and 95 per cent of the work has been completed and is expected to be fully completed by October/November 2022.

Replying to a starred question on the status of the Mini Secretariat Complex construction at Phek district, Minister Tongpang Ozükum said the construction is 95% completed and the payment made is Rs. 4 crore and Rs. 76 lakh is yet to be released. He added that the construction would be completed by October or November 2022.

On the issue of the nomenclature raised by MLA Imkong L. Imchen, Minister Tongpang replied that the Department is taking up the issue of renaming 'Mini Secretariat Complex.' Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said the concept of the mini secretariat is to bring all the departments together instead of functioning like separate entities. He suggested renaming the Complex as 'DC Office Complex.' The concept was also brought up to improve the attendance of district government officials, and better security coordination.

Regarding the funds sanctioned for maintenance of roads for Mokokchung town, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said Rs. 1.07 crore was sanctioned and the maintenance work would start as soon as working season starts.

On the question of ILP registration and renewal, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton replied that the total number of ILP Registration (Fresh) issued in all the authorised offices w.e.f. 1st January 2022 till date is 11,718. out of which, 6173 are tourist ILPs (both domestic and foreign) issued by Commissioner's Office Kohima. The total number of ILP renewals w.e.f. 1st January

2022 till 16th September 2022 is 15,851. He added that the Commissioner Nagaland, Deputy Commissioners, ADCs, the Nagaland Houses at New Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Shillong are authorised to issue offline/online ILP for the various categories.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio while reminding the procedure of indigenous inhabitant registration in Nagaland, said the Village Chairman has the authority to determine the native inhabitant subject to verification by the district administration, however, the misuse of the authority is liable to punishment. He stressed on streamlining of the registration procedure and cautioned against the harassment of Indian citizens working in Nagaland.

On total number of approved industrial estates, sawmill and timber units, MLA and Leader NPF Legislature Party, Kuzholuzo Nienu enquired on the total number of industrial estates approved by High powered Committee that exist in Nagaland, particularly in Phek district, to which Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow replied that the total number of industrial estates approved is 17. Also, there is no HPC approved industrial estate in Phek district.

On funds sanctioned for maintenance of Chizami town road, MLA Kezhienyi Khalo inquired on whether the maintenance funds have been awarded to Chizami Town and if so, the amount to be mentioned against each road. The CM replied that the funds have been awarded and for the year 2020-2021, the amount is Rs. 10 lakh for road from old British road to Chizami old town and Rs. 5 lakh from Chizami-Khomi road upto Bridge Point.

On being asked on details of the road project

for Lephori to Molhe 26 Km by MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu, Chief Minister replied that the work order amount is Rs. 30 crore, the date of commencement of works is 12.12.2011 and completion of works was on 08.01.2014. The name of the contractor is M/S Rhino Construction, NPW/CI-/236.

REPORTING ON ASSENT TO BILLS:

Secretary-in-Charge, NLA Secretariat reported on the assent of the Governor of Nagaland to the following Bills:

- i. The Nagaland Appropriation Bill No. 1 (Supplementary Demand for Grants) for the year 2021-2022.
- ii. The Nagaland Appropriation Bill No. 2 (Demand for Grants) for the year 2022-2023.
- iii. The Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022.

LAYING OF REPORTS/RULES/REGULATIONS:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio laid on the Table a copy each of the Annual Reports/Rules/Regulations of the following Departments:

- i) 53rd Annual Report (April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019) of the Nagaland Public Service Commission.
- ii) 54th Annual Report (April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020) of the Nagaland Public Service Commission.
- iii) 55th Annual Report (April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021) of the Nagaland Public Service Commission.
- iv) Audit Report by the Accountant General (Audit) Nagaland on the Accounts of Nagaland Khadi & Village Industries Board for the year 2015-2016 to 2019-2020.
- v) Nagaland Staff Selection Board Regulations, 2020.

- vi) Nagaland State Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2022.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home, Y. Patton laid on the Table a copy each of the following Rules:

- i) The Private Security Agencies (Nagaland) Rules, 2022
- ii) The Private Security Agencies (Private Security to Cash Transportation Activities) Nagaland Rules, 2022

Minister for Transport, Paiwang Konyak laid on the Table a copy of The Nagaland Motor Vehicles Department Service Rules (First Amendment) 2022.

Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2022-2023), Y. Vikheho Swu presented a copy each of the following Reports:

- i) Seventy-Eighth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the 71st Report on the Rules for regulating the procedure for Deputation and Absorption of the Central and State Government Officers, including Officers from the Autonomous Bodies and their Service Conditions under the Government of Nagaland, 2016.
- ii) Seventy-Ninth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the 66th Report on the Nagaland Shops and Establishment Rules, 2015.

MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Chairman of the Estimates Committee (2022-2023) presented a copy each of the following;

- i. 152nd Report on the Examination of the Estimates of the Nagaland Bee-Keeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)
- ii. 153rd Report (Examination on the Estimates

- of Municipal Affairs Department)
- iii. 154th Report on the Examination of the Estimates of Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA)
 - iv. 155th Report on the Examination of the Estimates of Food & Civil Supplies Department (F&CS)

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (2022-2023) presented a copy of the 121st & 122nd Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations contained in the 97th & 98th Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 pertaining to the Nagaland Hotels Limited (NHL) under the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland.

Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge of Finance Neiphiu Rio, presented a copy each of the following:

- i. State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March 2021
- ii. Appropriation Accounts 2020-21
- iii. Finance Accounts (Vol-I) 2020-21
- iv. Finance Accounts (Vol-II) 2020-21

KUZHOLUZO HARPS ON RESUMPTION OF OIL EXPLORATION:

There is an urgent need to resume exploration and mining petroleum in the Nagaland, stated the Leader of NPF Party, Kuzholuzo Nienu while calling attention to matter of urgent public importance under Rule-54 during the 12th Session of the 13th Assembly on 20th September 2022.

Stating that oil is no longer considered to be primary source of energy for the future owing to climate change and advancement in technology, the world is shifting towards cleaner and sustainable & renewable energy. He also added that core oil companies like OIL, ONGC now shifting heavily towards production of clean energy, it is high time the state government take concrete steps to resume the oil and gas exploration and production in Nagaland before the 'golden liquid' becomes redundant and loses its utility and thereby its market value. He further added that the use of the 'golden liquid' is expected to drastically come down by the year 2035 throughout the world including India. There are even projections that by the year 2050 the use of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas would completely stop, Azo added.

To find a way for resuming oil and gas exploration activities in the State, Azo stated that the Union Minister for Petroleum initiated a bipartite agreement with the State Government, the MoU of which is expected to be finalized and signed very soon. Since Exploration activities may take an average of five to seven years, the mindset of the stakeholders including the State Government should be on monetizing the existing oilfields and get immediate return. It will be pertinent for the State Government, to formulate policies wherein it can have a Participating Interest (PI) of 10% to 15% in the already existing oilfields like Champang and Tssori.

Minister, Geology & Mining, Kashiho Sangtam also gave a brief status on petroleum & natural gas affairs in the Nagaland. He stated that petroleum exploration commenced in Nagaland during 1971 and oil was first struck in

Changpang-Tssori in 1973. He further added that in Changpang 29 oil wells were drilled, however was suspended during May 1994.

The Minister stated that the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio held a meeting with Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas and subsequent meetings were held with Secretary Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Union Minister for PNG, GoI, at New Delhi. The Union Minister suggested the Government of Nagaland and the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to come up with a Bipartite MoU to facilitate resumption of exploration and production of petroleum and natural gas in the state pending resolution of the matter in the High Court.

Minister Kashiho apprised the House that MoPNG has shared the Draft Bipartite MoU between MoPNG, GoI and Government of Nagaland, and accordingly, the State Government has forwarded the matter to the Advocate General Nagaland and is awaiting the reply.

CM SPEAKS ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE:

On the second day (20th September 2022) of the 12th Session of the 13th Assembly, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that the Indo-Naga political imbroglio has been at the core of Naga society for several decades and remains central in our concerns even today. The present State Government in Nagaland has formed an opposition-less United Democratic Front (UDA) Government with the singular motive to facilitate the peace process so that the aspiration of achieving genuine peace through a negotiated political solution that is honourable, acceptable and inclusive is realised.

Rio said that the Parliamentary Committee



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio during the Twelfth Session of the Thirteenth NLA at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 22nd September 2022

on Naga Political Issue and the Core Committee were formed on 10th June 2021 comprising of representatives from all political parties represented in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The Parliamentary Committee and the Core Committee has held several rounds of discussions, deliberations and consultative meetings with various stakeholders including the Naga national political groups and the representatives of the Government of India.

The signing of the Framework Agreement on 3rd August 2015 after over 80 rounds of talks in the presence of the Prime Minister of India and other high officials and dignitaries of the Union Government was indeed a historic occasion. The Agreed Position signed on 17th November 2017 was greatly significant and further strengthened the progress of the negotiations. On October 15th 2020, the Naga Consultative Meeting on the Naga Political Issue held at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima unanimously resolved to relentlessly work in a collective and unified manner with one voice so as to facilitate the peace process and strengthen the negotiations

for early realisation of the desired One Solution in a transparent manner which is acceptable and honourable. On September 2022, the national political groups signed the September Joint Accordant under the initiative of the Forum for Naga Reconciliation. The NSCN-IM and the NNPG while acknowledging the "Covenant of Reconciliation (CoR) signed on 13th June 2009 committed to move forward through dialogue and live together in peace.

Rio said that on 16th July 2022, the Parliamentary Committee on Naga Political Issue, in its meeting held at Kohima, adopted a resolution appealing to the negotiating parties to refer to the competencies of the talks and resolve the contentious issues. reiterate our appeal to the negotiating parties and the Government of India to address the contentious issues and undertake discussions on the competencies so that the talks can be expedited and a solution can be reached at the earliest possible.

Chief Minister Rio appealed to all sections of Naga society and to the negotiating parties of the political dialogue to rise above all else, so that we work in unison for the common good of all Nagas.

SESSION DELIBERATES ON FOOTHILL ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

On Matters of Urgent Public Importance under Rule 54 pertaining to 'Foothill Road Construction,' MLA, Imkong L. Imchen said that the construction of the Foothill Road would help ease the Assam-Nagaland border issue. He also said that it is not for the benefit of one tribe but for everyone in Nagaland. This route would bring expected and unexpected development in the State and the demand for construction of the

road is genuine and urgent.

On Foothill Road construction, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio mentioned that the matter has been taken up on several occasions with the MoRTH. He also said that the importance of the road highlights many economic potentials and opportunities for the people living in the hills and it would bring all kinds of economic activities. While concluding the discussion, the House unanimously passed that the Foothill Road would be completed with NEC funds.

