



Chief Secretary, Assam, Kumar Sanjay Krishna, IAS; Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS; Director General of Police, Assam and Nagaland along with senior officials during the meeting held on Assam-Nagaland border issues at Rhododendron Conference Hall, Police Complex, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 25th September 2020.

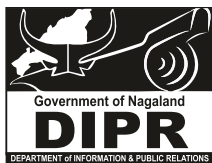




Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, his cabinet colleagues and officials during the foundation laying programme of Professional College of Music and Fine Arts at Tsiesema, Kohima on 7th September 2020.



Randeep Datta, PMG, IGP, CRPF, Manipur and Nagaland Sector and Governor of Nagaland, R. N. Ravi during the former's visit to Kohima on 10th September 2020.



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SALIENT FEATURES OF SOP FOR HOME ISOLATION OF COVID-19 CASES

1. Only eligible for persons who do not have symptoms or having very mild symptoms after the Medical Officer certifies.
2. Not eligible for patients who are HIV+, transplant recipients, on cancer therapy etc. while elderly patients and people with hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, chronic lungs/liver/kidney disease etc. shall be allowed only after proper evaluation.
3. Facility of single bedroom with proper ventilation is mandatory and preferably with attached or separate bathroom. Must keep appropriate disinfectants, mask and gloves.
4. Patient must apply for approval to the District Surveillance Officer with copy to Village Council/Town Council/ Municipal Council, following which the medical team will examine and certify.
5. Patient should download the nCOVID-19 Nagaland-visitors app, select 'mark yourself in quarantine' and mandatorily log in into the app twice daily.
6. Medical team will also conduct telephonic monitoring of symptoms.
7. Home isolation will be for 14 days, followed by 14 days home quarantine, if no symptoms.
8. If symptoms develop, patient will be shifted to COVID Hospital depending on the severity of symptoms.
9. Violator(s) of the SOP will be penalized as per the relevant section of the Disaster Management Act 2005, and the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.

For step by step instructions for the home isolation of asymptomatic COVID-19 patient, visit <https://nagahealth.nagaland.gov.in> or call State Health Helpline 1800-345-0019

NBSE INFORMS

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed that the National Commission for Women is launching a comprehensive 'Gender Sensitization and Legal Awareness Programme' in collaboration with the Educational Boards across India for the students of Class XI and XII. Through this programme, the National Commission for Women has shared two booklets, namely 'Gender Sensitization' and 'Laws Relating to Women' which are both available for downloading in the NBSE website (<http://www.nbsenagaland.com>) and also from the National Commission for Women website (<http://nwc.nic.in/nwc-cells/Capacity-Building-Cell>). The issue of Gender Sensitization has become crucial to understand the sensitive needs of a particular gender. It has become essential to educate the masses on gender issues so as to instill in every citizen the awareness of being sensitive to the gender issues.

The National Commission for Women plans to conduct an online test based on these booklets for students of Class XI & XII tentatively by 2021. The question paper will consist of 50 (fifty) Multiple Choice Questions where 25 questions will be from the booklet on Gender Sensitization and 25 questions on Laws Relating to Women. There will be no negative marking. There will be prize money for the toppers. Certificates will also be issued to all participants and the schools with maximum participants and 70% scores will be awarded a trophy. The names and contact numbers of all Heads of the Institutions registered with the Board will be forwarded to the National Commission for Women who would be contacting the schools for further details about the online test.

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The main idea of the competition is to educate and create awareness among the students on Gender Sensitization and the Laws Relating to Women. Therefore, all schools are requested to share these booklets to the students and encourage them to participate in the programme.

NBSE NOTIFIES ON CSSS

In pursuant of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Scholarship Division, Letter No. 16-19/2020 NS-1 dated the 31st July 2020, the Nagaland Board of School Education has notified for information of all concerned that the beneficiary students may open an account as an option in the Post Office or use existing Post Office account for the purpose of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships (CSSS).

The Post Offices are providing banking and insurance services, the banking services may be useful for the beneficiaries of such scheme as the Post Offices have some popular small saving schemes like Post Office Savings Bank Account (POSB) and Public Provident Fund Scheme (PPF). Therefore, the NBSE has requested all Heads of Institutions to disseminate this information to the students.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON MARKETING YARD

In accordance to Section 7 (1) and Section 5 (1) of the Nagaland Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act 2020 for the purpose of regulating and developing Agricultural Marketing in the State, the following market areas under each of the respective APMC, demarcated and delineated along with the agricultural commodities to be regulated is hereby notified with immediate effect as indicated below:

A. Area demarcation : Principal Market Yard

Sl. No.	NAME OF MARKET AS PER SECTION 7	LOCATION	DELINEATED MARKET AREA AS PER SECTION 5
1	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Mokokchung	APMC complex Mokokchung town	Entire area under Mokokchung Sadar excluding Mangkolemba and Tuli.
2	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Wokha	Wokha town, Mokokchung Road	Entire area under Wokha Sadar excluding Baghty Sadar.
3	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Zunheboto	Zunheboto town, Kohima Road	Zunheboto district excluding Pughoboto and Ghathashi.
4	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Kohima	Kohima town	Entire area under Kohima Sadar including Chiephobozou area.

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5	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Dimapur	Dimapur town	Entire Dimapur Sadar area.
6	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Peren	Jalukie town	The entire area under Jalukie Sub-Division and Peren Sadar
7	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Phek	Phek town	Entire area under Phek district including Meluri excluding Pfutsero and Chozouba Sub-Division.
8	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Kiphire	Kiphire town, Kohima Road	Entire areas under Kiphire district.
9	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Tuensang	Tuensang town, Mokokchung Road	Entire areas under Tuensang district.
10	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Noklak	Noklak town	Entire area under Noklak Sadar.
11	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Longleng	Longleng town	Entire areas under Longleng district.
12	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Mon	Mon town	Entire areas under Mon district.
13	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Niuland	Niuland town	The entire areas under Niuland Sub-division
14	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Ghathashi	Ghathashi town	Entire area under Pughoboto Sub-division and Ghathashi area.
15	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Mangkolemba	Mangkolemba town	Entire area under Mangkolemba Sub-division.
16	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Tening	Tening town	Entire area under Tening Sub-division
17	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Tuli	Tuli town	Entire area under Tuli Sub-Division
18	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Baghty	Baghty town	Entire area under Sanis, Bhandari and Ralan Sub-division.

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19	Principal Market Yard (PMY) Tseminyu	Tseminyu town	Entire area under Tseminyu Sub-division.
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- B. Commodities notified for regulation are 1. Ginger - both fresh and dry 2. Chillies - both fresh and dry 3. Maize - Grain only 4. Paddy and all its products 5. Oil Seeds 6. Soya bean 7. Kholar (Local Rajma) 8. Turmeric - both fresh and dry 9. Cardamom - both fresh and dry 10. Organic fruits 11. Organic vegetable 12. Pulses 13. Wild fruits and vegetables 14. All agricultural produces in Nagaland.
- C. Sales (excluding farmers/producers) and purchase of the above commodities by any traders will be carried out with License obtained from the Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board (NSAMB) or from the respective APMC.
- D. Taxation will not be levied by any Market Commodities (APMC) while crossing the other APMC jurisdiction by any licensed traders, unless the traders utilize the respective APMC facilities or the respective APMC renders services to the traders. However, no market fee shall be levied and collected from farmers as per GoI ordinance on the Farmers Produce Trade & Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Ordinance 2020 under Clause (1) of Article 123 of the Constitution of India. issued vide F. No.26011/3/2020-M.II dated 05.06.2020.
- E. Licensed traders of the above commodities are permitted to move freely across all check gates within Nagaland State and no taxation is permitted to be levied from such licensed traders.
- F. Taxation if any from the licensed traders, will be levied as per the prevailing Section 71 of this Act. However movement of all essential commodities which are included under this notification and which are also being carried out under the Food and Civil Supply Authorities of the State or Central Government, are exempted from the purview of this notification.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT INFORMS

The Transport Department has informed that in the interest of Public Service, the Government of Nagaland has notified that the Central Government vide Notification No.GSR.1361(E) dated 02/11/2017 under Rule 138A of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has made mandatory the fitment of FASTag on all motor vehicles under category M and N sold on or after 1st December 2017. Motor Vehicle of 'Category M' - a motor vehicle with at least four wheels used for carrying passengers and 'Category N' - a motor vehicle with at least four wheels used for carrying goods which may also carry persons in addition to the goods.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has intimated that the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) has been completely integrated with the VAHAN portal, with the API going live on 14th May 2020.

All have been notified that FASTag details will be captured while registering new vehicles or issuing fitness certificates to transport vehicles plying under national permit henceforth.

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In another notification, in pursuance of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways advisory dated 24.08.2020 and taking into consideration the grim situation continuing due to conditions for prevention of spread of COVID-19 across the country, the Transport Department has notified that:

1. Validity of Fitness Certificate, Permit (all types), Driving License, Registration or any other concerned document(s) whose extension of validity could not or not likely be granted due to lockdown and which had expired since 1st of February 2020 or would expire by 31st of December 2020, the same will be treated as valid till 31st of December 2020.
2. Enforcement authorities are to treat such documents as valid till 31st of December 2020 with no late fee/fine imposed during the said period.

SOP FOR PARTIAL REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS OF CLASSES 9 TO 12 ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS FOR TAKING GUIDANCE FROM THEIR TEACHERS AND PERMISSION FOR SKILL OR ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING IN INSTITUTIONS/CENTRES

Consequent to issue of SOP dated 8th September 2020 by MoHFW, Gol for partial reopening of schools for students of Classes 9 to 12 on voluntary basis for taking guidance from their teachers in the context of COVID-19, and for the skill or entrepreneurship training institutions/centres and the preventive measures required to be taken for containing spread of COVID-19 in these institutions/centres, the following activities in schools, colleges, educational, coaching and training institutions/centres will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020 in the State, subject to strict adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures annexed to this Order:

- a) Up to 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff may be permitted to be called to the schools at a time for online teaching/tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, subject to strict adherence to the SOP enclosed as Annexure-A.
- b) Students of Classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, on voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers subject to written consent of their parents/ guardians, and strict adherence to all the provisions in the SOP enclosed as Annexure-A.
- c) Skill or Entrepreneurship training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Short Term Training Centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation or State Skill Development Missions or other Ministries of Government of India subject to strict adherence to the SOP enclosed as Annexure-B. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (HE) and their training providers will also be permitted as per the aforesaid enclosed SOP.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE SOP FOR PARTIAL REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS OF CLASSES 9 TO 12 ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS:

1. **SCOPE:** This SOP outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken to prevent spread of COVID-19 when schools are permitting students (for 9 to 12 classes) on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers.
2. **GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES:** The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (teachers, employees and students) in these places at all times. These include:
 - i. Physical distancing of at least six feet to be followed as far as feasible.
 - ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.
 - iii. Frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be done wherever feasible.
 - iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
 - v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest.
 - vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.
 - vii. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App may be advised wherever feasible.
3. **ALL SCHOOLS (WITH CLASSES IX TO XII) SHALL SPECIFICALLY ENSURE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS:**
 - i. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
 - ii. Students of classes 9 to 12 shall be permitted to visit their school on voluntary basis for taking guidance from their teachers. This will be subject to written consent of their parents/guardians. Such visits and teacher-student interaction must be organized in a staggered manner.
- 4.1 **BEFORE OPENING UP OF SCHOOLS:**
 - A) **PLANNING OF REOPENING OF SCHOOLS:**
 - i. Schools outside the containment zones only shall be allowed to open. Further, students, teachers and employees living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend schools. Students, teachers and employees shall also be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones.
 - ii. Prior to resumption of activities, all work areas intended for teaching/demonstrations etc., including laboratories, other common utility areas shall be sanitized with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution, with particular attention to frequently touched surfaces.
 - iii. Schools that were used as quarantine centres will be properly sanitized and deep cleaned before partial functioning is resumed. Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for disinfection of common public places including offices may be referred to in this regard) (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesondisinfectionofcommonpublicplacesincludingoffices.pdf>)
 - iv. The concerned teaching and non-teaching employees (up to 50 % of the strength) may be called to schools for online teaching/tele-counselling and related work.
 - v. Students from classes 9 to 12 will have the option of attending the classes remotely/virtually or physically only on a voluntary basis for guidance from their teachers subject to written permission of parent/guardian.
 - vi. Instead of biometric attendance alternate arrangements for contactless attendance shall be made by the school administration.