MEMBERS HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE:

Kuzholuzo Nienu, Leader of NPF Legislature Party emphasised on the need to pass the Medical Negligence Act in Nagaland considering the fact that negligence and malpractices have been noticeable ever since the establishment of Health Care Facilities in the State. He added that the medical profession, long regarded as the noblest profession, is not immune to negligence, which often results in the death of the patient or complete/partial impairment or any other misery which has adverse effects on patient's health. He urged the house to pass the Nagaland Medical Negligence Bill in order to check medical negligence and malpractices and restore the lost trust and respect in the noble profession, and also provide the best possible health care delivery in the State.

Pangnyu Phom, Minister Health & Family Welfare joining in the discussion, said that Medicine is a noble profession and the doctors regulate their conduct though a Code of Ethics which is enforced by their self-regulatory body, the Nagaland Medical Council. He further mentioned that the Council, on receipt of complaints against

its members from public, including patients and their relatives, is expected to conduct enquiries on these and depending on the seriousness of the complaints, the Council has the power to reprimand a practitioner, or suspend or remove his name from its register. Pangnyu also said that there are other legal options also available to aggrieved patients, which include filing a case for civil negligence where he can seek for compensation for the injury caused due to the negligence, filing a case for criminal negligence where the doctor shows a gross absence of skill or care, or an illegal act, filing a case for damages as a consumer of services under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, and patient safety should be the cornerstone of the standard operating procedures, protocols and processes that are put in place within a hospital. These should also be ensured by the Department along with the Nagaland Medical Council and other stakeholders.

Pangnyu however expressed that it is also important that the Nagaland Medical Council (NMC) conducts sufficient training and capacity building of the medical practitioners through Continuing Medical Education and other means. This is important so that they are fully updated on the various medical advancements, as well as to refresh that ethical practice, and high standards, should be the cornerstone of medical professionals in the State.

Minister, Yollow Konyak and MLA, Dr. Ngangshi both highlighted some of the reforms

and measures required to be taken in order to ensure quality medical facilities to the citizens of the State.

Advisor, Nicky Kire said that Public Health Diploma is necessary amongst doctors who are transferred to the Directorate. He also said that all doctors should continue to follow CME-Continuing Medical Education which is important for health care providers to prosper by allowing them to learn and improve effectively. He further said that there is a need superannuation age for doctors which will give the older doctors a chance when they are being referred.

Advisor, Dr. Chumben Murry through his observations, said that there is an increasing number of litigations of medical negligence and this may be partly due to increasing awareness among health care recipients. He said that there should be more efforts placed on awareness of legal avenues and also of doctor-patient relationship to enable more rational approach towards problems such as violence against doctors. Murry added there is a need to strengthen rules and regulations of the medical council and also strengthen penal laws dealing with medical negligence.

Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer, in his concluding remark, said the Thirteenth House started from 1st session to 12th Session, had 38 days of sittings, took 151 hours and 50 minutes. The 13th House passed 26 Reports, 26 Bills, and adopted 8 Resolutions and 14 Discussions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance.

K. T. SUKHALU RELEASES 12 NAGALAND HERITAGE BASED FILMS

Twelve Nagaland Heritage-based films were released by Advisor for School Education and SCERT, K. T. Sukhalu, IAS (Retd.) at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 21st September 2022.

Sukhalu said many aspects of our heritage, culture, and traditions are not being fully documented and asked the SCERT Department to document those for the students. He said



Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS launching the Training Manual for Doctors and Manual on Medical Certification Cause of Death at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 7th September 2022.



Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir addressing the gathering during CXO meeting held at Dimapur on 27th September 2022.



The IAS Association, Nagaland held its General Body Meeting at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 15th September 2022.



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi with officials of Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCSN) during the ceremonial function of the 35th Annual General Meeting of the IRCSN at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th September 2022.



Anganwadi Workers of Longleng taking the Poshan Pledge during the launching programme of Poshan Maah at CDPO's Office, Longleng on 3rd September 2022.



Hindi Teachers' Union, Peren Unit celebrated Hindi Diwas 2022 at Tening Village Council Hall on 14th September 2022.



Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba addressing the gathering during the inauguration of the first School of Excellence in Skill Development in Nagaland at Government Higher Secondary School, Sechu-Zubza on 12th September 2022.



The Village Guards barrack of Chessore village was inaugurated by Advisor, Village Guards and Information & Public Relations, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung on 24th September 2022.

students are often not fully aware of their culture and tradition, therefore, screening of these short films to the students should be done to infuse the feeling of pride in one's identity. He stressed on the need of counselors for students to mainstream the students into the right line of thinking and overall development. He also mentioned that teachers also play an important role to take responsibility for molding the students into leaders for the future generation.

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami said SCERT has come up with the Nagaland Heritage textbook which helps children to learn the dialect and language, cultural practices, and poems of different tribes, and with the release of the Nagaland Heritage-based films, it would supplement what is in the textbook.

Director, SCERT, N. Chumchanbeni Kikon said the Nagas' rich cultural heritage can

be successfully preserved if only they value it, document it, and transmit it to the next generation. She added that SCERT Nagaland has documented a total of 15 Naga heritage-based short films, out of which three were released in the year 2020. The 12 Nagaland Heritage-based short films are based on customs, practices, values, and different aspects of Naga culture which are drawn from the school subject 'Nagaland Heritage Studies.' She also said that SCERT Nagaland is the first SCERT in the country to introduce the course for Diploma in School Counselling on 2nd April 2018.

A total of 38 trainees from the 3rd batch were conferred the Diploma Degree and oath-taking was administered by the Advisor who also released the 12 Nagaland Heritage-based films. A total of 31 candidates were also inducted into the course as the 4th batch during the programme.

E&S DEPARTMENT RELEASES GSDP NAGALAND 2021-2022

The Department of Economics & Statistics released the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Nagaland, 2021-2022 during a press conference held at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 21st August 2022.

Director, Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Angami addressing the media persons informed that the GSDP, Nagaland, as of 30th July 2021-22, has picked up from a negative growth of -2.63 percent, witnessed in 2020-21 to 8.98 percent in 2021-22. The advanced estimates suggest that the growth of the State economy has surpassed the pre-pandemic average growth of 5.38 percent (i.e. 2011-12 to 2019-20), despite the second wave of the pandemic that plagues the economy during the first quarter of 2021-22.

In absolute numbers, the real growth of

the economy is estimated to increase from Rs. 17991.61 crore in 2020-21 (Provisional) to Rs. 19607.83 crore in 2021-22 (Advanced Estimates). Correspondingly, the nominal growth of the economy is estimated to have increased from Rs. 30425.11 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 33705.84 crore in 2021-22 (A.E).

The sectoral contribution indicated that the structural change of the economy is slowly shifting towards the tertiary sector of the economy. The primary sector contribution to GSVA overtime has declined from 31.4 percent in 2011-12 to 26.88 percent in 2021-22(A.E). On the other hand, the contribution of the secondary sector has been hovering around 9 percent to 12 percent since 2011-12, reaching a peak of 12.90 percent in 2017-18. The share of the tertiary

sector which has contributed 56.17 percent to the GSVA in 2011-12 has steadily increased to 62.77 percent in 2021-22 (A.E).

The sub-sector secondary sector comprising manufacturing, electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services, and construction, during 2021-22, is estimated to pick up from a negative of -9.12 percent in 2020-21 to 9.36 percent in 2021-22. The contribution from the manufacturing sector to GSVA was estimated at 1.62 percent only in 2021-22.

The sub-sector of electricity, gas, water supply, and other utility services is the least affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. During 2021-22 (A.E), the sub-sector is estimated to grow by 9.43 percent. The growth in the construction sector is estimated to pick up from -14.26 percent in 2020-21 to 8.15 percent in 2021-22 (A.E), with the construction sector share in GSVA estimated at 6.04 percent in 2021-22.

The Department informed that over the years, the tertiary sector has become the most robust sector contributing 62.77 percent of GSVA in 2021-22 and that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was felt the most in the trade & repairs and hotel & restaurant sectors with a growth rate from the sector falling to a negative of -7.57 percent in 2020-21. With the normalization of the economy, the growth of the sub-sector is

estimated to bounce back to positive growth of 6.80 percent in 2021-22 (A.E).

During 2021-22, the financial services are estimated to grow at 9.21 percent with a share of 3.89 percent in the overall GSVA is one of the sub-sector which is assumed to be least affected by the covid-19 pandemic. This is because the number of dwellings during the year is expected to remain the same. During 2020-21, the gross value added by real estate and ownership of the dwelling sector is estimated to have negative growth of -2.75 percent.

During 2021-22, as per the Budget Estimates of Government, the allocation for public administration has increased from Rs. 6015.90 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 6764.28 crore.

The Department also revealed that over ten years, the Per Capita Income of the State has increased from Rs. 53,010 in 2011-12 to Rs. 1,35,701 in 2021-22 (A.E), achieving a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 9.86 percent. It also highlighted that the borrowing limit of the State Government is determined by the amount of the GSDP of the State, and as per the Finance Commission of India recommendation for budgetary measures, beginning from XIII FC State Government is permitted to borrow only three percent of the GSDP from financial institutions.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON 15th FINANCE COMMISSION GRANTS FOR ULBS HELD

Organized by the Municipal Affairs Department under the initiatives of the Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI), a capacity building on the 15th Finance Commission Grants for ULBs was held on 23rd September 2022 at Don Bosco Training Institute, Dimapur.

During the valedictory function, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, GoN, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire distributed the certificates and computer to the district administrators. He assured them of support and said such trainings will continue in the coming days. He hoped that the trainees would play lead roles and put their

knowledge to good use in their respective towns in dealing with the issues and undertakings.

During the training report presentation, Dr. K Srinivas, Programme Coordinator & FIC Saksham informed that the function of MHUA is to understand the needs of Municipal Affairs, gaps in the implementation, and study flagship programmes. He said the hands-on training is practically designed to include theory and background on 15th FC in allocation to the Government of Nagaland in 39 ULBs. He informed that the officers were made to understand the preconditions of the funds, how to improve the

service level benchmark, and tied and untied grants. Also, each municipality has gone through the city finance portal, and 10 city town plans were made. He hoped that the activities during the training will help them to work according to the needs of their Councils.

Sasipriya, PMU, O/o CDMA, GoT, Hyderabad, Prof. Kumar Molugaran, Director RCUES, OU and Prof. M. Chenna Basavaiah, Adjunct Prof. Osmania University were the other resource persons. Altogether 73 participants from 39 ULBs attended the programme.

NSRLM ORGANISES FIRST CXO MEET AT DIMAPUR

Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM) organised the first CXO meeting at Dimapur on 27th and 28th September 2022, with the vision to transform the rural poor youths into an economically independent and global workforce.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY), a centrally sponsored scheme, is a placement linked skill development programme of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, which is also part of National Rural Livelihood Mission with a dual objective of adding diversity to the income of rural poor families and to cater to the aspirations of the rural youths. The main objective of the

DDUGKY is to train the rural youths and provide placement opportunities to those who have successfully completed the course.

Guest speaker, Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir stated that during the recently held CSR Conclave, over 100 companies have assured to invest in our State. Since workforce will be needed in any investment, he hoped that the trainees under the DDUGKY and various training institutes in the State will fill the gap of workforce.

Tenzing Choesang, North-East Regional Representative, MoRD, Dean Clyde Cooper, Learning & Development Manager - The Den, Bengaluru and Anil Makwana, M.D, Talent Acquaintance also spoke on the occasion.

468 BP INSTRUMENTS DONATED BY CII CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY

Handing over programme of 468 BP instruments was held at IDSP Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 26th September 2022 in support of the COVID-19 relief and rehabilitation initiative. This donation was

purchased in consultation with H&FW officials and CII aimed to help out the needy section of the State.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi acknowledged the kind gestures on behalf of the department and handed a Letter of Appreciation



Handing over programme of 468 BP instruments was held at IDSP Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 26th September 2022.

to CII Nagaland Branch. He further mentioned that the department looks forward to supporting in the future too.

State Head CII Nagaland Branch Kohima, Chuba Ozukum delivering the introductory note, expressed that the donation was intended to be given earlier but due to the global pandemic and other inconveniences it was delayed.

IRCS 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

The ceremonial function of the 35th Annual General Meeting (2021-2022) of the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland (IRCSN) was held at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th September 2022.

While delivering the presidential address, Governor of Nagaland & President, IRCSN Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said appealed to the Nagas to work hard to help their fellowmen, particularly the weaker section of the society during times of disaster. The Governor further said that the annual membership last year including Patron, Vice-patron, and Life members were 112 members only. In this regard, he said that membership drives should be scaled up as this will strengthen the organization physically and economically. The branches should strive to register youth leaders, teachers, church leaders, doctors, and nurses who can take a proactive role in carrying out the mission of the Red Cross. He urged the Red Cross Society to involve the medical fraternity, particularly doctors and nurses who can become a great asset to the society, especially in organizing health programmes and during emergencies. He also said that First Aid and Blood Donation training programmes by the IRCS Nagaland are crucial and these services must be continued with greater interest to help people in times of emergency.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is implementing a national strategic plan to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global SDG target of 2030. Since the challenge of TB requires a multisectoral response to address social determinants like nutritional support, vocational support, more access to diagnostic and treatment services, etc. the community and institutions play a critical role in filling the gaps in addressing the social determinants, thereby contributing to the national goal. Prof. Mukhi asked the society to participate in the nutritional support component and contribute to the elimination of TB in the country and urged the Red Cross to play its part in eliminating TB by 2025 as envisaged. He concluded by saying that the emergence of social media must be utilized to our advantage. The setting up of Video Conference facilities at the Red Cross office, Kohima, is encouraging. Information technology and digitalization procedures should be incorporated into society to modernize and enhance its functioning.

Dr. R. Rose Chakhesang while presenting minutes of the 35th Annual General Body Meeting (Business session) which was held on 26th September 2022, mentioned the resolutions which were adopted - all Deputy Commissioners & Presidents of IRCS district branches were

requested to make more initiative and interest in Red Cross activities, District Red Cross Units that do not have office or store facilities for example Zunheboto, Mon, Tuensang, etc, DCs were requested to allot or spare office rooms for the society needs. Further, the district branches are encouraged to form more JRC/YEC societies.

All units are urged to increase the enrollment of Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and life members. The Board also decided to write to Deputy Commissioners of the newly created districts to initiate the setting up of Red Cross Societies in their districts. Eleven Patrons and five Vice Patrons were decorated at the function for the year 2022.

ELDER LINE NAGALAND CELEBRATES 1st ANNIVERSARY

The National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Elder Line Nagaland celebrated its 1st Anniversary on 28th September 2022 at Angami Women Organization (AWO) Office Building Hall, Kohima.

Speaking at the programme as a special guest, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire said Nagas have close attachment with their grandparents but practically, the elders are left all alone at home while they are out for work, especially in the villages. In this regard, he urged the agency to spread the message of dropping the elders off at Old Age Homes and to pick them by evening, to let them enjoy life with their friends.

Joint Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Mhathung Tsanglao while speaking as the guest of honour, said that the journey has just begun and encouraged them to work hard with dedication to deliver the meaningful and prospective life of the

senior citizens.

Programme Manager, Elder Line, Neithonuo Liegise gave a brief history of Elder Line, Recalling the hardships faced when it was started on 28th September 2021, she said it was not an easy job to come up with such initiatives during the pandemic and thanked all the staff and stakeholders for the cooperation in coming thus far.

Elder Line Nagaland is run under the initiatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) and the Good Samaritan Women Society Nagaland as its implementing Agency with Senior Citizens Association Nagaland, H&FW Department, District Administration, DC Kohima, Social Welfare Department, Police Department, NHAK, KOHIMAS, Bethel Hospital, and NLSA as partners.

EMPLOYMENT, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP BIDS FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR

Farewell programme for outgoing Director of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden was held at the Directorate on 30th September 2022.

Joint Director, Savio Visa said that the department will remember his contribution and appreciated his expertise on many projects and

programmes. He also said that his ideas have always been an inspiration to him and to the department.

Outgoing Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden acknowledged that the success that has been carried out during his time as the Director was due



Farewell programme of outgoing Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden was held at the Directorate on 30th September 2022.

the hardwork and the sense of teamwork provided by his colleagues at the Directorate as well as the districts. He encouraged the District Officers by telling them that despite the challenges such as limited resources and limited facilities that they will be facing, they should never be discouraged and give their best in their performance. He expressed gratitude to his colleagues for standing by him throughout his tenure.

Secretary, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS mentioned that that the Directorate reached new heights under his leadership. He said that Yaden

has a quality to treat everyone with same respect and courtesy.

Short speeches on behalf of the districts were delivered by DEO, T. Yimlikumzuk and Vice Principal, Er. Netenba Ajem and Training Partner Richard Belho. Additional Secretary, Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Kovi Meyase, Retired Director, Information & Public Relations Limawati Ao and State Resource Associate, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Project, IIMK, Diepeu Mero also delivered short speeches.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS RETIRING DIRECTOR

The officers and staff of Urban Development bade farewell to its retiring Director, S. Takutuba Aier on 30th September 2022 during a programme held at the Directorate premises.

The outgoing Director, S. Takutuba Aier, in his farewell speech, recalled the difficulties and problems they faced during the early years that hindered them to perform their duties, but with the change of time and with the recruitment of young officers and with more manpower in the



Retiring Director, S. Takutuba Aier speaking during the farewell programme held in his honour at the Directorate premises on 30th September 2022.

department, he expressed optimism of better service delivery for the welfare of the people.

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, I. Himato Zhimomi, Joint Director, Urban

Development, Tarachu Fithu, Nagaland Physical Planners Association (NPPA) President & Joint Director, Municipal Affairs, Solesul Tholre, and HoD, Municipal Affairs, Chenithung Lotha also spoke on the occasion.

MONITORING & REVIEW MEETING: MEDICAL COLLEGE PHRIEBAGEI, KOHIMA

Additional Secretary, Ministry of H&FW, V. Hekali Zhimomi IAS visited the Medical College site in Kohima to review the ongoing progress of the Medical College on 30th September 2022.

While at the site, a review meeting was held, wherein Hekali urged that the Medical College be ready and functioning at the earliest for the welfare of future scholars. Additionally, the infrastructure, clinical setup, and faculty need to be ready as soon as possible before the visitation of the National Medical Council (NMC) team. Administrators, doctors, and the engineering wing should also sit for a meeting and carefully

strategize the action plan before the NMC team visits. She mentioned that funds and resources should be properly utilized and suggested prioritizing the funds for allocation where the works are of utmost importance to swiftly finish the project and also to avoid difficulties with the limited resources. Moreover, she suggested that technical professionals should be included during planning.

A presentation was exhibited by Engineering Wing on the project background and by NHP on the Status Report on Schools of Nursing for up-gradation (GNM TO BSC).

MUNG MUNG TRIBAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT KIPHIRE TOWN

The Mungmung Tribal Festival was held at Kiphire town on 2nd September 2022, hosted by United Sangtam Likhum Pumji (USLP) at Local Ground, Kiphire with Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, T. Yangseo Sangtam as the special guest.

The Sangtam tribe has about 12 festivals spread all over the calendar year with feasting, dance and music built around the community life of the people. Being one of the most important festivals of the Sangtams, Mungmung festival which means 'togetherness forever' is observed in the first week of September every year, and it stretches over six days. The main objective is to have a good harvest, food grains, for which the villagers toil throughout the year.

Deputy Speaker, NLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam encouraged the community to be more realistic, vibrant,

broad minded and lead to preserve the tradition and rich culture with a sense of peace and love. He called on the community to eradicate all the evils and isms of society and come forward with oneness to achieve socio-economic and political developments.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier hoped the bond will get stronger between the four tribes in Kiphire district and usher in unity among all the Nagas, adding that development will come only if there is peace. He spoke on the significance of the Festival and preservation of the culture, dances, languages, songs and traditional way of life through the celebration. The DC also advocated the inculcation of discipline and hard work in their lifestyle, and to follow government orders to maintain a civilized society.

Special folk dances were presented by the cultural troupes from different villages.

DISTRICTS FELICITATE SUCCESSFUL SPORTSPERSONS OF THE NAGALAND OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES 2022**NOKLAK:**

Noklak district participated in the 2nd edition of the Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games 2022 for the first time with a contingent of 93 (ninety three) participants for 6 (six) events out of the 11 (eleven) events conducted by the Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) held from 17th August to 27th August 2022 at Kohima, Dimapur and Longleng.

The Noklak District Team was led by Er. Jonthong Khamniungan as the 'Chef de Mission,' Thangpong Khamniungan as 'Deputy Chef de Mission' and Longshen Sheu as the 'District Team Manager.' The young talents participated with full zeal and might, and confidently finished the games in 4th position with a total of 18 (eighteen)

medals (8 Golds, 6 Silvers and 4 Bronzes). The youngest participant was Khunyu L, 11 (eleven) years old from Noklak village who represented the district in archery team.

A reception programme for the athletes who arrived at Noklak after a successful campaign was accorded by the apex tribal bodies led by Noklak District Administration headed by DC Noklak, Hiazu Meru, who is also the Chairman of Noklak District Sports Council which was held at DC Conference Hall, Noklak Headquarter on 1st September 2022.