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- vii. At all times, the teachers and students shall maintain a physical distancing of six feet apart, wherever feasible. Scheduling of activities and seating plan shall be made accordingly.
- viii. Ensure hand-washing facilities along with provision of soap shall be ensured.
- ix. For ensuring queue management, inside and outside the premises, specific markings on the floor with a gap of six feet may be made. Similarly, physical distancing shall also be maintained in staff rooms, office areas (including reception area), and other places (mess, libraries, cafeterias, etc.).
- x. Weather permitting, outdoor spaces may be utilized for conducting teacher student interactions, keeping in view the safety and security of students and physical distancing protocols.
- xi. Assemblies, sports and events that can lead to overcrowding are strictly prohibited.
- xii. Schools should display State Helpline numbers and also numbers of local health authorities etc. to teachers/students/employees to contact in case of any emergency.
- xiii. For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which emphasizes that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30 degree Celsius, relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
- xiv. Lockers of students will remain in use, as long as physical distancing and regular disinfection is maintained.
- xv. Gymnasiums shall follow the provisions of the SOP enclosed as Annexure-D to Order NO.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020/(A) dated 31st August 2020 (available at: <https://covid19.nagal.and.gov.in/docs/600410622.pdf>).
- xvi. Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.

B) PLANNING AND SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES: All employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions to take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any frontline work requiring direct contact with the students. iGOT online modules training course on 'Basic awareness on COVID' (https://diksha.gov.in/igot/explore-course/course/do_313010389971255296164) may be undertaken by all employee and students during online interactions or guidance sessions on the first day.

C) AVAILABILITY AND MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLIES:

- i. Appropriate back-up stock of personal protection items like face covers/masks, visors, hand sanitizers etc. shall be made available by managements to teachers and employees.
- ii. Provide adequate supply of thermal guns, alcohol wipes or 1% sodium hypochlorite solutions and disposable paper towels, soap, IEC materials on COVID.
- iii. Pulse oximeter to check oxygen saturation levels of any symptomatic person must be arranged.
- iv. Ensure availability of sufficient covered dustbins and trashcans
- v. Provision for proper disposal of used personal protective items and general waste in accordance with CPCB guidelines (available at <https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/Projects/Bio-Medical-Waste/BMW-GUIDELINES-COVID1.pdf>)

4.2 AFTER OPENING OF SCHOOLS:

A) AT THE ENTRY POINT:

- i. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions. Multiple gates/separate gates, if feasible, should be used for entry and exit.

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- ii. Only asymptomatic persons (teachers, employees and students) to be allowed in the premises.
If a teacher/employee/student is found to be symptomatic, he/she should be referred to nearest health center.
- iii. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently.
- iv. Proper crowd management in the parking lots, in corridors and in elevators - duly following physical distancing norms shall be organized.
- v. Entry of visitors should be strictly regulated/restricted.

B) CONDUCT OF GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE ROOMS OR OPEN SPACES WITHIN THE SCHOOL CAMPUS:

- i. Seating arrangement to ensure a distance of six feet between chairs, desks etc.
- ii. Staggering of guidance activities to be done, with separate timing slots, to allow for adequate physical distancing and disinfection of classroom premises.
- iii. The teaching faculty will ensure that they themselves and students wear masks throughout the conduct of the teaching/guidance activities.
- iv. Sharing of items like notebook, pens/pencil, eraser, water bottle etc. amongst students should not be allowed.

C) CONDUCT OF SKILL BASED TRAINING IN WORKSHOPS/LABORATORIES:

- i. For practical activities in laboratories maximum capacity per session based on redesigned spaces, may be planned and scheduled accordingly.
- ii. Ensure that the equipments have been disinfected, particularly the frequently touched surfaces before and after each use.
- iii. Ensure a floor area of 4m per person is available for working on equipment/workstation.
- iv. Ensure that members sanitize their hands before and after using training equipment. For such purpose hand sanitizer should be provided at workstations/simulation labs etc.

D) ACTIVITIES IN COMMON AREAS - LIBRARY, MESS/CANTEEN, COMMON ROOMS, GYMNASIUM ETC:

- i. Physical distancing of six feet needs to be maintained
- ii. Persons using the common areas need to use mask/face cover all the time
- iii. Cafeteria/mess facility, if any within the premises, shall remain closed.

E) TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE INSTITUTION:

If transportation facility is being managed by the school, proper physical distancing, sanitization of buses/other transport vehicles (with 1% sodium hypochlorite) shall be ensured.

5. HYGIENE AND SANITATION:

- i. Daily cleaning of the floors shall be taken up.
- ii. Provision of soap in toilets and hand sanitizers in other common areas insufficient quantity must be ensured.
- iii. Cleaning and regular disinfection (using 1% sodium hypochlorite) of frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, elevator buttons, handrails, chairs, benches, washroom fixtures, etc.) to be made mandatory in all classrooms, laboratories, lockers, parking areas, other common areas etc. before beginning of classes and at the end of the day.
- iv. Teaching materials, computers, laptops, printers, shall be disinfected with 70% alcohol wipes.
- v. Deep cleaning of all drinking and hand washing stations, washrooms and lavatories shall be ensured.

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- vi. Students and employees should be advised to dispose of used face covers/masks in separate covered bins placed in classrooms, workstations and other common areas. The same may remain stored in the bins for three days and disposed of as dry general solid waste after cutting/shredding.
- vii. Students should not be involved in any of the cleaning activities for health safety reasons.
6. **RISK COMMUNICATION:**
 - i. Create awareness to ensure the students do not gather when leaving the school and in their free time.
 - ii. Sensitize students, parents, teachers and employees to create awareness on COVID appropriate behavior, as detailed under generic measures above.
 - iii. If a student, teacher or employee is sick, they should not come to the school and follow necessary protocols in this regard.
7. **PSYCHO-SOCIAL WELLBEING:**
 - i. Ensure regular counseling is done for students and teachers reporting mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.
 - ii. It is advisable that teachers, school counselors and school health workers should work in unison to ensure emotional safety of students.
8. **SOP TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE A STUDENT/TEACHER/EMPLOYEE DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS (FEVER, COUGH, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING):**
 - i. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
 - ii. Inform parents/guardians as the case maybe.
 - iii. Patient will remain isolated while wearing a mask/face cover till such time they are examined by a doctor.
 - iv. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the State or District Helpline.
 - v. Arisk assessment shall be undertaken by the DTF and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, their contacts and need for disinfection.
 - vi. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.
9. **Any violation of the provisions of the above SOP will attract action as per legal provision against the management of the school/institution.**

FOLLOWING ARE THE SOP ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CONTAIN SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN SKILL OR ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTIONS/CENTRES

1. **SCOPE:** This SOP aims to enable safe resumption of teaching/training activities in skill or entrepreneurship training institutions and centres, and outlines the various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken at these institutes to prevent spread of COVID-19.
2. **GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES:** The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (faculty, employees, students and visitors) in these places at all times. These include:
 - i. Physical distancing of at least six feet to be followed as far as feasible.
 - ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.

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- iii. Frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty.
Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be done wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest.
- vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised wherever feasible.

3. **ALL INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTING SKILL OR ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTIONS SHALL SPECIFICALLY ENSURE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS:**

- I. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- ii. Skill or entrepreneurship training will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020

4. **BEFORE OPENING UP OF THE INSTITUTION:**

A) PLANNING OF REOPENING OF INSTITUTIONS:

- i. The institutions conducting skill or entrepreneurship training institutions shall only be allowed to open if they are outside the containment zones. Further, students and staff living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend the Institution. Students and staff shall also be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones.
- ii. Prior to resumption of activities, all work areas intended for conduct of skill or entrepreneurship training, including hostels, laboratories, other common utility areas shall be sanitized with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution, with particular attention to frequently touched surfaces.
- iii. Wherever skill based training on equipments are envisaged to be utilized, place the equipment six feet apart, wherever feasible, to facilitate physical distancing. Similarly, utilize any outdoor space by relocating equipment outside like in verandah, courtyard, shed, etc.
- iv. Instead of biometric attendance alternate arrangements for contactless attendance may be made.
- v. For ensuring queue management, inside and outside the premises, specific markings on the floor with a gap of six feet may be made and be adhered to.
- vi. The institute should display State Helpline numbers and also numbers of local health authorities etc. to faculty/trainees/staff to contact in case of any emergency.
- vii. For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which emphasizes that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30 degree Celsius, relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be there.
- viii. Lockers of students will remain in use, as long as physical distancing and regular disinfection is maintained.
- ix. Gymnasiums shall follow the provisions of the SOP annexed to Order NO.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020/(A) dated 31st August 2020. (Available at: <https://covid19.nagaland.gov.in/docs/1600410622.pdf>)
- x. Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.
- xi. Prominently display signages, posters and standees must indicate the dos and don'ts for the staff and students.

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B) PLANNING AND SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES:

- i. The academic calendar shall be planned with a view to avoid overcrowding, congregation etc. As far as possible, the academic calendar should promote a mix of regular classes and online teaching/training, assessments
- ii. The day-wise, time-wise scheduling of teaching/training activities may be done in a staggered manner so as to avoid overcrowding at any one location on any day.
- iii. For practical activities in laboratories maximum capacity per session based on redesigned spaces, may be planned and scheduled accordingly.
- iv. All employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions to take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any frontline work requiring direct contact with the students have underlying medical conditions to take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any frontline work requiring direct contact with the students.

C) AVAILABILITY AND MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLIES:

- i. Appropriate back-up stock of personal protection items like face covers/masks, visors, hand sanitizers etc. shall be made available by management to the teachers and staff.
- ii. Provide an adequate supply of thermal guns, alcohol wipes or 1% sodium hypochlorite solutions and disposable paper towels, soap, IEC materials on COVID.
- iii. Pulse oximeter to check oxygen saturation levels of any symptomatic person must be arranged.
- iv. Ensure availability of sufficient covered dustbins and trash cans
- v. Provision for proper disposal of used personal protection items and general waste in accordance with CPCB guidelines (available at :<https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/Projects/Bio-Medical-Waste/BMW- GUIDELINES-COVID1.pdf>)
- vi. Housekeeping staff to be informed and trained about norms for waste management and disposal

4.2 AFTER OPENING OF THE TEACHING/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS:

A) AT THE ENTRY POINT:

- i. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions. Multiple gates/separate gates, if feasible, should be used for entry and exit while maintaining physical distancing norms.
- ii. Only asymptomatic persons (faculty, employees, students and visitors) to be allowed in the premises. If a faculty/employee/student/visitor is found to be symptomatic, he/she should be referred to nearest health center.
- iii. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently.
- iv. Proper crowd management in the parking lots, in corridors and in elevators - duly following physical distancing norms shall be organized.
- v. Entry of visitors should be strictly regulated/restricted.

B) CONDUCT OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOMS:

- i. Seating arrangement to ensure a distance of six feet between chairs, desks etc.
- ii. Staggering of classroom activities to be done, with separate timing slots, to allow for adequate physical distancing and disinfection of classroom premises

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- iii. Academic scheduling should have intermix of regular classroom teaching and online teaching/ assessments
- iv. The teaching faculty will ensure that they themselves as well as the students wear masks throughout the conduct of the teaching activities
- v. Sharing of items like laptops, notebook, stationery etc. amongst students should not be allowed.

C) CONDUCT OF SKILL BASED TRAINING IN WORKSHOPS/LABORATORIES:

- i. Ensure that the equipment has been disinfected, particularly the frequently touched surfaces before each use
- ii. Ensure a floor area of 4m per person is available for working on equipment/work station
- iii. Ensure that members sanitize their hands before and after using training equipment. For such purpose hand sanitizer should be provided at workstations/simulation labs etc.