During the 2nd NOPG 2022, Noklak district could reach many heights, some of the individual medals and titles won by the district are: Tsuchoi T – 5 Gold Medals, she was awarded

the 'Outstanding Sports Woman' of the NOPG 2022, and also the highest Gold Medalist of the 2nd NOPG 2022; Tsujen C – 4 Gold and 1 Silver Medal, she also holds the title of 'Fastest Woman' of the 2nd NOPG 2022 with a record of 100 m in 13.45 seconds, breaking her own previous record of 13.65 seconds during the 1st Nagaland Olympic; Songmo P– 3 Golds and 2 Silvers; Niansai T – 2 Golds and 2 Silvers; Shiangjio T – 1 Silver and 1 Bronze; Shongmao T – 1 Bronze; Wongpangthong – 1 Bronze; Tsujang N – 1 Bronze. Noklak district was awarded the title of 'Athletic Team Champion (Women)' of the 2nd Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games 2022.

PEREN:

District Sports Council, Peren organized a felicitation programme for medal winners in the recently concluded 2nd Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 6th September 2022 with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the special guest.

Namri, in his short address, lauded the medal winners for bringing laurels to the district. He said despite poor infrastructure in the district he was surprised to see so many sports enthusiasts coming up from Peren. He stressed the importance of good habits including diet to maintain athletic health.

Er. Asembe Mbungcha, Chef De Mission, DSC while giving a brief highlight of Olympic & Paralympic 2022 said during the Olympics, Peren district won 8 Gold, 5 Silver, and 13

Bronze and stood in 5th position in the medal tally. He also extended gratitude on behalf of the Council to all the well-wishers who have contributed generously both financially and in kind, in supporting the Peren District Sports Council.

KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Sports Council (KDSC) organized a felicitation programme for the medal winners in the recently concluded 2nd Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games 2022 on 7th September 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.

With 123 Medals (69 Gold, 28 Silver and 26 Bronze) in various disciplines and categories, Team Kohima became the Team Champion. The medal winners were felicitated with cash award, as an appreciation from the KDSC handed over by Deputy Commissioner and Chairman KDSC, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The District Sports Council Zunheboto organized a felicitation programme for Zunheboto district podium finishers in the 2nd Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games 2022, 44th Inter District & State Open Badminton Championship,



The District Sports Council Zunheboto felicitated medal winners in the 2nd Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games at DSCZ Indoor Stadium, Zunheboto on 14th September 2022.

and other budding sportspersons from the district from Catch Them Young tournament, at DSCZ Indoor Stadium on 14th September 2022 with

Advisor, School Education, and State Council of Educational Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu as the special guest.

DEMAND DRIVEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING HELD IN KOHIMA



Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha with officials and trainees during the inaugural programme of Demand Driven Skill Development under construction sector at Jakhama, Kohima on 5th September 2022.

The final and the 12th lap of Demand Driven Skill Development training in construction sector for 'Multi Skilled Technician' was declared open by Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Kovi Meyase at Kohima village on 5th September 2022.

Speaking at the programme, Meyase said that the Department has been working for the youth in various technical and vocational trades with the sole focus to promote self-employment amongst the youth. He also said that this multi skilled technician programme was designed in an innovative way to skill the youth for multiple job roles so as to make them skilled and able to perform multiple jobs as per demand and

thereafter go on to sustain a decent livelihood.

A total of 40 youths will be skilled from different villages in Kohima district.

The training was also held on 5th September 2022 at Town Hall, Jakhama with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha as the special guest.

Speaking at the programme Er. Zale encouraged the trainees to be sincere, punctual and dedicated while taking up the skill training provided by the department.

Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Secretary, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS and Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden also spoke at the programme.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING-CUM-FELICITATION OF OLYMPIC CONTINGENTS HELD

The Chümoukedima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs and Vice

Chairman DPDB, Zhaleo Rio at the Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 6th September 2022.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes followed by deliberation of the registration



Monthly Chümoukedima DPDB meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio at Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 6th September 2022.

of Biblical Leadership Institute, Dhansiripar. During the meeting, Zhaleo Rio highlighted the activities plan to the respective departments and requested them to prepare a vision document and plan for the new district within September and present their department's vision in the next DPDB meeting.

After the meeting discussion, a felicitation programme was held in honour of Chümoukedima district for the Olympic contingent, where Advisor, Zhaleo



Rio, and MLA, Azheto Zhimomi felicitated the Olympic contingents. Altogether 122 participants participated from the Chümoukedima district in the Olympic, and won, 1 Gold, 12 Silver, and 13 Bronze medals.

MLA, Azheto Zhimomi in his short speech congratulated the winners and wished them success in their future endeavours. He appealed to respective individuals, sports officers, and district officers to give support to sportspersons to help them shine.

DC PEREN LAUNCHES 'ENRICHING EVERY CHILD' PROJECT



Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS launched the project, 'Enriching Every Child,' initiated by Childline 1098, Peren at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 7th September 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS formally launched the project, 'Enriching Every Child,' initiated by Childline 1098 Peren at DC's

Conference Hall, Peren on 7th September 2022.

Speaking at the launching programme, DC Peren, Vineet Kumar expressed hope that the

project will help in changing the lives of many marginalized children and will also improve accessibility and ensure quality education for underprivileged children.

Further, DC appealed to the team to maintain transparency while maintaining the donations received from various groups or individuals.

Centre Coordinator, Ibamsile Dwaswang while giving a brief highlight of the project said

the overall aim of the project is to support the children belonging to the marginalized section under Jalukie and Ahthibung blocks, and also to build connections within communities and lift others through the simple act of kindness in the form of charitable donations in cash or kind for the children. She also highlighted the numerous intervention cases which were provided against various abuse.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Longleng DPDB, Dharam Raj, IAS on 7th September 2022 at DPDB Hall.

The Deputy Commissioner while welcoming the members present spoke on the roles and responsibilities of the HoDs. He asserted that the role of the HoD is to control, supervise and monitor their employees for effective functioning of the government establishment besides active participation in the DPDB and other development activities of the district.

The DC asserted that deputing representatives in the DPDB will not serve the purpose. We need thinking minds for healthy debate and discussions for fruitful results. Therefore, he appealed to the HoOs to come up with agenda and grievances to redress the issues and said inputs and contributions from all concerned members are required for an effective planning system in the district.

The Longleng District Drivers Union has

proposed the establishment of a Transport Office in the district. The representative of the Union informed that due to the non-establishment of a transport office the denizens of Longleng had to travel to other districts for registration and renewal of vehicles, driving licenses, etc. He informed that this is the fourth time the Union is seeking to redress the issues through DPDB. He suggested at least establishing an attached branch office to redress the grievances faced by the people.

In this regard, the Senior Superintendent of Police Longleng, Kuhovi Sumi informed that in the previous year during the DPDB meeting when the Union came up with the same issue, he had suggested organizing a camp once a month to redress the issues faced by the people till the Transport Office is formally established. After lengthy deliberation, the DC assured to discuss the matter with the DC of Mokokchung and other senior officers in Kohima.

Labour Department, Longleng presented its departmental activities.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for September was held on 6th September 2022 at DC's Conference

Hall under the chairmanship of Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang.

In the meeting, the Board discussed the

following agenda: Creation of the post of Drug Inspector in Peren district, and the Aspirational

Block plan of the Tening sub-division.

WOKHA SKILL UPGRADATION ON HANDLOOM WEAVING HELD

The inaugural function of the 45-day skill upgradation on handloom weaving under the Samarth scheme began on 8th September 2022 at Blue Hill Colony, Wokha with SDO (C), Tsidi as the special guest.

The scheme is aimed to promote skilling and skill upgradation in traditional sectors. Charity Club Multipurpose Society Wokha is the implementing partner for Wokha district.

Tsidi, while addressing the trainees, lauded the Ministry of Textiles for organizing such programmes to upgrade skills in the field of handloom and weaving, encouraging the trainees he said that instead of only focusing on our traditional method, we have to follow up with

the modern machinery, and work hard.

Assistant Director (Weaving) Weavers Service Centre, Dimapur, Naresh Jambhulkar said the Institute implements a cluster development model to stimulate dormant clusters by intervening in the areas of production, technology, marketing, and skill development to enhance productivity, competitiveness with collective efforts and initiatives of individuals units.

Chairman Lotha Hoho, Mhondamo Ovung said the Ministry of Textiles imparting training is a very good initiative, as skill knowledge is one of the key components for the sustenance of one's livelihood and boosting the economy of the county.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 9th September 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang, chaired by Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, DC and Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB.

The members discussed on the immediate restoration of National Highway 202, and deliberated on the condition of present Bailey Bridge at Dikhu river between Tuensang and Mokokchung which is not motorable for heavy goods vehicles. In this regard, the Board agreed

to release further advisory circular for Longmisa route towards Tuensang as one way route, and empty trucks and other vehicles through NH-202. DC, Tuensang also requested the Police Department, Tuensang to deploy traffic police from Kidding Junction during the bridge restoration period.

For the registration of Welfare Society Anganba and Chang Sports Association, the Board discussed and agreed to forward it to the Government for further necessary action.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held on 9th September 2022 at DB's Hall, Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pughoboto under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman,

Pughoboto SDPDB, Y. Vikheho Swu. He gave a brief introduction on the inauguration of the newly constructed Mini Secretariat and the plan of action for the inauguration at Pughoboto town.

The Board deliberated and agreed on the

construction of a gate at the entrance office of ADC Pughoboto and the Action Plan was entrusted to EE PWD (R&B); road construction from Kasha to Mini Secretariat 15 Km and supervision of action plan by EE PWD (RB); security deployment; action plan to SDPO Pughoboto; water supply and rain harvesting tank at Mini Secretariat; identification and planning for a park; temporary lighting at Mini Secretariat; clearing of debris on the pipeline

between water sources; beautification of ADC office's main gate area and parking.

The Board also decided that except for the office of ADC, the three offices of EE PWD (RB), APRO and Sub-DIC will immediately move to their new office building once the Secretariat inauguration is complete. All other logistic details will be discussed in the next coordination meeting.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 12th September 2022 at its Conference Hall. ADC Phek, T. Tia Lemtor conducted the meeting and welcomed the members.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes. CDPO Phek, Povezo Puro gave a PowerPoint presentation where he explained all the activities undertaken by the Department of Social Welfare in the State and Phek district.

FIRST SPECIAL CREDIT OUTREACH PROGRAMME ON PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI HELD AT LONGLENG



State Bank of India, Longleng Branch along with bank officials from Jorhat conducted the first special credit outreach programme on PM - Kisan Samman Nidhi at Bhumnyu village, Longleng on 10th September 2022.

State Bank of India, Longleng Branch along with bank officials from Jorhat headed by Deputy General Manager Jorhat, Jitendra Kant Thakur, Chief Manager, FI RBO Mokokchung, Kreho Athili and Hatneikim Gangte Imsong (LDM) and the team

from Mokokchung, District Administration Longleng and Department of Rural Development conducted the first special credit outreach programme on PM - Kisan Samman Nidhi on 10th September 2022 at Bhumnyu village under Longleng district.

Jitendra Kant Thakur, Deputy General Manager Jorhat gave a brief highlight on PM-Kisan loan.

Trongdipa Tongpi Sangtam, SDO (Civil) urged the genuine beneficiaries to avail the loans and repay the amount and interest on time given by the bank to avoid confusion between

the beneficiaries and the bank, stating that this builds a healthy relationship between the two. He added that banks provides loans for various programmes but misusing the benefit should be avoided. He also requested the educated youth and council members to help the beneficiaries in filling up forms to avail the loan.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB DELIBERATES ON TB ELIMINATION

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting in Zunheboto district was held on 13th September 2022 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC and Vice-chairman DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS.

The meeting began with DC congratulating all the athletes who participated in Nagaland Olympic and Paralympics 2022. He lauded the podium finishers and also acknowledged other participants headed by District Sports Council Zunheboto, for their sincere efforts.

DPO Zunheboto, David Sema reviewed the previous meeting minutes before moving on to the day's agenda. In an agenda on Hukuthu Self Help Group registration, the Board approved it and sent for approval from higher authorities.

District Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. Aron briefed the members on Nikshay, which is a programme

under National TB Elimination initiated to free India of TB within 2025. He further said that the programme provides free diagnosis and medicines and that the patients also need to be nourished. He, therefore, appealed to the Board to contribute to the cause which was further endorsed by the Deputy Commissioner, by saying that it is a noble deed to contribute towards the nourishment of TB patients.

On the bifurcation of Asukhomi village to Asukhomi New and Asukhomi Old, SDO(C) Zunheboto, Athrong said that legalities were all thoroughly scrutinized and said that every requirement was met, which was therefore approved by board members for further procedures.

Earlier, DC apprised the Board over the blood bank by saying that all the equipment have safely reached the district and can be inaugurated by the next week tentatively.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR FARMERS ON USE OF ICT FOR EFFECTIVE FARMING & MARKETING HELD AT WOKHA

Under the project 'Capacity building in ICT, including training in digital skill-sets and current industry demanding technologies for various sections of society in the North-East States,' a one-day awareness programme for farmers on the use of ICT for effective farming and marketing was held at Wokha on 13th September

2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

The programme was funded by the Ministry of Electronic & Information Technology, Government of India, and implemented by the National Institute of Electronic & Information Technology (NIELIT) in collaboration with Wokha

District Administration, Wokha District Skill Committee and Nagaland Forest Management Project, Wokha.

Assistant Engineer NIELIT Kohima, Benti Wanth dwelling on the topic ICT (Information Communication Technology) and digital payment, said ICT provides support to business clients by creating a network of agents that cannot cover the target territory and develop sales, he said in today's world right digital marketing is the key to the success of any business if you need the most appropriate digital marketing. He added that ICT is the best option for business and encouraged the participants to utilize the various modes of transactions available like, Unstructured

Supplementary Service Data (USSD), Aadhar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), UPI (Unified Payments Interface), e-wallet.

Joint Director NIELIT, Kohima, A. Morimenba Amer, emphasizing on digital marketing shared the different beneficial schemes introduced by the Government of India for the farmers, where he appealed to them to keep themselves updated about the schemes and avail the benefits. Stressing the importance of digital marketing, Amer said digital marketing is a means of advertising and selling products taking advantage of the technologies available like the internet, mobile devices, social media, and other forms of digital.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman DPDB, Kohima, Keneizhakho Nakhro at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th September 2022. Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire also attended the meeting.

On registration of Societies, the Board decided to recommend Eco-Tourism Management Committee, Tuophema to the Government while for Tsiamamia Council, Meralieke, New Secretariat Area, Kohima and for FAHSCAT D. Block Kohima, the Board decided to keep the matters in abeyance for more required information and necessary papers for further course of action.

The Board also decided to recommend the following agenda to the Government - change of nomenclature from Merhulietsa High School to Crest View School; Multidisciplinary College at Kohima presented by Angami Students' Union

(ASU) and the Nagaland Sports Association which was taken up in the last meeting.

Presenting the background history of Naga Hospital, its upcoming projects and challenges of NHAK, Medical Superintendent NHAK, Dr. Sendimeren Aonok highlighted the proposed projects to the DPDB i.e. Circular Road between TCCC and Isolation Ward, NHAK and Patient Ramp to connect MRI, CT Scan and M&G Ward, NHAK. In this regard, the Board taking note on the necessity and requirement of the two proposed projects has decided to start the activities on circular road project as earmarked at the earliest, while for the ramp project it was decided to be taken up with the concerned department.

The Board also approved the constitution of Kohima District Sports Council with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, District Sports Officer as Member Secretary and one member each nominated by the Board from the following Associations: Angami Sports Association, District Badminton Association, District Football

Association, District Sepaktakraw Association and District Athletic Association.

Joint Secretary, School Education, Avelu Ruho gave a PowerPoint presentation on Nagaland Education Project (NEP) – The Lighthouse (Nagaland Enhancing Classroom Teaching And Resources - NECTAR), Department of School Education aided by World Bank. The Lighthouse Project and World Bank partnership is the first World Bank aided education project in Northeast India. The project's objectives are to enhance the governance of schools across

the State and to improve teaching practices and learning environments in selected school complexes. It has three components: Improving system and school management, enhancing the teaching & learning environment and technical assistance.

District Area Administrative Officers also gave reports on their visit to the selected schools where the issues and concern faced by the schools were highlighted, to which DC also requested the concerned departments to address the issues on priority.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th September 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice-Chairman, Wokha DPDB and Deputy Commissioner, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS conducted the meeting.

The Board felicitated the medal winners from Wokha district during the recently concluded 2nd Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games 2022, where Wokha district was ranked in 8th position, winning 16 medals - 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 10 Bronze.

Advisor, Law & Justice, Dr. Chumben Murry congratulated all the medal winners for making the district proud and hoped that they would continue to do their best to bring more laurels to the district. During the meeting, Dr. Murry, Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan, and DC Wokha presented recommendation certificates and cash prizes to all the medal winners.

Dr. Chumben, in his opening remark, said under the banner of Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR), NSCN (IM), and NNPGS have come together and the hope for a solution is raised manifold. While appreciating the FNR,

he hoped that the Forum would work among the Naga civil societies to bring about reconciliation and oneness.

The Board reviewed the last meeting minutes, after which the following departments gave PowerPoint presentations: Agriculture on IFAD project, Horticulture on ATMA project, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) on agriculture technologies.

Dr. Chumben also said that 80% of the population lives in rural areas and depend on agriculture for livelihood, agriculture provides the single most important platform for income generation and food security, thus he opined on the need to evaluate the agricultural produce in the district, he also stressed on the importance of the scientific method of cultivation.

Advisor, Mhathung opined that agri and allied departments should have a coordinated approach as all the line departments have similar activities, and see that duplication or overlapping does not take place.

PowerPoint presentation on drug menace was presented by Narcotic Cell, Excise/Police department.

DISHA MEETING HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS**ZUNHEBOTO:**

The District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) meeting for Zunheboto district, led by Member of Parliament (MP), Lok Sabha, Tokheho Yephthomi was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 16th September 2022, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS.

During the coordination meeting, eight departments: Food & Civil Supplies, EE PWD, District Agriculture Officer (DAO), District Horticulture Officer (DHO), District Land Resources Department, EE Public Health Engineering Department, DPO DAPCU, and EE Water Resources were invited for PowerPoint presentations.

Coordination committee members headed by the MP thoroughly deliberated on various schemes and their implementations in the district. The PowerPoint presentation from EE Water Resources was declined by MP as Executive Engineer was on personal leave.

The MP took note of the grievances and reports presented and assured his help in every possible way and added that the next coordination meeting will be held again in four months.

WOKHA:

District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) meeting for Wokha district was held with Member of Parliament (MP) Lok Sabha, Tokheho Yephthomi and MP Rajya Sabha, Phangnon Konyak on 20th September 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha to oversee and monitor the progress

of different works under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

During the meeting, Tokheho said there will be some changes in the fund allotment and system of functioning. He said that states are asked to release their 10% share of the schemes and projects, only then the Central Government will release its remaining 90% share within 21 days. He further asked all the officials to do their assignment with sincerity and give more efforts in serving the people to make the State a developed and progressive one.

MP Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak addressing the meeting, said the Government is introducing a lot of different schemes so that the living standard of the people improves, and the aim of the Prime Minister of India is that every person deserving should get whatever facilities the Central Government is giving and to achieve these a lot depends on the officers and departments overseeing the projects. She encouraged all the departments and officers to continue the good work in implementing the schemes successfully for the welfare of the State.

During the meeting, Food & Civil Supplies, PWD (R&B), EE National Highways, District Agriculture Officer, DHO (Horticulture), DPO Land Resources, PHED and EE Water Resources presented the Central Sponsored Schemes implemented under their respective departments.

TUENSANG, SHAMATOR AND NOKLAK:

The Tuensang, Shamator, and Noklak District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 21st September



Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak speaking at the Tuensang, Shamator and Noklak DISHA meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 21st September 2022.

2022. The special guest of the meeting was Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Member Secretary, DISHA Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

S. Phangnon asked the heads of the departments in the districts to be proactive since they are the implementing heads and added that commitment and hard work are necessary elements to achieve the goals and targets. The Central Government is coming up with lots of Centrally Sponsored Schemes but these schemes need to reach the targeted and most deserved section of the people, she added. She also mentioned the changing pattern of funding where now State Governments are asked to cover 10% of the project shared after which only the Central Government will release its 90% share within 21 days.

In the meeting Agriculture, Social Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, PWD (R&B), PHED, and Water Resources departments gave PowerPoint presentations on department details with special focus on Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Mokokchung District Level Co-ordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) meeting

was held at ADC Planning Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 21st September 2022 in the presence of Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Chairman DISHA, Tokheho Yephthomi.

In his address, Tokheho asserted that the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are being implemented through various Government agencies should expedite the work programmes for socio-economic development of the community. He also gave suggestions and guidance to the members present to streamline the implementation procedure and also to coordinate with District Administration on the progress of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in order to successfully implement the programmes.

During the meeting, presentations were delivered from District Agricultural Officer, Mokokchung, District Horticulture Officer, Mokokchung, District Project Officer, Land Resources, Mokokchung, Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Mokokchung, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Mokokchung Executive Engineer, PWD (NH), Mokokchung, Executive Engineer, Water Resources, Mokokchung, Executive Engineer, PHED, Mokokchung.

Ao Senden, led by President, Chubawati Longchar submitted a proposal to the MP for construction of pedestrian footpath bridge at police point Mokokchung.

PEREN:

The 2nd quarterly District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA)

meeting for Peren district was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 29th September 2022. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Chairperson, DISHA, Nagaland, Tokheho Yepthomi.