D) ACTIVITIES IN COMMON AREA- LIBRARY, CANTEEN, COMMON ROOMS, GYMNASIUM, ETC:

- i. Physical distancing of six feet needs to be maintained
- ii. Person using the common areas need to use mask/face cover all the time
- iii. Canteens may remain closed as far as possible.
- iv. Wherever applicable, avoid cash transactions and e-wallets etc may be promoted.

E) TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE INSTITUTION:

If transportation facility is being managed by the institution, proper physical distancing, sanitization of buses/other transport vehicles (with 1% sodium hypochlorite) shall be ensured.

5. HYGIENE AND SANITATION:

- i. Daily cleaning of the floors shall be taken up.
- ii. Provision of soap in toilets and hand sanitizers in other common areas in sufficient quantity must be ensured.
- iii. Cleaning and regular disinfection (using 1% sodium hypochlorite) of frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, elevator buttons, hand rails, chairs, benches, washroom fixtures, etc.) to be made mandatory in all class rooms, laboratories, lockers, parking areas, other common areas etc. before beginning of classes and at the end of the day.
- iv. Teaching materials, computers, laptops, printers, shall be regularly disinfected with 70% alcohol swipe.
- v. Deep cleaning of all drinking and hand washing stations, washrooms and lavatories shall be ensured.
- vi. Students and staff should be advised to dispose of used face covers / masks in separate covered bins placed in class rooms, work stations and other common areas. The same may remain stored in the bins for three days and disposed of as dry general solid waste after cutting/shredding.
- vii. Residential buildings, if any, also need to be sanitized regularly.

6. RISK COMMUNICATION:

- i. Create awareness to ensure the students do not gather when leaving the institute and in their free time.
- ii. Create awareness among the students to follow simple preventive health measures like hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, physical distancing and wearing of masks.
- iii. Ensure regular counseling is done for students reporting mental health issues such as anxiety and depression

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- iv. If a student, faculty or staff is sick, she/he should not come to institute and follow necessary protocols in this regard

7. **ENSURE SAFE STAY AT HOSTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES:**

The measures as proposed above related to use of mask/face cover, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, physical distancing norms and environmental sanitation will apply to hostels and other residential buildings.

Further, the following specific points for hostels/guest houses/other residential complexes shall also be followed:

- i. Students who are not local residents of the city/town, or do not have any support at home, or do not have facility for on-line education may be prioritized for allotment of hostel rooms.
- ii. Since students may be coming from different locations, they shall remain in quarantine and self-monitor their health for a period of 14 days before being allowed to attend classes.
- iii. Screening of every boarder needs to be done before they start staying at the hostel. Only asymptomatic boarders should be allowed to join. Symptomatic boarders shall be isolated in the designated isolation facility at the institute, till such time, they are seen by a doctor.
- iv. Proper crowd management in the hostel as well as in outside premises like parking lots - duly following physical distancing norms shall be ensured. Gatherings/congregations shall continue to remain prohibited.
- v. In shared rooms/dormitories, the beds should be placed at a distance of six feet from each other. Temporary partitions may be considered, if feasible. Any symptomatic student should be immediately given a single room and then provided requisite medical care.
- vi. Mess facility, if any within the premises, shall follow physical distancing norms at all times. Staggering of meal timings may be done to prevent overcrowding.
- vii. Hostel should be out of bound for all persons except essential staff with known health status.

8. **SOP TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE A STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS (FEVER, COUGH, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING):**

- i. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
- ii. Inform parents/guardians as the case may be
- iii. Patient will remain isolated while wearing a mask/face cover till such time they are examined by a doctor.
- iv. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the State or District Helpline.
- v. A risk assessment shall be undertaken by the DTF and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, their contacts and need for disinfection.
- vi. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.
- vii. If there is clustering of cases in hostel/residential building, inform local health authorities immediately.

9. **ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE SOP WILL ATTRACT ACTION AS PER LEGAL PROVISIONS AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS/CENTRES.**

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HOME DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In terms of Section 3 (ii) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002), and in supersession of the earlier notification of even number dated 18th June 2020, the Government of Nagaland has nominated Rovilatuo Mor, Commissioner, Nagaland to serve as a Member of the Delimitation Commission in respect of Nagaland State, with effect from the date of this notification till the process of delimitation in respect of Nagaland State in terms of the Delimitation Act, 2002, is completed.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

The Transport Department in a notification informed that in continuation of Department's Notification No.TPT/MV/02/2020 dated 06.03.2020, and in compliance to the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 13.08.2020 passed in the matter of W.P.(C) No. 13029 of 1985, M.C.Mehta V/S Union of India, the Government of Nagaland has allowed registration of BS-IV vehicles sold on or before 31.03.2020, and whose sales have been uploaded on the e-Vaahan Portal of the Central Government and the State Government and the registration of which could not be done/ completed due to the lockdown.

STATE GOVERNMENT REVOKES COVID-19 CESS

The Finance Department (Revenue Branch) in a notification dated 24th September 2020 informed that in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section 3 of Section 3A of the Nagaland (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1967 (as amended), the Governor of Nagaland has revoked the COVID-19 cess against entry serial number 3 and 4 of Schedule II of the Act, levied vide Notification of even number dated 28th April 2020 as under:

Sl. No.	Description	Existing rate of COVID-19 Cess (per litre)	Remarks
1.	Diesel	Rs. 5.00	Revoked
2.	Petrol and other Motor Spirit	Rs. 6.00	Revoked

This notification shall come into force with effect from the midnight of 24th September 2020.

NOTICE ON PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has informed that many people with vested interest are charging excessive amount from the students for applying scholarship online form and for verification of their application, which is a serious offence.

Therefore, the Department of School Education has once again reminded all officials and Heads of the Institutions to take note of it and warn people from such practices, or else, disciplinary action will be initiated against those who encourage such practices.

The Department also appreciated some students' bodies across the State for being vigilant against such ill practices.

**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
HOME AS ON 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2020**

A total of 53 COVID-19 positive cases were detected on 1st September and the total number of positive cases in the State now stands at 4003. Active surveillance and contact tracing is in progress to prevent further spreading of the infection.

Out of the 4003 positive cases, the total active cases are 793 and there have been 8 deaths till now. As per the severity of symptoms, 782 active cases are asymptomatic, 10 active cases are mild and 1 active case is moderate.

Further, out of the 4003 positive cases, the distribution across various categories of people are

1,703 cases from Armed Forces, 1,268 cases from Returnees, 288 cases of Frontline Workers and 744 cases of Traced Contacts.

A total of 38,929 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and results of 37,596 samples have been received. In addition, a total of 23,405 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat and results of 23,284 samples have been received. Through Rapid Antigen Test, results for 802 samples have been received. In all, results for 61,682 samples have been received till today.

A total of 1,179 persons are presently under Facility Quarantine.

POSHAN MAAH LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE**WOKHA:**

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha launched Poshan Maah at Wokha on 1st September 2020. District Coordinator, Poshan Maah Poshan Abhiyaan, Shanjothung Ngullie, who chaired the launching programme said the entire month of September is celebrated as Poshan Maah, with the objective of spreading awareness and to reduce malnutrition and to ensure the attainment of malnutrition free nation.

The DC called upon all concerned involved in the scheme to put more effort in the process of implementation for the success of the programme. He also stressed on spreading maximum awareness to attain malnutrition free country for healthy mind and soul.

District Project Assistant, Poshan Abhiyaan, Annie Lotha led the gathering in reading out the Poshan Pledge.

On 15th September 2020, the Department of Social Welfare, in convergence with various departments while observing the Poshan Maah,

held a programme on 'Innovative and suggestive actions on COVID-19, and breast-feeding, nutrition, support for maintenance/development of Kitchen Garden' at Lotha Eloë Hoho Conference Hall, Wokha. The programme focused on young mothers, in collaboration with Lotha Eloë Hoho.

Deputy CMO, Wokha Dr. Zuben Kikon while speaking on the topic 'COVID-19 & breast-feeding,' urged the gathering not to panic but to take necessary preventive steps to keep ourselves protected and to protect others as well. He said breast milk contains antibodies that help the baby fight off viruses and bacteria and decreases the risk of respiratory tract infections, prevents the baby from diarrhoea, asthma, food allergies and other diseases. He also appealed to the mothers present to breastfeed babies exclusively for six months, adding that the mother also benefits in terms of lower risk of getting breast cancer and other diseases. He also advised the mothers to take protein rich and nutritious food and green leafy vegetables which are good source of proteins for



the baby and the mother as well.

On 30th September 2020, the monthlong programme of Poshan Maah 2020 culminated with a cooking competition conducted in collaboration with Wokha and Chukitong Block, Social Welfare Department at Blue Hill Colony, Wokha.



DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha and other officials launching Poshan Maah at Wokha on 1st September 2020.

MON:

A short programme for the launching of Poshan Maah was held at District Social Welfare Office, Mon on 1st September 2020 with Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K as special guest.

The DC emphasised that everyone should follow the SOP to treat himself/herself as a symptomatic carrier of COVID-19 and should take necessary safety precautions to break the chain of transmission. Wearing of mask, maintaining social distancing is compulsory for every person in public places.

Y. Tauhong Ngonyen, District Programme Officer, (Poshan Maah) Mon delivered a speech on the main aims and objectives of Poshan Maah. Poshan Pledge was led by Laitak, CDPO, Tobu.

NOKLAK:

In view of September month which is celebrated as National Nutrition Month across India, ICDS Noklak Project under the Department of Social Welfare conducted a short programme on 7th September 2020 at CDPO's Office, Noklak under the theme 'Complementary feeding.'

Speaking in the programme, Senior Supervisor, P. Hemping of CDPO's Office, Noklak said that the purpose of celebrating the Rashtriya Poshan Maah is to take the message of nutrition to every nook and corner of the country. Poshan Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with a vision to ensure attainment of Malnutrition Free India by 2022, he added. Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyaan aims to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for the children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, and adolescent girls.

The programme was attended by Anganwadi workers of Noklak Project and civil societies.

On 11th May 2020, Mon District Convergence Action Plan Committee organised an essay competition, conducted at District Programme Office, Mon on the topic 'As a woman, what would you like to see in today's society?' Altogether 14 schools participated in the programme. N. Niangmai Konyak from John Higher Secondary School, Mon bagged the first position, Ajat Salim WC from Christ King School, Mon bagged the second position and Lipan N from Little Flower School, Mon bagged the third position.

PEREN:

A short launching programme of Poshan Maah 2020 was observed on 7th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, District Headquarter, New Peren, along with the line departments like Public Health Engineering Department, Health & Family Welfare Department, Rural Development Department, School Education Department and District Administration. The programme was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Peren.

Deputy Director, Nokcharenla, DPO Peren briefed about the activities and programmes to be taken up in the month at various levels in the district and urged all the line departments for coordination and active participation.

DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier also said that it is a good programme initiated by the Prime



Minister of India to prevent existing malnutrition in India and to identify any prevailing cases in the district, and urged the Nodal Department to identify the indicators of progress and work where more approach is needed. He also apprised the line departments to work and coordinate for the welfare of the district during the monthly observation of Poshan Maah. The launching of Poshan Maah was initiated by reading out the Poshan Pledge.

LONGLENG:

Programme for the launching of Poshan Maah was held at EBRC Hall, Longleng on 7th September 2020, with D. Robin, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Longleng as special guest. The ADC led the gathering in reading out the Poshan Pledge. T. Longlang, CDPO Longleng delivered a brief note on Poshan Maah. Dr. Philip Khing, Deputy CMO, Longleng briefed on 'Prevention of anaemia among women and adolescent girls.'

On 17th September, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Longleng along with allied departments also celebrated Poshan Maah under Poshan Abhiyaan on 'Balanced diet and healthy life' at EBRC Hall, Longleng with Trongdiba Tongpi, SDO (C) Longleng as special guest and Dr. Lily Ngullie ACTO (A/Sc.) KVK Longleng as chairperson. Lemjan Phom, DFS NSRLM gave a presentation on 'Nutrition and Kitchen Garden,' and in the technical session, A. Namei, KVK briefed on 'Cultivation practices of different vegetable crops.'