The MP informed the Peren district DISHA members that the MPs have been directed by the Ministry of Rural Development to monitor the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and also to review the progress of various development and welfare-based programmes and the progress of the district as well as to submit the reports quarterly, which comes under their parliamentary constituency and for this the meeting was called

to ascertain whether the schemes are utilized smoothly by the concerned departments. Further, he requested the heads of offices present to be more responsible and see that there is no overlapping while implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district.

During the meeting, the Department of Food & Civil Supplies, PWD (R&B), Agriculture, Horticulture, Land Resources, and PHED gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the achievements and progress under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the status of the developmental projects being executed in the district.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September was held at ADC's (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 19th September 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS.

Status report and discussion on the following agenda was held during the meeting: Repair and maintenance of District Hospital Road, IMDH Mokokchung; constitution of Verification Committee for LADP 2022-23, Bailey Bridge, Mokokchung to Tuensang NH-202, Multi Sport Complex, Water Task Force Mokokchung. Consideration of Indian National Autocross Championship (INAC) motor sport event, to be held in the district, as a district event was also discussed.

The Board recommended the opening of Soulhouse Academy, Tongdentsuyong, and registration of the following new societies: Terai

Nukla Society, Artang Ward, Mokokchung, Mangmetong Cultural Society, Mongsenbai ward Mokokchung, Wasapong Society, Kumlong ward, Mokokchung, Lasit Society, Alempang ward, Mokokchung, Shalom Tribal Trust Society, Alempang ward, Mokokchung, Ajungmesor Society, Mangmetong, Tepenjem Society, Mangmetong, Yongpang Society, Mangmetong, Sangpong Society, Mangmetong, Loyangpokjen Society, Mangmetong, Jeningchet Society, Mangmetong, Arongsung Society, Mangmetong, Sensen Society, Mangmetong, The Change Society, Mangmetong, Arok Reju Society, Mangmetong,

A PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities was presented by the Department of Social Welfare.

As an encouragement to the sportspersons of the District, the Board felicitated the medal winners from the district at the recently concluded Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games, 2022 during the meeting.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

MON:

Wangkhaio Government College, Mon organized a two-day cultural sensitization, exhibition-cum-sales day on 16th and 17th September 2022 at the College Campus with District Cultural Officer, Mon as the special guest on the penultimate day.

The aim and objective of the event was to sensitize the students on the rich cultural traditions and heritage of their unique culture. On 16th September, a discourse on the theme was delivered by W. Wangjin, Assistant Professor, Department of History, who is also the Convener of the Cultural Club of the College.

LONGLENG:

The District Cultural Office Longleng organized the celebration of the Tribal Festival at Longleng with the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' on 24th September 2022 at PBCA Convention Hall, Longleng with Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak, EAC Headquarter, Longleng as the special guest.

Dr. Samuel, in his short address, said Nagas are gifted with rich culture and traditions. He said developments will happen but keeping in touch with one's culture and traditions is a key factor in maintaining one's existence and identity. He stated that Government of India spends around Rs. 3,000 Crore every year on the Ministry of Art & Culture, a clear sign of its importance and preservation. He encouraged the gathering to give more time and emphasis to learning local dialects, folklores, folk songs, and folk dance.

PHEK:

Speaking at a cultural programme called 'Igniting Cultural Tradition,' organized by the

Department of Art & Culture at Town Hall, Phek on 27th September 2022, N. Joshua Tikhir, EAC Phek spoke about the material and non-material culture. He lamented that younger generations do not know traditional cultures. He advocated that instead of western culture one should focus more on one's own culture and preserve the traditions.

Presentation of various kinds of cultural performances were the highlights of the cultural programme.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Celebrating the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' a one-day tribal festival was held at District Cultural Office Complex, Mokokchung on 29th September 2022, organized by the District Cultural Office, Mokokchung, and Department of Art & Culture.

The highlight of the programme included cultural presentations by Associates for Performing Arts and Theatricals (APAT) Mokokchung, Aosungkum Cultural Club, Mokokchung village, Sangpang, Shizung, Long, Changchaliba Sayiba (Indigenous games demonstration), NI Jamir GHSS - Benjongmong Tsungsang (Folk Dance), Mayangnokcha GHSS - folk dance, Watemdong Cultural Club, Ungma village, indigenous game, folk tune (Alu Wadang Ken) - Imlinungchet & Akinaro and presentation of folk-lore from Lendongrenla & Aokonang Jamir.

KOHIMA:

A tribal festival with 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' as its theme was celebrated on 30th September 2022 at State Academy Hall, Kohima with Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C as the special guest. The programme was organized by the District Cultural Office, Kohima,



A Tribal Festival with the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' was celebrated at State Academy Hall, Kohima on 30th September 2022.

Department of Art & Culture.

District Cultural Officer, Kohima, Haichenlo Kath while delivering the welcome address said that the objective of organizing such programme is to revitalize, preserve and promote the rich culture and traditions of the Nagas.

During the programme, a folklore was presented by Vikeyinuo Solo and Tongchet Amer, and a folk song and dance were performed by Minister's Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School, Kohima, Angami Cultural Troupe, Pochury Cultural Troupe, Rengma Cultural Troupe, and Sümi Cultural Troupe (Surumi).

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

Under the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions,' organized by the Department of Art & Culture, a Tribal Festival was held at Chümoukedima on 30th September 2022 at Registering Office, Department of Art & Culture.

SDO (C), Chümoukedima, Temsuchuba Jamir speaking as a special guest, said culture plays an important role in the identity of people, and people are born in a culture that is characterized not only by the dances or attire but also through language, cuisine, art, and music. Culture is the driving force for the society which has

been passed on by our forefathers and that is what holds our identity, he said.

Other highlights of the programme included cultural presentation by Sumi Cultural Troupe, Phom Phumnyu Cultural Club, An-

gami and Lotha Yotsu Cultural Troupe, and folklore recitation by Molola and Amenla.

TUENSANG:

Cultural programme was held at Town Hall on 30th September 2022 which was organized by District Cultural Office, Tuensang with the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' with EAC Tuensang, Toking Yimkhiung as the special guest.

The special guest of the programme- Toking Yimkhiung in his speech encouraged and appreciated the Department for organizing such a mega event on culture and traditions. He also said that Nagas as tribals are recognized for their honesty and hardworking culture and organizing such events will help to preserve the originality of our rich values. He also highlighted the advantage of having a rich culture and traditional assets in the field of tourism.

Folklore on Naknyulum and Momola was also recited by Lima Manen Ao and Phanion Khiam of GHSS Tuensang. Students of GHSS Thangjam, GHSS Tuesnang, Chang Cultural Troupe, Khaimniungan Cultural Troupe, and Yimkhiung Cultural Troupe presented cultural songs and dances.

MoS PRATIMA BHOUMIK VISITS KIPHIRE

In order to review and assess various development projects and schemes implemented under 'Aspirational District' programme at Kiphire, Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Pratima Bhounmik accompanied by officials from Delhi and Kohima visited Kiphire and held interaction with the Heads of Offices and the District Administration at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 20th September 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T Wati Aier in his address highlighted the aspiration data ranking and informed that the district currently ranks at the 10th position.

The Union Minister of State stressed on the importance of Anganwadi centres and said that without good Anganwadi centres, there will be no good products in schools and universities. She urged that Anganwadi centre should be a learning centre and also mentioned that the workers should be well trained. She also asked the administration to submit a proposal for setting

up of a District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre in the district.

During the interaction with the Heads of Offices of the district, Bhounmik expressed satisfaction at the implementation of various government schemes and projects by various agencies and further asked them to work harder so that more beneficiaries benefit from it. She also directed the bank officials to make the various schemes more accessible to the people as there are various bank loans and social welfare schemes implemented by the Government.

PowerPoint presentations were presented by the departments of Social Welfare, Agriculture, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and DRDA. As per the Social Welfare department's record, Kiphire has 21 differently abled persons for which the Minister of State appealed to the Department to carry out extensive surveys across the district in order to identify if there are more differently abled persons.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2022 CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

Swachhata Hi Seva (Visually Clean Village) 2022 campaign with 'Remove Legacy Waste and Improve Visual Cleanliness in the Village' as its theme started on 21st September 2022 at Kohima Village covering 5,130 households. The campaign was organized by PHED Kohima Urban Division and sponsored by Sanitation & WSSO, PHED, Nagaland.

Executive Engineer, PHED Kohima Urban Division, Er. Supongyanger Aier highlighted the importance and objectives of the campaign. He said that the celebration of Swachhata Hi Seva is

from 15th September to 2nd October every year and is focused to eliminate single-use plastics. This initiative is for undertaking voluntary (Shramdaan) activities to generate mass movement (Jan Andolan) through community participation for clean villages (Sampoorn Swachh) in commemoration of Swachh Bharat Diwas (2nd October). Under this campaign, cleaning of garbage/ wastes at vulnerable sites in the village, creating awareness for segregation of waste (dry & wet) at source, construction of waste collection and segregation sheds/ centres, door to door collection of non-biodegradable waste like plastics, and keeping

the area near water bodies clean and doing tree plantation around them are taken up.

WOKHA:

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Wokha Division started the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign on 23rd September 2022 at Etsutchukha Pump Site, Wokha HQ in concurrence with the State's Action Plan of the PHED with SDO(C) Wokha, Tsidi as the

distinguished guest.

As part of the celebration, a massive cleanliness drive, and tree plantation was carried out at the site, and also a pledge was undertaken to stop littering and ban single-use plastic (SUPs) plantation drive was also carried out around the pump site. The event culminated with the pledge in which everybody committed to Refuse, Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, Repair, Re-gift, Recover and Rethink plastic.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Noklak DPDB, Hiazu Meru on 22nd September 2022.

While welcoming the members, Meru requested the Board to work as a team and sought

proper coordination for the welfare of the district.

The Board approved the formation of the Noklak District Sports Council, upgradation of PHC at Thonoknyu Headquarter and New Pangsha village, and registration of the Society of Noklak District Handloom & Handicrafts Council and recommended to the concerned departments to take up the matter.

CELEBRATION OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIWAS 2022 ACROSS DISTRICTS**LONGLENG:**

Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2022 was celebrated at Longleng with Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, District Implementation Unit, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS, as the special guest at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 23rd September 2022.

Speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme and its importance to the gathering. Informing that Ayushman Bharat is a Health Insurance Scheme introduced by the Government of India to provide free medical treatment covering all members of the family, he said the purpose of the scheme was to uplift the living standard of the people by providing free medical treatment and saving the hard earned

wages of the laborers and farmers, and securing their future.

During the celebration testimony by beneficiary was shared by N. Belong Phom. The DC also felicitated Dr. Lipok Phom, Junior Specialist (Medicine), District Hospital, Longleng for best performing staff.

MON:

Health & Family Welfare Department, Mon celebrated Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2022 at the Conference Hall of the District Hospital, Mon on 23rd September 2022.

EAC Mon Headquarter, Molusangla Ozukum said 62% coverage is a phenomenal achievement for the district since it is not an easy task to sensitize the people. She congratulated the

Medical Superintendent (MS), District Hospital (DH) Mon, Nodal Officer AB-PMJAY, and all medical staff who are involved in the programme.

On behalf of the District Administration, Ozukum extended coordination and assistance needed during the implementation of the programme.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE VISITS ZUNHEBOTO

Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, Rajeev Chandrasekhar visited Zunheboto district on 26th September 2022.

During the meeting with the Heads of Offices, Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto Rahul Bhanudas Mali gave a Power Point presentation on the Zunheboto district where he highlighted the agriculture sector, electricity, lack of IT infrastructures, MSME, etc. Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the ongoing schemes in the district.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar addressing the officials present said that a skill development plan should be set up in the district, map the

aspirations in schools and colleges, to think out of the box, make government colleges part of the skill development for the youth, and create institutions as part of the ecosystem. In the agriculture and handicrafts sector, he suggested connecting with the market and try to scale it. He said, structural issues should be looked at by the State Government, try to connect the entrepreneurs to the market, and create an atmosphere for the investors.

During his visit, the Union Minister of State held meetings with Lok Sabha Yojana Core Committee (district), MLAs, District Government Officials, Sumi Hoho, GBs, SKK, SKH, scheme beneficiaries, the business community, and social workers.

WORLD ANTI-RABIES DAY OBSERVED IN THE DISTRICTS

A two-day free anti-rabies vaccination awareness campaign on animal health care camp was conducted at Lower Forest Colony, Kohima on 26th and 27th September 2022. The awareness programme was organized by the Veterinary Hospital, Kohima. Altogether, 236 dogs were vaccinated during the campaign.

In Wokha the event was held at Veterinary Hospital Wokha. Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Wokha, Dr. E. Mhonlumi



A free anti-rabies vaccination drive was conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Wokha in commemoration of World Rabies Day at Veterinary Hospital, Wokha on 28th September 2022.

Lotha, while delivering the keynote address, spoke about rabies and its preventive measures, she said that rabies has no treatment but is

preventable through vaccination, therefore, the annual vaccination of pets is very important. Later after the programme, around 250 pet dogs were administered free Anti-Rabies Vaccination.

In Kiphire the event was held at District Veterinary Hospital, Kiphire where free anti-rabies vaccination were given to 50 dogs.

In Tuensang, free vaccination drive for pet dogs was conducted at Old Medical Ward B, Tuensang. Dr. Aojongshi, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon explained briefly the importance of vaccinating pet dogs and its safety for human beings. He also told all the dog owners gathered to vaccinate their dogs, above three years of age, on yearly basis.

In Chümoukedima the World Rabies Day was held at Chümoukedima Town Council (CTC) Hall. Chief Veterinary Officer, Chümoukedima, Dr. E. Kepfoh informed that there is no specific treatment for rabies once symptoms appear and therefore emphasized the importance of giving timely anti-rabies vaccination to the pets. Altogether, 150 pets got vaccinated on the day.

In Peren, as part of the celebration of 75th Anniversary of Peren Township, World Rabies Day 2022 was celebrated at Peren Town Hall. Chief Veterinary, Dr. Namsui Thou, in his keynote

address, spoke on the importance of how to avoid rabies and its precautionary measures and steps to prevent the disease. He also stressed the careless attitude of the community and advised the gathering to be cautious with their pets to lessen rabies infections.

The department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Longleng observed World Rabies Day in Longleng on 28th September 2022 on the theme 'One Health, Zero Death' at DPDB Conference Hall, Longleng with the Longleng Town Council (LTC) and All Ward Union Longleng Town. The meeting was followed by the presentation of the draft regarding the adoption of the 'Dog Registration & Proper Control of Dogs: Rules and Regulations 2022' by Dr. Aoyimsen Jamir, VS, and Longleng. The house unanimously agreed to adopt the draft proposal in principle put forward by the Department of AH&VS. It was agreed that the LTC in collaboration with the All Ward Union Longleng Town will adopt the Dog Registration & Proper Control of Dogs rules and regulations and that the mass registration and vaccination of all dogs under the LTC will be carried out in October to be technically assisted by the AH&VS Department.

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED AT NOKLAK AS PART OF WORLD TOURISM DAY

State-level World Tourism Day 2022 under the theme, 'Rethinking Tourism' was organized at Tourist Resort, Noklak on 27th September 2022.

Director of Tourism, Keduosie U Metha said World Tourism Day is a chance to celebrate the power of tourism. She said we need new voices as well as new ideas if we are to transform the sector and build better tourism for all. She said the purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the role of tourism within the international community

and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political, and economic values worldwide.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak Hiazu Meru highlighted the potential areas of tourism in the district and mentioned that the nascent tourism industry has a huge potential in Noklak district if it can be properly tapped. He appreciated the Department of Tourism for celebrating World Tourism Day 2022 at Noklak by organizing various events.

SP Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS spoke on creating awareness of the various aspects relating to the tourism sector and the potential that Noklak district possesses while assuring full assistance from the Police department for the promotion of the same.

Meanwhile, Inter School Painting Competition was held on 21st September 2022 at St. Paul School Noklak under the theme, 'Eco-Tourism.'

On 26th September 2022, a one-day workshop on Hospitality Management was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak with Food Entrepreneur, Alemjungla Jamir and President NTA, David A Solo as resource persons.

Director Tourism and DC Noklak, Hiazu Meru jointly launched the Rural Tourism Competition website during the day.

DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL HELD

The quarterly meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee on Tobacco Control Cell, Kohima was held on 27th September 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, also the Chairman of DLCC, suggested that the members make solid action plans, finalize the time and date, and see to it that follow-up actions are implemented. Controlling the misuse of Tobacco is a serious business that has to follow strict and correct measures and policies to bring change since it involves human lives. He encouraged the members to uphold the resolutions made.

To make the Tobacco Control Programme more effective, Shanavas said that more awareness programmes, publicity, and activities on the ill effects of Tobacco have to be made.

Further in the meeting, it was decided to suggest to the School Education Department for inclusion of a Tobacco Control Topic in the NBSE

syllabus. It was also decided 'No tobacco use' pledge will be initiated starting in the next DPDB meeting. On the occasion, 10th NAP (IR) Bn. Cantonment, Zadima, St. John Bosco School, Khonoma, GMS Chedema, and Christian School, Chedema were awarded certificates and certified as Tobacco Free Zone.

Earlier a PowerPoint on activities of District Tobacco Control Cell Kohima was presented by District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Kohima, Dr. Arenla Walling, and a Tobacco Free Declaration was initiated by Additional Director (Dental), State Nodal Officer (NTCP) Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

The present data and status of a Tobacco Free till date is School - 78 %, Colleges - 12%, Village - 13%, Teaching Institutes - 2%, Orphanage & Rehabilitation Centre - 1+2%, Dental Clinic - 32%, Hospitals/Clinic/Nursing Homes - 7% and Police Stations - 12%.

GOVERNOR VISITS NOKLAK

Governor of Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Noklak district and held a series of meetings with organizations on 28th September 2022.

The Governor visited Assam Rifles COB at ITC Dan and interacted with the Assam Rifles officers and jawans. The Governor also interacted

with the Heads of Offices under Noklak district.

The Governor held a brief interaction with Khamniungan Tribal Council, Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam, Khamniungan Students Union, Pangsha Public Organization, and Village Council Chairmen of Dan village, New Pangsha village, Old Pangsha village, and Wonthoi

village. He also had a separate interaction with the security agencies.

Prof. Jagdish Mukhi held a separate meeting

with the political parties of NDPP, BJP, NPF, and INC. He also held a meeting with the Noklak Chamber of Commerce & Industries.

TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS HELD AT WOKHA

Project for creating model GP clusters in collaboration with Wokha District Administration, District Skill Committee (DSC), District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), and Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Wokha organized a one-day training programme on localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), GPDS, PRI-SHG convergence, on 29th September 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

BNO-GPDP, Tushmanen said Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) is the development plan of the village prepared through a participatory process involving all stakeholders matching people's needs and priorities with available resources. He added under Article 243G, the Constitution mandates a plan at the village level for economic development and social justice and the implementation of schemes to fulfill those goals.

On the collection of data, Manen said the primary objective of preparation of GPDP is to identify and formulate ways of addressing the development needs of the GP, getting first-hand information about the issues related to health, education, livelihoods, availability of amenities, services and fulfillment of rights and entitlements of marginalized sections, local infrastructure, etc., are very important.

Area Co-ordinator SISD, NRLM, H. Wophyomo while sharing on the topic of Panchayati Raj Institute - Self Help Group (PRI-SHG) convergence and Village Poverty Reduction Plan (VPRP) said that VPRP guarantees the representation of demands from different

sections of the community, including demands from SHG households and of other vulnerable sections outside the SHG fold, fair, transparent, and participatory plan, and serves as a sub-plan for preparing GPDP. Further, he stated that VPRP is the bottom-up plan preparation for addressing the needs of the community.

Giving an introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Markose said the SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by 2030, adding the 2030 Agenda is 'a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity.' The 2030 Agenda contains 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets and 193 countries, including India.

MGNF, Ministry of Skill Development, Anuranjan Singh said that the main objective of SDG is for creating an economy that is sustainable and growing in the right direction. This objective focuses on a contribution by humans towards protecting and enhancing the natural environment, by minimizing pollution, and waste and also working towards reducing the global carbon footprint. Sharing on 'Social Inclusion,' he said this objective focuses on providing the facility of housing for future generations and assisting in creating healthy, strong, and vibrant global communities.

The one-day training programme is focused on creating model GP clusters for the five village functionaries under Wokha district namely, Wokha village, Longsa, Longsachung, Riphym Old, and Humtso village.

TOVIHOTO AYEMI LAUNCHES UNIFIED ROOFTOP SOLAR WEB PORTAL

Launching programme of Unified Rooftop Solar (RTS) web portal in Nagaland was held at the Office Chamber of Advisor, Power at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 5th September 2022.

Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi in his speech has said that towards the implementation of the Rooftop Solar Scheme, the department should reach out to all the citizens and ensure to provide quality facility. He also urged the department to create awareness that such facilities are available and the opportunity should be given to the people. He also appreciated the Power department for strengthening the department from different angles of work. Tovihoto encouraged the department to coordinate with the Department of New & Renewable Energy in order to materialize the system.

Principal Secretary Power, K. D. Vizo appreciated the Power department for the success of Unified Rooftop Solar web portal which is very important for the residential sector for reduction in electricity bill for the users.