On 30th September 2020, the culmination programme for the month-long celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah, 2020 for Peren district was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Poshan Abhiyaan, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo on Friday, 11th September 2020 launched the district-wide programme Poshan Maah under Poshan Abhiyaan, a Central Government scheme aimed at making India malnutrition free by 2022.

The launch programme was held at the

DC's Conference Hall in Zunheboto town, and dealt with two main themes, 'Identification of SAM/MAM children' and 'Development of Kitchen Garden.' Mughalu Awomi, District Coordinator, read out the Poshan Pledge.

The DC stressed that selection and identification of all beneficiaries needs to be done properly. Dr. Nukshisangla Jamir, DPO (RCH&UIP) who represented the Department of Health & Family Welfare spoke on the importance of nutrition and COVID-19 awareness.

KIPHIRE:

Rashtriya Poshan Maah was jointly organised by KVK, Kiphire Department of Social Welfare and Department of Horticulture on 17th September 2020 at Kiphire.

During the programme, CDPO Z. Tsangkhucho Sangtam gave a brief introductory note on Rashtriya Poshan Maah where he highlighted about its importance mainly for the womenfolk, dropout girl child and children between the age of 0-6 years. He also spoke on the moderate acute malnutrition and severe acute malnutrition in children, and how it has been affecting young children in particular and how Government of India has given importance to tackle these problems. He also mentioned the provision of Rs. 5000 given by Government of India for all the first time pregnant mothers and in this connection, he encouraged the womenfolk present to avail this scheme and use the amount for the various medication and vaccinations needed during the period.

SDO (C), Kiphire, James T. Khulu Tikhir who was the chief guest for the occasion also apprised the farmers by encouraging them to resort to kitchen garden for organic crops and the importance of having one in our own backyard. He also encouraged the organising team to have such collaborative programmes even in the near future for uplifting the farming community.

A technical session was also held comprising of three topics. The first topic on 'Models of Nutri-Garden' was taken up by Sepila Sangtam, Area Coordinator (Longmatra block,



NSRLM) where she highlighted on the roles and importance of having a nutri-garden and its usefulness in our day to day life.

Talks on 'Nutri-Thali and bio-fortified varieties on nutrition' was taken up by Temjenna Jamir (NARI Nodal Officer, KVK, Kiphire). She apprised on how a healthy and balanced diet impacts healthy living. She also spoke on the importance of vitamins and minerals and its different sources and also discussed on bio fortification in a nutshell and how some crops are adopted for enhancing nutrition and the role it would play in our daily diet. 'Package of practice on cultivation of vegetables and fruits' were discussed by Seroba Sangtam, HEA, Department of Horticulture, Kiphire who spoke mainly on the importance of making a nursery bed and its advantages, maintaining of proper spacing, weeding, mulching etc.

Vegetable seeds like coriander, long bean, onion, broccoli, carrot, knol khol, beans and tomato along with handouts on nutrient content in important vegetable crops were distributed to the farmers. Altogether 53 participants attended the programme comprising of Anganwadi workers and women farmers.

TUENSANG:

National Nutrition Mission, Poshan Maah 2020 closing ceremony was held at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 30th September 2020. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS was the Special Guest for the programme.

The DC congratulated the Social Welfare Department and all the convergence departments for their efforts in making it to the top rank in performance amongst the districts. Poshan Maah Week exercise has been a commendable one and if the same team effort can be put for the entire year, then we can eradicate the major health nutrition factors of our society, the DC added.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Under the initiative of the Department of Social Welfare, the closing programme of Poshan Maah 2020 was held on 30th September 2020 at Penli Panchayat Hall, Mokokchung.

As part of the programme, a painting competition on the theme 'Identification of SAM/MAM' and 'Development of Kitchen Garden in

AWC' was held, where students from different schools participated.

MEDZIPHEMA:



Officials and participants of the cooking competition held as part of Poshan Maah celebration on 15th September 2020 at CDPO's Office, Medziphema.

The month-long celebration of Poshan Maah (from 1st September – 30th September 2020) was launched at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office in Medziphema on 7th September 2020 with SDO (Civil) Medziphema, Tokai V Sumi as special guest. He spoke about good health and nutrition, and also encouraged proper implementation of the government schemes for the welfare of the public.

CDPO, Medziphema & ICDS Project In-Charge, Tsungrosongla administrated the Poshan Pledge. She also briefed on the objectives of Poshan Abhiyaan with regard to reducing stunting and wasting in children and ensuring proper development, adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children, removing anaemia among young children, women and adolescent girls, reducing low birth weight through proper nutrition and social and behavioural changes by building People's Movement (Jan Andolan).

On 15th September 2020, in continuation of the month long observance of Poshan Maah celebration, a cooking competition was held at the CDPO's Office, Medziphema with Chief Technical Officer (CTO), KVK, Kenny as the resource person. The cooking competition was held using locally available fruits and vegetables having nutritional values. The SEZO SHG, under NSRLM (RD) from Medziphema village was adjudged as the winner of

the cooking competition.

On 28th September 2020, awareness camp for pregnant and lactating mothers was organised by the CDPO's Office, Medziphema in Sirhima village on 28th September 2020. Hygienic kits were distributed to all the adolescent girls including gift packets for babies.

WAKCHING:

As part of the Poshan Maah celebration, a cooking competition was organised by ICDS, Wakching Block on 11th September 2020 at Council Hall, Wakching town. The programme was held under the theme 'Providing locally available nutritious food to the children.'

Speaking on the occasion, the Co-ordinator stressed on the importance of nutrition. Five Self Help Groups participated in the programme. The cooking competition was judged by Wanshon Konyak, KNSK President, Wakching town and Pelong Konyak, Women Leader, Wakching Town Baptist Church. Wannya Konyak of Mongshei Khung SHG Wakching Chingla emerged as the winner.

JALUKIE:

As per the Action Plan for the celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah, Department of Social Welfare, Jalukie Block level carried out cleanliness drive on 16th September 2020 at Jalukie town. Altogether 35 persons from Childline, AWW and CDPO's Office staff, Jalukie participated in the drive. The participants cleaned the town area, nursing home and CDPO office premises.

Namhuheing, CDPO, Jalukie briefed on the importance of maintaining personal hygiene, which he stated can prevent diseases like diarrhoea and save lives.

CHANGTONGYA:

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020, a programme on 'Mothers meeting focus on young mothers' under Changtongya ICDS Block and RD Block held on 16th September 2020 at Changtongya Town Hall. The programme was jointly organized by the Social Welfare Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and NRLM (RD).

Resource person, Dr. Intimongba MO CHC Changtongya spoke on the topic 'COVID-19 and breastfeeding' where he reminded all the mothers and AWWs on the importance of breastfeeding exclusively for the first six months, and the benefits of breastfeeding especially for the overall growth and development of a child. He further encouraged all to wear face masks, maintain social distance and wash hands regularly as precautionary measures on covid-19.

Moanungsang BPM, NSRLM Changtongya RD Block spoke on the topic 'Development and maintenance of Kitchen Garden.' He highlighted on the need to develop and maintain kitchen garden in every household and its benefit in providing nutritious food for the family. In order to sustain the kitchen garden, the participants were also encouraged and motivated to maintain compost pit, both individual and collectively.



Officials and participants during the Poshan Maah celebration on 16th September 2020 at Changtongya Town Hall.

LAMHAI VILLAGE, PEREN:

In view of September month observed as Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) with an aim to disseminate awareness on health and nutrition, ICDS Jalukie Project under the Department of Social Welfare conducted awareness programme at Lamhai Village Council Hall, Lamhai village on 24th September 2020.

CDPO, Jalukie, Namhuheing spoke on 'Nutrition and Kitchen Garden' where he encouraged plantation drives for promotion of nutri-garden and emphasized on the importance of organic food locally available for consumption. He also informed that a proper diet can ensure and enhance our body in proper state.

TENING:

Cooking competition-cum-complementary feeding under Poshan Maah programme was organised by CDPO, Tening on 26th September 2020 at Tening.

EAC, Tening, Tumben P. Tsanglao highlighted on the bleak situation of malnutrition in India and said that various government programmes and participation of the people can foster good nutrition through primary healthcare, nutrition of mother and imparting quality education.

Medical Officer of AYUSH, Community Health Centre, Tening, Dr. Nuksung Jamir highlighted on the importance of healthy nutrition for lactating and pregnant mothers.

The cooking competition was based on preparation of food with organic products in traditional method and was served to 0 to 1 year age group. The 11 Anganwadi Centres from Tening town and villages with Anganwadi workers, lactating mothers and women leaders took part in the programme.



Cooking competition-cum-complementary feeding under Poshan Maah programme was held on 26th September 2020 at Tening.

BHANDARI:

As part of Poshan Maah celebration 2020, ICDS Bhandari held a block level culmination-cum-cooking competition programme with the theme, 'Better nutrition, better health' on 29th September 2020 at the Town Hall, Bhandari.

SDO Civil, Bhandari, Sulanthung as the special guest, highlighted on the importance of organic food and nutritious balanced diet for healthy pregnant and nursing mothers, adolescent girls and children below six years, stating that a healthy family makes a healthy society and a healthy nation.

Nutritious food cooking competition was held, whereby Bhandari Town Eloee Hoho was declared the winner and Anganwadi workers team and Banana Self Help Group were declared the runners up.

LAZAMI:

Ghathashi ICDS celebrated Poshan Maah under the supervision of the Social Welfare Department on convergence with the Health & Family Welfare Department under Pughoboto sub-division from 1st September 2020 and concluded on 30th September 2020 at Lazami village.

CDPO, Chiro in his keynote address spoke on the importance of Poshan Maah. Block Co-ordinator, Vikito stressed on the importance of growing and consuming organic food. Dr. Alivis also spoke on the importance of growing organic food and how to care for the malnourished children. The H&FW Department gave free medicine to pregnant women and nursing mothers.



REDUCED SYLLABI OF CLASSES X, XI AND XII FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020, MARKS DISTRIBUTION, QUESTION PAPER DESIGN AND INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AREAS

The year 2020 is a challenging year for the whole humanity due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has taken the entire world by surprise, sparing no caste, creed, rich, poor or religion. It has forced the closure of schools thereby disturbing the course of formal learning. The pandemic has changed the way we live, think and work.

Yet in the midst of all these unprecedented situations, we have to move forward with new initiatives to cope with the new challenges. This can be made possible only through education by revisiting the existing system and making it relevant. One of the measures taken by the Nagaland Board of School Education to this end, is the reduction of existing syllabus ranging from 20% to 30% in different subjects for the sole purpose of conducting the final examination in order to reduce the workload of the students and compensate the lost teaching days. The chapters/topics that are removed from the syllabus are given at the Board's website

(www.nbsenagaland.com). The reduction is applicable for this academic session 2020 only.

The revised mark distribution unit/chapter wise, the design of the question paper subject wise along with the internal assessment areas and guidelines are enclosed. Whatever activities the school conduct, whether it be external or internal, the same must be recorded. The internal mark of the students too must be recorded and kept properly.

Therefore, the Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose has requested all Heads of Institutions to take note and inform the concerned teachers and the students about the changes.

Every school should continue to guide and help the students in every possible way. They should be encouraged to keep in touch with their textbooks. Homeworks, assignments and projects which can be done at home should be given out at regular intervals. There should be regular assessment/test to check on the students learning outcomes.

TEACHER'S DAY 2020 AWARDEES

On the occasion of the Teacher's Day celebration 2020, Advisor, School Education, K. Tokugha Sukhalu stated that for the first time since India started celebrating Teachers' Day, the

celebration this year is without the presence of teachers and students amidst this COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the following teachers are being awarded the State Award:

Sl.No.	Name of Teacher	School	Designation	District
1	Vimelino Kirha	GHS Jakhama	Senior GT	Kohima
2	Naonghongjemla Ongphang	GHSS Tseminyu	PGT (Phil)	Kohima
3	T. Neiphoa Konyak	GPS Tizit village, Monlem Sector	PT	Mon
4	Katitho Katiry	GMS Weziho	GT	Phek
5	William Patton	GHS Longsa	GT	Wokha
6	Lal Bahadur Ussuk	GHSS Thangjam	GT	Tuensang

Sl.No.	Name of Teacher	School	Designation	District
7	Okram Sunder Singh	Public School, Dzvuru	Headmaster	Kohima
8	Bikash Sonar	Little Star HSS	AT	Dimapur
9	Ronojyoti Roy	Queen Mary HSS	AT	Mokokchung
10	Tavinto K Sumi	Cornerstone School	AT	Zunheboto
11	Sunny K U	St. John School , Kuisam	AT	Kiphire
12	Sanjib Pal	Phom Lempong School	AT	Longleng
13	Bijumon Mathew	St. Paul School Noklak	AT	Noklak

The COVID-19 pandemic has ushered in many challenges but we must seek out opportunities to learn new things and adapt to new circumstances. It has changed the way we live, think and work; these changes are most palpable in the field of education. Education has always been at the forefront of innovation and knowledge, this

pandemic has served to highlight this even more. If the spread of COVID-19 virus can be stalled by the simple task of 20 seconds of hand-washing and wearing masks, then we can stop the spread of ignorance by the simple task of giving our time and effort to the task of spreading knowledge to society through our schools.

AGEY FLAGGED OFF AT KOHIMA

Flag-off programme of the Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) was held on 8th September 2020 at the Directorate of Rural Development, Kohima, where Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir graced as the Special Guest.

AGEY launched in August 2017, is a sub-scheme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and also to provide job opportunities to members of Self Help Group (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM. The objective of AGEY is to provide an alternative source of livelihood to members of SHGs under NRLM by facilitating them to operate public transport. To

provide safe, affordable and community monitored transport services to connect villages for the overall economic development of the area by making use of the supports available within the framework of NRLM.

Under the programme, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) provided to Community Based Organisation (CBOs) under NRLM will be utilized to support the SHG members to operate the vehicles. It also provides interest free loan from its CIF corpus to SHG members for the purchase of the vehicles. The maximum period to repay loan is six years and bear all the costs connected with operations of the vehicle.

The Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission which is the implementing agency for



DAY-NRLM in the State finally launching this scheme will greatly ease the burden of transportation, especially of SHG products and produce, while also providing earning opportunity for the rural poor. Under NSRLM, AGEY will be implemented in 29 blocks across 9 districts covering 30 villages. Further, 30 beneficiaries from

30 SHGs have been given interest free loan by the CBOs under this scheme. The scheme is closed but once the principal is repaid to the CBOs, the same amount can be used to fund other beneficiaries for purchase of vehicles. (For further details link are available on aajeevika.gov.in)

CRPF INAUGURATES ADDITIONAL COVID CARE UNIT

In order to enhance quarantine facilities for the force personnel reporting from leave and government duty, additional Quarantine Centre was inaugurated by Ritu Datta and Randeep Datta, PMG, IGP, CRPF, Manipur and Nagaland in the campus of CRPF, Kohima on 10th September 2020 with provisions of many COVID-care equipments, Infrared Thermometer, Oximeter, Oxygen cylinder, Medicines, Face masks, Hand sanitizer, Hand gloves, PPE Kit and other facilities.

According to a release by DIG (OPS), CRPF, Kohima, Syamchand De, the IGP CRPF Manipur and Nagaland apprised that quarantine and isolation facilities are already available for the CRPF personnel in Nagaland. Ritu Datta, wife of Randeep Datta is Regional President of CRPF Wives Welfare Association in Manipur and Nagaland. Randeep Datta also specifically briefed and sensitized the families about positive thoughts, stress management, health care and preventive measures against Corona Virus. Datta added that more quarantine/isolation facility will be extended in the

coming days to accommodate maximum force personnel to avoid overload of State Covid Centre in order to facilitate local populace to avail more facilities of State Covid Centre.

During his visit to Kohima on 10th September 2020, Randeep Datta, also reviewed deployment and security scenario in Nagaland along with Syamchand De, DIGP (Ops) CRPF Kohima. He called on R.N. Ravi, Governor of Nagaland, Chief Secretary, Home Commissioner, IGAR(N) and discussed on existing security threat ramifications and upgrading security grid. He also discussed to adopt effective strategy to counter natural calamities through efficacious disaster management. The IGP also stressed and assured to do more community development programme in far-flung pockets for socio-economic development of the poor/needy people of Nagaland in order to win their heart and trust. He further expressed that CRPF is ever ready to adopt all steps to ensure national integrity, security and peace to the citizens.

SLCC HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON 7TH ECONOMIC CENSUS

The State Level Co-ordination Committee held a review meeting on the status of the ongoing 7th Economic Census at the Chief Secretary Office's Conference Hall, Kohima on 11th September 2020.

Special Secretary, Economic & Statistics, Kevileno Angami highlighting on the status of the ongoing economic census said that the

census/enumeration exercise is completed and out of 2276 survey frames given by GoI, 2226 survey frames could be covered enumerating 4.80.0% units. However she said that 50 survey frames could not be covered for various reasons such as non-existence etc. and that re-survey is required as directed by the Ministry for 383 units in the State.



Also on the background of the 7th Economic Census, Kevileno said that the Economic Census is implemented by the Ministry, Gol and conducted by the states after every five years. She added that under Economic Census, all establishments including household enterprises engaged in production or distribution of goods/services in non-farm agricultural and non-agricultural sector is enumerated. She also said that the 7th Economic Census is currently being conducted across the country including Nagaland which was launched on 24th August 2019 and is slated for completion in three months. She further stated that State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and District Level Co-ordination Committee (DLCC) were constituted

for monitoring of the Census and the monitoring of day to day operations is assigned to the State Level Operations Committee (SLOC).

After thorough deliberation on the various issues, Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy also the chairperson of the meeting, remarked that the 50 survey frames which need re-survey must be done after thorough consultation and clarification with the GIS and Home Department.

The review meeting was attended by Departments of Information Technology & Communication, Labour, Information & Public Relations and Economic & Statistics and so far, the SLCC has already held two review meetings.



Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy chairing the review meeting of the State Level Co-ordination Committee at Chief Secretary Office's Conference Hall, Kohima on 11th September 2020.

APC NAGALAND AND TEAM VISITS VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE STATE

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and his team arrived at Zunheboto town on 14th September 2020 as part of his tour across Nagaland to inspect and monitor the ongoing projects under NEC in the State of Nagaland. His team comprised of Er. Hotovi Ayemi, Chief Engineer, Water Resources; Er. Hozheto, SE, PWD (R&B); Neingutole Zhasa, Assistant Development Commissioner; Benri Mozhui, Executive Officer, NSAMB; representative from IPR, Nagaland.

The team began their tour with a meeting at

the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto town with the DC and various officials from the agri and allied departments.

Kikheto while addressing the meeting stated that although Nagaland has no scope for industry, agriculture has huge potential in the State as we are blessed with very fertile lands. He went on to note that North East in general and Nagaland area too has the youngest soil in the world, where almost everything grows. He called upon all not to do different things but to do things differently, and





stressed on coordination between various departments and districts as well, to help change people's mindsets with an objective to help grow awareness about Jhum cultivation and its adverse effects. To create some impact, it is important that everyone comes together with an aim for each district to become self sufficient, he continued.

On 15th September 2020, the team arrived at Mangkolemba, and on 16th September 2020, the team visited Regional & State Requirements of Fire & Emergency Services at Merepkiong, Mokokchung, and also visited the construction of Government Higher Secondary School and hostel building at Sungratsu village. The team also visited the construction of Khumbani Stadium at

Mangkolemba and also paid a visit to the coffee plantation at Khar village. While interacting, the APC called upon the contractors to complete the project as soon as possible for the benefits of the public.

On 16th September 2020, the team visited the Food Processing Center at Mokokchung where, the APC informed that NSAMB is coming up with an Organic Air Conditioned Market with a 500 MT cold storage, 5 MT reefer vans and trucks, the first of its kind in North East India. He mentioned that objective of this AC market is to bridge the gap between the farmers and the market by creating a stable marketing channels throughout the year.

H&FW DEPARTMENT ISSUES PUBLIC ADVISORY

In line with the Government of India's Unlock 4.0 guidelines, the State has decided for a phased reopening of the State with many restrictions relaxed. However, the public is cautioned against misconstruing it as an improving pandemic situation.

There has been a recent surge in the number of cases in Nagaland. The positivity rate (percentage of positive test results out of samples tested) had fallen to 4% during 22nd to 29th August 2020 after which it has increased to 6% during 30th August to 4th September 2020, which further increased to 11% during 5th to 11th September 2020. Majority of the positive cases are among males (83%) in the age groups 30 to 44 years of age (45%) and 15 to 29 years of age (37%). Most common places of spread are office and household contacts followed by students. Apart from the armed forces, the recent surge was increasingly seen among the younger age group.

The Department continues to work towards maintaining optimum facilities for management of moderate and severe COVID-19 patients, however, it is imperative that the general public take equal responsibility in adopting and practising preventive and precautionary measures to check the spread of

COVID-19 infection through:

- Self reporting for any COVID-like symptoms: Fever, cough, difficulty in breathing, loss of smell/taste
- Follow the 3Ws (Wear mask, Wash hands, Watch distance) and avoid 3Cs (Crowded places, Close contact setting and Closed and enclosed spaces).
- Adherence to safety protocols in offices, market places, public transport, and maintenance of home quarantine/isolation safety measures are of paramount importance to prevent the spread of infection. Familiarity with colleagues, family members, and friends should not lead to complacency as the infection is mainly spread among known contact persons who may have no symptom. Discipline among the young and mobile groups of people in following the safety precautionary measures is important as they are less likely to have symptoms and therefore become less careful but can spread to the high risk individuals (Elderly \geq 65 years of age, those with other chronic diseases, and people with weaker immunity).
- Every citizen and proprietor / management of both public and private establishments must



- follow the precautionary and preventive measures issued by the Government from time to time to check the transmission of COVID-19.
- Any violation of the Government orders on lockdown measures is punishable as per the relevant section of the Disaster Management Act 2005, and the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.

TRIBAL AFFAIRS CONDUCTS ONE DAY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH EMRS

The Directorate of Tribal Affairs conducted a one day Consultative Meeting with EMRS (Eklavya Model Residential School) of Nagaland at the Conference Hall, Kohima on the 16th September 2020.

Joint Director & HoD, Tribal Affairs, I Sino Phom chairing the meeting congratulated all the EMRSs for cent percent result in HSLC exam and also highlighted the 20 point roles and responsibilities of EMRS Principal.

Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Nchumbemo Lotha briefed about the MOTA Guidelines for Management of EMRS, and progress of the department.

Directorate staff presented powerpoint presentation on Guidelines on EMRS, Accounting & Finance Management. Principal, EMRS Tizit, Tuensang and Diphupar also highlighted the functions of the school. The meeting concluded with a group discussion.



Joint Director & HoD, Tribal Affairs, I Sino Phom along with other officials on 16th September 2020 at the Directorate of Tribal Affairs, Kohima.

CELEBRATION OF POSHAN ABHIYAAN AND KISAN GOSTHI AT WOKHA

Under the initiative of ICAR-KVK and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited, a programme on Poshan Abhiyaan and Kisan Gosthi was held at VDB Hall, Wokha on 17th September 2020. It was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha on the theme "Balanced diet, healthy life."

Medical Officer (Ayush), Dr. Zechano Ezong stressing on the theme, stated that good nutrition is one of the key components to a healthy

life, a balanced diet gives body the nutrients it needs to function and for its growth and development. She emphasized on the intake of daily calories that contains vitamins and minerals such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains dairy to live a healthy and happy life. She also added that a balanced diet is an important step towards a happy and healthy lifestyle, as a healthy diet can protect the human body against certain types of diseases.