Er. Atoho Jakhalu, Nodal Officer (RTS) presented a brief description of the scheme and stated that the Rooftop Solar (RTS) is a system consisting of solar photovoltaic power plants installed mainly on the roof of a building where valid and live electricity connection has been provided by the concerned power utilities (DISCOMS). Typically 1 KWp TRS plants requires about 10 sq.m area. He also said that power generated can then be used either for captive consumption of the premises or can be fed into the grid and be adjusted in the electricity bill. RTS plants help DISCOMs in reducing transmission and distribution losses of power consumption and generation are co-located and the quantum of energy generated by the RTS systems shall be accounted towards the DISCOMs Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) compliance, he stated.

Chief Engineer (D&R), Er. Tiameren Walling said applicants must have electricity bill in their own name for applying with necessary supporting documents like ID card or latest electricity bill.

IMNATIBA INAUGURATES SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT AT GHSS, SECHU-ZUBZA

The first School of Excellence in Skill Development in Nagaland was inaugurated by Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba on 12th September 2022 at Government Higher Secondary School, Sechu-Zubza.

The Advisor while speaking at the programme said that School of Excellence in Skill

Development in collaboration with the School Education and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Government of India is a new kind of initiative taken up by the department in government schools with an aim to foster a paradigm shift to give new hope to the students and let them venture out into new horizon to let them get access in self-employment and in other avenues when the

State is facing unemployment problems. The Advisor also encouraged the stakeholders, especially both the educators and learners to embrace the opportunity in motivating each other to make this project a success and take it as an example to other schools in the near future.

Secretary, L&E, SD & E Department, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS who also spoke in the event said that it was a proud moment for the three departments, and added that it is a testament that the government departments can always converge together in bringing out such innovative projects to fruition.

Director, School Education, Wonthungo Tsoepoe appealed the school management board not to keep the school just for name sake but to be more serious, especially the teachers

and students, so as to bring out the aims and objectives of the programme in the best possible way.

Director, NIELIT, L. Lanuwapang expressed hope that through this project the importance of Information Technology will come into limelight, and move forward with many development activities in the future.

Director, DESD&E, Chiden Yaden gave a brief highlight of School of Excellence in Skill Development, where he stated that the assigned syllabus will be done by the NIELIT with a unique concept, the course will start from Class 8 and culminate with Class 10 so as to give the opportunity to the students to get IT certificate while passing out HSLC exams. The certification will be done by NIELIT, Government of India.

NATURALLY NAGALAND: MARKETING NAGALAND'S GREATEST ASSET

(A DIPR feature by Morotsung, IA)

The Naturally Nagaland Brand is a comparatively new initiative of the Government of Nagaland that was started a year ago under the objective 'Monetising Organic Agri and Allied Products of Nagaland through Value Chain Development.' The initiative, though just a year old, seems to be slowly making an impact in the lives of many, especially the farming and rural community which in turn is contributing to the growth of the State's economy. To understand the importance of the initiative and why the brand 'Naturally Nagaland' has the greatest prospect for our State's Economic Growth, one simply needs to take into consideration the current post pandemic market demand and supply scenario.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, the demand for organic food went up as consumers perceived them as being healthier and good for immunity. However, otherwise too, demand for organic food is increasing at a continuous pace. According to an Expert Market Research Report, the Indian organic food market stood at a value of USD 849.5 million in 2020. For the forecast period of 2021 – 2026, the trend in the organic food market is expected to grow at a CAGR of about 20.5% to reach about USD 2601 million by 2026. Thus, looking at these statistics, one can safely say that the Naturally Nagaland brand can only grow and our local indigenously produced organic products will definitely be in demand not just in the country but also across the globe.

An overview of the activities and programmes of the various departments under Agri and allied sector of the state in the last couple of years clearly reflects the importance and effort put in by the State Government in developing the Agriculture and farming industry as more than 60 per cent of the State's population is engaged in this sector and the State's economy is primarily dependent on Agriculture. The Department of Land Resource has been promoting Nagaland Coffee and helping farmers from across the State not just in production but also in marketing and today, our coffee has been rated as one of the best in the country and is in great demand internationally as well.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has also contributed a lot and has been working tirelessly to promote the poultry and dairy industry in the State. Horticulture Department has also been working hand in hand with the farmers by imparting technical knowledge and also providing logistics in terms of high yielding seeds and saplings as well as financial assistance.

The Department of Soil & Water conservation has also been making efforts in creating awareness regarding soil conservation and soil quality maintenance through scientific research and application and in recent years, have successfully managed to educate most farmers on the importance of sustenance farming. The Department has set up 13 Soil Testing Labs in 11 Districts and 74 Mini Soil Testing Labs in all 74 blocks and has also acquired 3 Mobile Soil Testing Labs. The other allied departments like the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Department of Co-operation, Department of Sericulture, Nagaland Bio Resource Mission, Nagaland Bee Keeping and Honey Mission, Nagaland Rural Livelihood Mission and NEPED (Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development) have all been working tirelessly and implementing projects including centrally sponsored schemes with the sole aim of uplifting the agriculture and farming community and creating economic self-reliance among the people of the State.

However, despite all the efforts put in by the Government, the end result and the success of the project depends solely on the work culture of the people of the State. The State Government can only do so much and the people need to realise that they also need to put in a lot of hard work and dedication to make the dream of making 'Naturally Nagaland' an internationally renowned brand a reality and becoming economically self-reliant through the brand.

Nagaland, known for its rich biodiversity, is gradually making its entry into the organic farming market and towards efforts are being made to promote organic farming in the State. Nagaland has potential

for promotion of organic farming as farmers have been practicing traditional system of agricultural without the use of external inputs since its inception. Naga farmers adopt an age-old traditional cultivation system called shifting cultivation. The present agricultural practice of Nagaland is organic by default, as the State and the region did not make impact by the wave of green revolution across India. Therefore the Brand 'Naturally

Nagaland' if nurtured properly, can positively impact the lives of many in the State and can become one of the biggest contributors to the state economy in the coming years.

Earlier, in commemoration of the 75 years of Independence celebrations, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the 'Naturally Nagaland' exhibition stalls at Secretariat Plaza on 15th August 2022.

NSS 75th ROUND REPORT (JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018) (A DIPR feature)

National Sample Surveys (NSS) are large scale sample surveys on various socio-economic subjects conducted perennially by the National Statistical Office (NSO) since its inception in 1950. The Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Nagaland has been participating in this nationwide survey since 1972. The present NSS 75th Round Report presents key state level parameters on Health and Education in Nagaland pertaining to the period July 2017-June 2018.

1. Household Social Consumption on Health in Nagaland:

The National Sample Survey on Household Social Consumption related to Health forms a vital source of primary data on the subject for the State and the country as a whole. The survey gathers basic information on the health sector like morbidity, profile of ailments including treatment, role of government and private facilities in providing health care, expenditure on medicines, medical consultation, investigation, hospitalization and expenditure thereon, maternity and childbirth, the condition of the aged, etc. Some of the key findings of the survey are:

- About 6% of the rural population and nearly 5% of the urban population reported as ailing during a 15 day reference period.
- 'Infection' was the most prevalent ailment among both genders in both rural (48 per 1000 persons) and urban (29 per 1000 persons) sectors.
- 83% of ailments in rural areas and 66% in urban areas were treated at Government/Public hospitals.

- 85% of women received pre-natal care and 76% received post-natal care in both rural and urban areas.
- 55% of the aged population (60 years & above) in rural areas and 72% in urban areas were economically independent.
- 100% of children aged 0-5 years in rural areas and 99% in urban areas had received some vaccination.

2. Household Social Consumption on Education in Nagaland:

The National Sample Survey on Household Social Consumption related to Education is the primary source of data for generating various indicators on education like level of education, attendance, incentives received by the students, expenditure on education, etc. These are used in decision support, policy inferences and analysis. Some of the key findings of the survey are:

- Estimated male population between age 3 to 35 years was 401000 (304000 in rural & 97000 in urban) while that of female was 331000 (251000 in rural & 80000 in urban)
- Nearly 87% of households in rural areas and 73% of households in urban areas reported availability of primary school within 1 Km from the house.
- 5.4% of persons aged 15 years and above were 'not literate' while 14.2% were literate up to Primary level and 15.2% were Graduate and above.
- Nearly 64% of males and 54% of females in the age group 3-35 years were currently attending education.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisors, MLAs and senior government officials with the recipients of State Level Teacher's Award on the occasion of Teacher's Day celebration at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 5th September 2022.



Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung with officials and cultural troupes during the Tribal Festival held at District Cultural Office, Mokokchung on 29th September 2022.



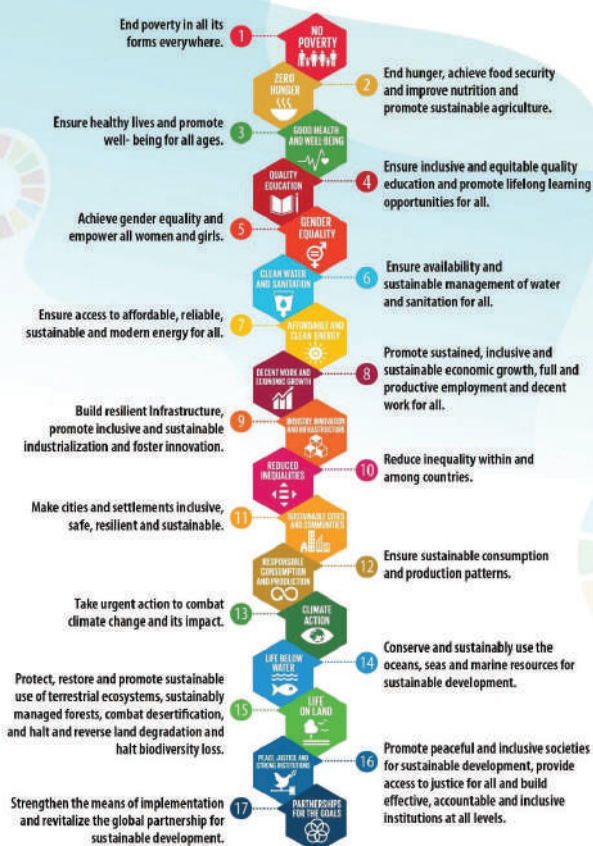
The SDGs were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The SDGs are a collection of 17 global goals and associated 169 targets designed to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The SDGs aim to 'leave no one behind' and to 'reach the furthest behind first'.

About SDGCC Nagaland

The SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) of the Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland was established with a mandate to act as a centre for knowledge dissemination, SDG monitoring, policy strengthening and as an accelerator of SDG implementation across the state.

#NagalandForSDGs

#LeaveNoOneBehind



Published by:
Government of Nagaland
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS
IPR Citadel, New Capital Complex, Kohima - 797001 Nagaland