District Project Assistant, Poshan Abhiyaan, Wokha, Annie Lotha, while highlighting on Poshan Abhiyaan, said this programme started in the year 2018 but in Nagaland it was implemented only last year. She informed that so far, under Poshan Maah 2020, Wokha district has reached 170 activities under five block levels and the participants have crossed the mark of 7,000 and ranks above average among the other districts of Nagaland. Emphasizing on the importance of kitchen garden, she said it is an essential need now because the vegetables and fruits we buy from bazaars are all for mass production and it has harmful chemicals

and fertilizers which is harmful for our body. This pandemic has taught us the importance to rely more on our organic products than to rely on the markets, she added.

Later in the technical session, TO (Food Technology), Thungchano S Ezung dwelled on the topic 'Nutrition Garden,' Women Welfare Officer, Dr. Wonchano Enny spoke on 'Nutri-Thali' and ACTO (Horticulture) highlighted on 'Bio-fortified varieties.' 40 Anganwadi Workers and 60 farming women took part in the programme, varieties of nutritional garden kit/seedling were distributed to all the participants.

PIB KOHIMA HOLDS WEBINAR ON GANDHI AND SELF RELIANT INDIA

Press Information Bureau, Kohima on 17th September 2020 held a webinar on Gandhi and Self Reliant India (Aatma Nirbhar Bharat) Relevance Now.

Speaker at the webinar, Director-in-charge, Centre of Gandhian Studies, Nagaland University, Dr. Temjensosang Imsong stated that out of the 1.3 billion population of India, 70% of it is rural based residing in 7 lakh villages across the country. He said that one of the main concerns of Gandhi was the fulfilment of the basic requirements of life like food, clothing and shelter ideas which were in link with Karl Marx. Imsong raised a question as to why the country is still stressing on the idea of self reliance even after 73 years of Independence, drawing answers from Gandhian idea of self reliance which was opposed to industrialisation, capitalism and a mass production society where the benefits and privileges are enjoyed by only a few. He stated that for the country to be truly self reliant, Gandhian

philosophy of self reliance should be adhered to, giving more importance to village based industries reversing the economy of the nation based on village industry to meet the requirements of the village rather than the global economy. He added that it is imperative to develop all regions of the country equitably for a self reliant India, an idea which is also drawn from Gandhi. Imsong concluded by stating that the village authorities should play a vital role in the making of a self reliant village economy.

Addressing the webinar, Director, PIB, Imphal, Abhishek Dayal stated that Gandhi's character was such that one could not encompass all his thoughts in a single lifetime. He stated that the Government's Aatma Nirbhar Bharat programme is nothing but the revival of Gandhian philosophy of self reliance for the upliftment of the poor. 'The country will progress only if all the people are uplifted,' Dayal stated.

CM EXTENDS GRATITUDE FOR NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, has expressed his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, for sanctioning the new Medical College

at Mon in Nagaland. This will go a long way in fulfilling the needs of the far flung districts of the State as well as other neighbouring states like Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, a release stated.



Rio further sought the Ministry's assistance for putting in place a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for professional and efficient management of the project. He also extended an

invitation to Vardhan to lay the foundation stone of this project, while thanking him for his continued support and cooperation in implementation of the project.

THEME SONG AND LOGO FOR 'DESTINATION NORTH EAST' LAUNCHED

The launch of theme song and logo for 'Destination North East' an annual event for promoting tourism by the collaborative effort of North Eastern Council (NEC), Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and North East Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) was held at a virtual platform at the North Eastern Council Secretariat on 21st September 2020.

The event was attended by Minister of State (Independent Charges) Ministry of DoNER, Gol, Dr. Jitendra Singh; Secretary, DoNER, Inderjit Singh; Members, NEC, Prof. Biman Kumar Dutta, Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi; Secretary, NEC, Moses K. Chalai and other officials of NEC and NERCORMP.

IRS TRAINING AND TABLETOP EXERCISE HELD ONLINE

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with National Disaster Management (NDMA) conducted an Online IRS Training and Tabletop Exercise Simulating Earthquake Scenario on 22nd September 2020.

Highlights of the virtual training programme included overview of State Disaster Management

Plan and Preparedness for Earthquake, presentation of National Centre for Seismology, presentation by Nagaland State Disaster Response Force, presentation by CMO, Nagaland on Medical Preparedness for Earthquake and COVID-19 related information for the first responders, presentation by NDRF on its preparedness for Nagaland, followed by Tabletop Exercise.

TRAINING ON e-LEARNING/ONLINE CLASSES FOR 2145 SCHOOL TEACHERS

Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for Teachers of Schools including Higher Secondary Schools is being conducted by National Institute of Electronic and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima in collaboration with the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE). The first batch of training started from 23rd September 2020 and will continue till 17th October 2020 in which Primary Teachers, Graduate Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Post-Graduate Teachers) from all over Nagaland will be participating. The main objective of the training is to facilitate teachers in adopting e-learning or online classes for students, in the prevalent situation. The training will also include e-learning content preparation, effective use of online teaching tools and learning management system for e-delivery systems.

Asano Sekhose, Chairman NBSE, while inaugurating the training on 23rd September 2020

highlighted how the emerging trends of virtual learning systems support teachers in imparting knowledge in classrooms. She encouraged all the teachers to actively participate in the training, learn and make best use of the opportunity to upgrade their skills with technology usage. She acknowledged the support and cooperation extended by NIELIT in this noble venture.

During his address, L. Lanuwabang, Director, NIELIT Kohima observed the initiative would go a long way in bringing necessary changes in the education system of the State, as e-learning/online classes are emerging to be the new normal in this difficult pandemic period. Though not intended to replace the conventional methods and learning in classrooms, he emphasized that the aim is to create an augmented learning environment where technology is put to effective use to deliver a combined range of teaching and learning



techniques, through which students can benefit immensely. He felt that all stakeholders including the teachers, technology providers to explore the full potential of information and communication technology.

A total of 2145 teachers from different schools across the State are enrolled for the training on e-content development and delivery system. The training is to be conducted in 11(eleven) different batches. The three day programme per batch is being conducted on blended mode viz: Instructor-led live classes and self-paced online learning using NIELIT Kohima Learning Management System (LMS). The programme covers varied topics such as creation of e-content, uploading/updating contents,

e-assignment and e-assessment, conducting on-line practical lab for experiments, scheduling and conducting online exams, monitoring of student's performance, communication/live interaction with students through different on-line techniques etc.

This initiative of NBSE and NIELIT Kohima will definitely provide an opportunity for the educators to develop a successful working knowledge and understanding of successful online teaching strategies and bring Nagaland at par with the rest of the country as far as innovative methods of teaching with technology aids. For teachers who have registered and are not included in the 11 batches, they will be covered in the next subsequent batches.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY PLEDGE

To ensure School Safety, stakeholders hold a crucial part in safeguarding the interest of the children. As such, to assure their participation and accountability, a School Safety Pledge has been created whereby the teachers, parents and students together with the Heads of Schools, pledge to ensure that the school is a safe, secure and happy place for all. This Pledge will reflect the importance of the role that stakeholders play in ensuring a safe environment for their school.

Quality Education can only be achieved through a multi-faceted approach and in this regard, School Safety is an integral part of ensuring this. In a broad term, School Safety has been defined as the creation of safe environments for children starting from their homes to their schools and back. This includes safety issues both inside and outside the school. School Safety further includes safety from:

- Natural hazards
- Human made risks
- Pandemics
- Violence
- Fires
- Environmental threats

Another facet of School Safety inculcates issues of child protection and safeties that look at all forms of violence and deprivation that affect the physical and mental wellbeing of children.

This School Safety Pledge together with the checklist for safety measures should reflect as a blueprint for schools to work towards creating a safe place for achieving quality education.

The Government of Nagaland launched the pledge on 23rd September 2020 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

MEETING HELD ON ASSAM-NAGALAND BORDER ISSUES AT DIMAPUR

A Chief Secretary Level Meeting on Assam-Nagaland border issues was held on 25th September, 2020 at Rhododendron Conference Hall, Central Police Officers' Mess, Police Complex, Chumukedima, Dimapur. The team from Assam led by Kumar Sanjay Krishna, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam consisted of Jishnu Barua, AS, Additional

Chief Secretary, Home; Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS, Director General of Police; Mukesh Agarwal, IPS, SDGP (Border), other senior officials and the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao, Golaghat, Sivasagar, Jorhat and Charaideo. The team from Nagaland was led by Temjen Toy, IAS, Chief



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Singh and officials of NSAMB at Food Processing Unit, Mokokchung on 16th September 2020.



Minister for Planning & Coordination (P&C), Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu along with officials of P&C Department launching the first issue of Sustainable Development Goals Spectrum Newsletter at SDG Hall, P&C Department, Kohima on 29th September 2020.



Minister of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom and officials of Directorate of H&FW launching Naga Telehealth on 9th September 2020 at Kohima.



State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, Kevileno Angami launching the School Safety and Security Pledge and Guidelines at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd September 2020.



Officials of Department of Land Resources, Peren demonstrating permaculture garden design to farmers at Jalukie on 22nd September 2020.



Dustbins were distributed to all the wards of Noklak town during a programme held by the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Noklak at PHE Store, Noklak on 24th September 2020.



Advisor, Industries & Commerce (I&C), Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba; Commissioner & Secretary, I&C, Kekhrievor Kevichusa; Director, I&C, K. Hokishi Assumi along with other officials during the launch of Sub-DIC Office and Multi-purpose Hall at Changtongya town on 30th September 2020.



MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu along with officials during the inauguration of TrueNat Lab at Community Health Centre , Pughoboto on 15th September 2020.

Secretary, Nagaland and consisted of T. John Longkumer, IPS, Director General of Police; Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home; Renchamo P. Kikon, IPS, ADG (L&O), other senior officials of the State along with the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Mon, Longleng, Mokokchung, Wokha, Dimapur and Peren.

In the meeting, several important issues pertaining to the inter-state border areas, the Disputed Area Belt (DAB), and the provisions of the Special Operating Procedure (SOP) for deployment of CAPFs in DAB along the Assam-Nagaland border were discussed. The Chief Secretary Nagaland and the DGP Nagaland stressed on the need for maintenance of neutrality by the central forces and other security forces of Assam in the disputed area belt and also for not taking any unilateral action which may create misunderstanding. The matter regarding the constraints existing in the present SOP from the viewpoint of Nagaland was also brought up and it was impressed for taking suitable corrective measures in this regard.

The Chief Secretary, Assam, the Additional Chief Secretary, Home, the DGP, Assam and other officials brought up the need for having joint patrolling by the security forces of both the states in

the disputed area belt and for holding border meetings on a regular basis between the concerned DCs, SPs, and the border magistrates of the two states so that any issue or situation developing anywhere could be sorted out amicably. It was also agreed by everyone that there should be regular communication among the senior officials of both the states looking into the border matters. In the meeting it was felt that SPs of the bordering districts of the two states should further strengthen the system of coordination and cooperation among themselves so that prompt action gets taken against criminal and anti social activities in the border areas. It also decided to encourage frequent sports and cultural exchanges between the people of the two states living in the border areas.

According to a release by Principal Secretary to Government of Nagaland, Home Department, Abhijit Sinha, the meeting concluded with the Chief Secretary, Nagaland expressing his appreciation to Chief Secretary Assam for taking initiative for getting this meeting held after six long years and suggested for having such meetings at regular intervals in the coming years.

PORTAL FOR LIVELIHOOD GENERATION PROGRAMME FOR RETURNED MIGRANT WORKERS

Livelihood Generation Programme for Returned Migrant Workers due to COVID-19 Pandemic for Nagaland was launched by Advisor Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba of 28th September 2020 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Addressing the launching programme, the Advisor stated that the Livelihood Generation Programme is a direct outcome of the efforts of the State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio to target the issues of unemployment and displacement caused by the pandemic.

The Advisor encouraged the youth of the State to wake up to the challenges that we face and turn every problem into opportunities, and stated

that one must discard the negative mindset and work together to turn dreams into reality. Imnatiba also informed that the programme will be actively monitored by the Department of Industries & Commerce and will ensure transparency and impartiality.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, while giving a brief statement on the implementation of the project, stated that the awareness and reorientation programme will be conducted through online process where a team of resource persons from different areas and sectors of enterprises shall be identified. He said that capacity building and skilling shall be provided based on the areas of enterprises identified by the participants and further. On successful completion of the capacity building, seed money or machinery





assistance shall be provided to the participants to start their own enterprises.

Director, Industries & Commerce stated that with the support of North East Council and the Government of Nagaland, the Department of Industries & Commerce has taken up the

programme to support and train 100 migrant workers, who have returned to the State, build their enterprise. He informed that applicants will be screened in four stages and will select 100 number of participants for the programme.

HINDI FORTNIGHT CONCLUDES

The Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) Kohima organized a closing ceremony of Hindi fortnight at the conference hall of the Office of the Accountant General (Audit) Kohima on 28th September 2020 which was attended by the Heads of Central Government Offices, Nationalized Banks, Public Sector Undertakings and Para Military Forces including their family members stationed at Kohima.

Dignitaries from various ranks and levels

highlighted on the importance and significance of Rajbhasha Hindi. In addition, there was a special announcement of appreciation and prize distribution for the winners of various Hindi competitions which was organized during Hindi Fortnight from 14th – 23rd September 2020 for both Hindi and Non-Hindi categories. The programme was held virtually and various artists presented special hindi songs concluding the ceremony.

NAGALAND OBSERVES WORLD RABIES DAYS

World Rabies Day is celebrated worldwide on the 28th September every year with the goal to make world 'Zero Rabies' by 2030. To commemorate the 14th World Rabies Day, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland conducted a free Anti-Rabies Vaccination throughout the state, with the theme 'End Rabies, Collaborate, Vaccinate.'

Rabies is a 100% fatal zoonotic disease which is transmitted from animals to humans and

vice-versa. It is reported that in India, there are about 18000-20000 deaths due to rabies every year.

Director of AH & VS urged the public that along with the global adoption of 2030 as the goal for the elimination of Rabies, the Municipalities and Panchayats, towns and Village Councils, stakeholders should co-ordinate and co-operate for compulsory vaccination of dogs.

FOUR DAY VIRTUAL EVENT ON DESTINATION NORTHEAST 2020 HELD

'Destination NE 2020,' a four-day virtual event organized by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) was held from 27th September to 30th September 2020. The event with the theme 'The Emerging Delightful Destinations' aims at highlighting the region's various potentials like culture, heritage and business with a special focus on eco-tourism.

The inaugural event was graced by Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State, Ministry of DoNER, the Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States, Dr. Inderjit Singh, Secretary, DoNER, Members NEC, Prof. Biman Kumar Dutta and Air Marshal Anjan

Kumar Gogoi, K Moses Chalai, Secretary, NEC and others.

Setting the tone with the theme song 'This is the land and its people' by Shillong band 'Summer Salt,' the inaugural programme also witnessed Choir Presentations by Voice of Nagaland and Cardinal Choir from Mizoram besides an audio visual presentation on the tourism themes and cultural mosaic of North East India.

While delivering the welcome address, Secretary, NEC indicated that even under difficult circumstances, it decided to go ahead with the programme with the belief that the



event will spark a renewal in the Tourism sector of the NE Region. He informed that previously, 'Destination North East' used to be held in different places to exchange culture and heritage of NER with the rest of India, but the virtual event held this year is expected to provide an even wider coverage. He mentioned the different important tourism destinations which NER has to offer and extended a welcome for all to experience their beauty in the post pandemic days ahead.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State DoNER explained that the main aim behind the Destination North East event is to bring the rest of India closer to the North Eastern Region. He indicated that with its rich handloom and handicraft traditions, cultural heritage and high literacy rate, the North East has much to offer and was optimistic that, when the COVID-19 pandemic eases, tourists who were earlier holidaying in Europe would flock to the North East, bring prosperity, thereby unlocking the potential of the region so that it becomes the new engine of growth for the country, as envisaged by the Prime Minister of India.

Addressing the inaugural programme as Chief Guest, Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, appreciated the sincere endeavor and untiring efforts taken by the Minister of DoNER for the upliftment of North East Region. He also acknowledged the presence of the Chief Ministers of the North East Region, who are key to development of the region. He explained that the legacy, cultural heritage and beauty of North East India have not only been a vital ingredient for attracting tourist worldwide but also has been an important jewel of Indian culture. Shah shared about the growing peace in North East Region under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his commitment towards development of North East

Region. Highlighting the multi-fold increase in investment by Government of India along with the rise in budgetary support, infrastructure creation and institutional building in North East Region by the Government of India, he was optimistic the North East Region will be an important doorway in the Act East Policy and different regions in North East will also emerge as new business, tourism, organic farming and cultural hubs.

The second day of the Destination North East 2020, a mega online event, witnessed the participation of the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya.

The third day of the online event held on 29th September 2020, witnessed the participation of the states of Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

Destination North East (Virtual) 2020 with focus State Nagaland under the theme "Emerging Delightful Destinations" was held on 29th September 2020 at NEC Secretariat, Shillong with Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland, Khehovi Yephthomi as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

Introducing the State of Nagaland by Miss Nagaland was followed by audio visual presentation on the tourist attractions of Nagaland. A short message was delivered by State Icon and Olympian Archer, Chekrovolu Swuro. The Tetseo sisters presented a special number. Introduction to local entrepreneurs and virtual exhibition of handicrafts/traditional fashion and local product by Jesmina (Handicrafts), Nagaland Honey Bee mission and Atheli Zimomi (Fashion Designer) was carried out. Other highlights of the programme included dance and music by Sumi War Dance, Cock Dance and Folk Fusion by Abiogenesis.

FIRST ISSUE OF SDG SPECTRUM NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED

Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu launched the first issue of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Spectrum Newsletter on 29th September 2020 at SDG Hall, Planning &

Coordination Department, Kohima.

Minister, Neiba Kronu, while launching the newsletter said that the SDGs will reach the grassroot level in the State through the Spectrum Newsletter. He also said that the 17 goals





will be published in quarterly newsletter. The Minister also said that he had apprised the Chief Minister for inclusion on a wider approach of SDGs in the upcoming document of vision 2030. By focusing on SDGs from today, he stated that we shall be leaving a rich legacy for the future generation in all aspects.

In his welcome address, Additional Development Commissioner mentioned that the SDGs spectrum newsletters will be released to stakeholders in the village level and also in every department in the State. It will also be distributed to

the different colleges in the State so as to share the awareness of SDGs which has been set by the UNO.

Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, J. Alam said that the SDGs or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked goals which was finalized by the UN in 2015. For the proper implementation of SDGs in Nagaland with the help of UNDP, the SDGs Coordination Centre was set up.

A powerpoint presentation on the functions of SDGs in the State was given by DDC, Augustine, M. Yanthan.

BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME AS ON 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

A total of 123 COVID-19 positive cases were detected on 30th September 2020. This includes 16 in Kohima, 37 in Dimapur, 68 in Mon and 2 in Tuensang. The total number of positive cases in the State now stands at 6,163.

Out of the 6,163 positive cases, the total recoveries so far are 5,020. The active cases are 1,075 and there have been 12 deaths. As per the severity of symptoms, 1,038 active cases are asymptomatic, 33 active cases are mild and 4 active cases are moderate.

Further, out of 6,163 positive cases, the

distribution across various categories of people are 2,930 cases of Armed Forces/Police, 1,497 cases of Returnees, 1,394 cases of Traced Contacts and 342 cases of Frontline Workers.

A total of 50,872 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and results of 49,877 samples have been received. In addition, a total of 28,172 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat and results of 28,109 samples have been received. Through Rapid Antigen Test 1,726 samples have been tested.



DC DIMAPUR LAUNCHES 'MESSAGE ON WHEELS'

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS launched Alpine Concern's – 'Message on Wheels' at the DC's Office premises, Dimapur on 1st September 2020.

Alpine Concern's - 'Message on Wheels' is a

billboard trailer pulled by a bicycle. It is environment friendly and is specially designed to carry messages to provide information and also to create awareness among the citizens.

MORE RELAXATIONS WITH STRICTER ENFORCEMENT: DC DIMAPUR

The Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting on 2nd September 2020 at Conference Hall, Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Dimapur. DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS highlighted the protocols of the new Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and said that with more relaxations, immediate focus would be on stricter enforcement of safety protocols.

The DC informed that normal business activities will be allowed as per the latest SOP issued by the Government of Nagaland with strict adherence to safety protocols. He also emphasised on the need for sensitising the people so that the masses understand the need and importance for taking individual precautions. Rajesh Soundararajan further directed the outpost officers to form a committee and enforce the safety guidelines strictly. Further, he also impressed upon

the Colony/Ward/GBs/Village Councils (VCs) in taking the lead and enforce the COVID-19 safety protocols.

Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Mereninla Senlem informed that cases in Dimapur are coming down with good recovery rate, yet she felt that one needs to be more cautious especially during the month of September. Urging upon the Colony/Ward/GBs and VCs to continue to play their role, CMO said that Dimapur can become a green zone if all work with unity and co-ordination.

In the meeting, the Board agreed on the regulated opening of shops at New Market and Hazi Park (Hongkong Market) in consonance with the latest SOP issued by the State Government. Regulated opening of the two markets will start from 4th September 2020 as worked out by Dimapur Municipal Council Administrator, Albert Ezung.

DC NOKLAK DIRECTS PHED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Upon receiving numerous concerns raised from the public regarding the poor quality of water supply which causes a lot of water borne diseases in Noklak town and its surrounding villages, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS paid a visit to Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) water supply sources of Noklak town on 2nd September 2020 along with District Administration, DBs, PHED officials, representatives from Students Union and Village Council members.

After inspecting the spot and the surrounding areas, the DC and the team found that the water source is being contaminated by droppings with dung and urine by mithuns and wild animals which frequent the same source to drink water. The water source which are directly

connected to the streams are supplied to the citizens of Noklak town without any proper water purification system and filtration tanks, according to the PHED officials.

The water source is located at a distance of more than 3 Km away from Noklak town, while there is another water source located approximately 12 Km away from the town which is prone to damages every now and then, particularly during monsoon season. The inspection team found that fencing facilities around the water source and a filtration tank are required at the earliest.

The DC urged the PHED to initiate necessary steps to improve the water source and install necessary filtration mechanisms under available provisions.



PEREN DTF HOLDS MEETING

Peren District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Chamber, New Peren on 3rd September 2020 under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier who is also the Chairman of the DTF.

The Board resolved to issue order for strict implementation of the consolidated guidelines issued on 31st August 2020 throughout the district. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) concerning the Unlock-4 was reviewed in detail and the house decided to stress on the importance of high risk settings. Strict enforcement of Infection Prevention and Control Practices (IPCP) will continue to be implemented at check gates, offices, markets and crowded places.

Surprise checking of private and

passenger vehicles will be conducted from time to time to ensure public compliance with the safety measures as per the latest SOP. It was also decided that the rates of taxi fares in the district will be revised after discussing with Peren District Taxi Union.

With the lack of alternative places for COVID Care Centre (CCC), the Board had decided to approach the GMS and GHSS, Jalukie to add more CCC till alternative arrangements are made. On the issue of shortage of fogging machine, the DC entrusted the Health & Family Welfare Department to enquire about availability of additional fogging machine in the district and to carry on with the existing manpower since other options are limited at present.

ADVISOR NAMRI NCHANG VISITS ATHIBUNG TOWN

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang visited Athibung sub-division and held a consultative meeting with village leaders of Athibung sub-division under Peren district on 4th September 2020 at Kukilnpi Nagaland Hall, Athibung.

In the meeting, the Advisor agreed to donate Semi-automatic Blood Analyser to Primary Health Centre, Athibung. A memorandum was also

submitted by Kebai Khelma Area leaders to the Advisor for construction of road from Athibung town to Beisumpui area. Kuki Students' Organisation, Nagaland also submitted a memorandum to re-install GDMO and LDA post at Primary Health Centre, Athibung, as well as immediate allotment of Grade IV posts at Lilen and Pellhang village Sub-Centres.

TSEMINYU COVID-19 TASK FORCE MEETING HELD

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Tseminyu, W. Manpai Phom who is also the Chairman of Tseminyu Sub-Division Task Force for COVID-19 held a meeting with leaders of Rengma Students Union, Rengma Youth Organisation, Rengma Selo Zi and government officials at ADC's Office Chamber, Tseminyu on 4th September 2020.

The meeting deliberated on the decisions taken at the meeting of Tseminyu Sub-Division Task Force for COVID-19 for organizing mass awareness campaign on COVID-19 in Tseminyu sub-division. The meeting also focussed on the improvement of waste management system in Tseminyu town.

PROGRAMME ON TOBACCO CONTROL HELD AT DIMAPUR

A Panchayati Raj initiative on 'Tobacco control in times of COVID-19 pandemic' was held at Panchayat Hall, Signal Angami village, organized by District Tobacco Control Cell, Dimapur on 4th

September 2020.

District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Dimapur, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo highlighted the impact of tobacco which kills around eight million people



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globally every year and the dangers it pose, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Vizo cautioned that tobacco use has higher chances of transmission of COVID-19 virus through hand to mouth contact and spitting which can lead to community transmission.

A powerpoint presentation on 'Management of COVID-19 dead body' was also presented where it was clarified to the gathering that increased risk of COVID-19 infection from a dead body to health

workers or family members is unlikely if proper precautions according to the Standard Operating Procedures are taken, as the main source of infection is through droplets and a dead body cannot sneeze or cough.

The programme was attended by village leaders, women leaders and student leaders of the village. Posters, pamphlets and masks were distributed to the participants.

RTA KOHIMA REVIEWS SOP FOR CITY BUSES/TAXIS

The Regional Transport Authority (RTA), Kohima held a meeting on 4th September 2020 at the Office Chamber of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kohima.

During the meeting ADC, Kohima, Lithrongla T. Rutsa highlighted the latest Standard Operating Procedures for city bus and taxis operating in Kohima town. The meeting decided that the seating arrangement in bus should be in zigzag manner, leaving alternate vacant seats to maintain social distancing, and no standing passengers will be allowed. Every bus should be sanitized/fumigated at the end of each day. Every driver and conductor should wear a face mask and also ensure that no passenger is allowed in the bus without a face mask. Hand sanitizer should be made available in the bus for passengers while boarding. Passengers are also

advised to carry necessary fare to maintain minimum contact.

Every bus owner should make sure that a transparent barrier between the driver's cabin and passenger area is made to avoid contact. Drivers and conductors should remain inside their vehicle and avoid group gathering or assembly at the workplace. With no scope to maintain social distancing, two-wheeler taxi services will remain suspended till further notice. In a taxi, only three passengers are allowed, one beside the driver and two at the backseat and taxi fares will remain at Rs. 25 per passenger and violators will be penalized as per relevant Motor Vehicles Act. The new SOP for city bus and taxi services will come into effect from 7th September 2020.



DC PEREN REMINDS OFFICE HEADS TO WORK OUT ROSTER SYSTEM

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

In the meeting, DC, Peren directed all the Heads of Departments to conduct social work in their respective office premises and also reminded all heads to work out a roster system where 50 percent of the staff attend office every alternate week as per the new guidelines on lockdown issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland. Surprise checking by the District Administration will be carried out from time to time, the DC informed.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Peren, Dr. Lanuakum highlighted the present figure of COVID-

19 in the district, wherein he mentioned that till 7th September 2020 a total of 2,085 returnees has entered the district, out of which 271 were confirmed COVID-19 positive and 2 active cases were being treated at designated COVID-19 Hospital, Community Health Centre, Jalukie.

Considering the education of the students as the topmost priority, Additional District Education Officer (ADEO), Peren also apprised the board members about the inconveniences faced by the school students in attending online classes. In regard to this, the DC said that a meeting with the service providers will be convened. Discussion in connection to two-laning of NH-129 A was also held in the meeting.

DHO DIMAPUR DISTRIBUTES WINTER VEGETABLE SEEDS

District Horticulture Officer (DHO), Dimapur, Temsu distributed winter vegetable seeds on 7th September 2020 to the six organic vegetable villages under Dimapur district.

The vegetable seeds comprising of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, coriander, peas, beans, carrot and lettuce were distributed to the farmers of Bade, Khugovi, Zani, Virazouma, New Chumukedima and Ekhyoyan (Domokia) vegetable villages under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, 2020 to 2021, from the DHO Office Premises Green Park, Dimapur.

Addressing the farmers, DHO, Temsu urged upon them not to use chemicals. He further

encouraged them to employ local youths in their farm for successful implementation of their farming project. With the presence of different types of soil at Dimapur district, the DHO advised the farmers for identifying the soil and to sow seeds as per the suitability of the soil. He also impressed upon them to work sincerely with the aid given by the department and exhorted them to make Dimapur self sufficient in vegetables.

The farmers from the six villages thanked the DHO for giving them seeds twice a year (summer and winter seeds) and assured the Department for using it judiciously.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CALLS FOR URGENT REQUIREMENT OF NYK CENTRE AT NOKLAK

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS, distributing sports equipments on 7th September 2020 at Public Ground, Noklak.

The District Administration of Noklak organised a programme for distribution of sports equipments on 7th September 2020 at Public Ground, Noklak.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS, stated that physical activities promote positive mental health and challenged the players to have physical activities which is paramount in maintaining physical and mental fitness.

The DC also highlighted on the importance of having Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in the district. In every district, NYK is functioning with a mandate to provide football, volleyball and other sports equipments to 25 villages every year, besides other youth activities. It has also a provision for Block level sports meet, leadership training among many other activities for youth promotion and development. The DC stressed on the need to have an NYK at Noklak with proper District Co-ordinator at the earliest, and sought the support of State and Central government in this regard to ensure proper youth engagement and

development.

The DC encouraged the youth to organise district level football, volleyball and badminton tournaments in the district. He also expressed his appreciation to the youngsters for their regular practice and training despite limited facilities in the Public Ground.

SDO(C), Noklak, C. Phuniang who also spoke on the occasion, stated that the District Administration took the initiative to distribute footballs and volleyballs after seeing the potential and enthusiasm of the young players of the district. He encouraged the youngsters to aim for higher goals to achieve in the field of games and sports and to train and play with enthusiasm. Meanwhile, he also said that studies and other priorities should not be neglected and lamented that many talented players from the district who have the potential to be groomed into sports champions in future are hindered from pursuing their dream due to the lack of basic minimum education requirements.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

On account of World International Literacy Day, the District Task Force, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and MSK-DLCW, Longleng conducted a Spelling Bee competition on 8th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Longleng.

Altogether seven schools participated in the competition. Christian School, Longleng bagged the first prize, Phom Lempong School bagged the second prize and the third prize

was bagged by St. Joseph School. The winners were awarded with certificates and cash prizes. EAC, Mopling Phom gave away the prizes.

Keynote address was delivered by Phungla, WWO DLCW, Longleng and panel of judges included S. Phamphen Phom, PGT English and Akani, PGT English from Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng.



WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September was held on 8th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha.

Advisor, Horticulture, Border Affairs and Chairman, DPDB, Mhathung Yanthan urged all board members to attend the meetings regularly and to actively participate in the planning process to bring change in the district. Yanthan urged all the Heads of Offices to adopt innovative ideas to overcome the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the activities of the aspirational villages, Mhathung Yanthan urged all the concerned departments to give more emphasis on the project and said that action plans submitted by each department should be implemented in letter and spirit. The Board also decided to visit two aspirational villages, New Wokha and Ningying village in the next board meeting.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Wokha, Dr. W. Tungoe while highlighting on COVID-19

scenario in the district said that it has recorded 24 positive cases, however 23 had recovered and discharged and one is to be discharged on 9th September 2020. So far, the district has not witnessed any COVID-19 related deaths and has no community spread. The CMO also said that the District Hospital has started its regular activities for both outpatient and inpatient.

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry said that because of economic reasons lockdown has been lifted slowly, however, all are required to take precautionary measures while venturing out to start economic activities.

Joint Secretary, Border Affairs, Jamithung Lotha while highlighting the border issues with neighboring states, especially with Assam said that the matter is with the Supreme Court of India and therefore sub-judice. He said that during these challenging times, all the three entities, the Government of India and the two affected State (Assam and Nagaland), have to use its wisdom for amicable solution to live in peaceful co-existence.

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME HELD AT MON

Under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), an awareness programme on 'Tobacco control in times of COVID-19' was held on 8th September 2020 at Mon Town Council, Conference Hall.

Speaking at the programme, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Mon, Rahul Mali, IAS said that Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 was implemented by Government of India since 2008, but Nagaland enforced it only from 2012 and confined it to only two districts, Dimapur and Kohima. Remaining nine districts were later

included and Mon, Tuensang and Mokokchung districts were included recently. He said that the main reason why teenage students and the people are consuming tobacco is lack of awareness. He appealed to Ward Presidents to create awareness amongst all people in their respective wards about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption. Out of the total cancer cases, nearly 45% in males and 20% in females are due to tobacco use.

Dr. I. Simon Sumi, District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Mon shared on the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.



KOHIMA DTF DWELLS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UNLOCK-4

Minister, Mechanical and Housing, Tongpang Ozukum, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie and Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, K. Sophie during the meeting of Kohima District Task Force on COVID-19 on 9th September 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 dwelled on the Unlock-4 guidelines issued by the Central and State Government for effective implementation in the district during its meeting held in Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 9th September 2020.

The meeting was chaired by DC and Chairman, DTF, Gregory Thejawelie and was attended by Legislator in-charge of Kohima district, Minister for Mechanical and Housing, Tongpang Ozukum, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, K. Sophie and other DTF members.

Besides the given guidelines, the meeting discussed on streamlining paid hotels for Quarantine Centres functioning under DC Office, Kohima as all categories of hotels/lodges are now permitted and allowed to operate as per the latest Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The meeting decided to continue the system of paid Quarantine Centres with some notified hotels for the safety of everyone.

The meeting also deliberated on the issues of buses and local taxis, where ADC, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa informed the Board that in regard to this, a meeting was held with the concerned party. It also took up the issue of shortage of manpower at Khuzama Check Gate and it decided to explore the possibility of using manpower from other department.

In regard to re-opening of Max Bazar and NST Blue Market, T. Khel Market at Sokriezie Kohima, Indoor Table Tennis Stadium, Officer's Hill, Kohima and Indoor Badminton Stadium, Officer's Hill, Kohima, the DTF decided to hold a meeting with concerned associations for re-opening.

Senior Tourist Officer, Kohima T. Kakihe also shared his experiences as liaisoning officer assigned at Agri Expo site, Dimapur taking care of the returnees coming from outside the State for the past few months. He suggested to continue with the system of transportation till the new SOP is being issued and also stressed on the need to enforce the guidelines by imposing penalty to the defaulters.

KIPHIRE DTF MEETING DELIBERATES ON SOP

The District Task Force (DTF), Kiphire held a meeting at District Planning & Development Board Hall, Kiphire on 9th September 2020 with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Nyempo Wallim as the chairperson.

In pursuance of the order issued by the

Government of Nagaland, the DTF, Kiphire decided to make mandatory the wearing of masks, social distancing and use of hand sanitizers.

After 21st September 2020, all the churches will be allowed to open following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) given by the





Government. Persons above 65 years of age, pregnant women and children below 10 years are advised to stay at home.

The meeting decided that any person entering Kiphire will be allowed Home Quarantine if she/he has a single room attached with washroom

and incase the person does not have suitable room for home quarantine, they may go for institutional quarantine.

Restaurants, salons and barber shops are also allowed to open and function subject to strict adherence to the SOP.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 10th September 2020. The meeting was chaired by DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The members reviewed the latest Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the State Government and agreed to follow and disseminate the same to the public. Agenda for the creation of

new RD Block Office for the Chingmei Range village was discussed to be forwarded to the Government for approval including construction of EAC and its staff quarters.

ADC, Shamator, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao stated that since the lockdown for COVID-19 began, many government employees are missing in the sub-division for months. He directed all the absentee employees and officers to join their station at the earliest.

PROJECT UJALA LAUNCHED AT KIPHIRE



DC, Kiphire, Abhinav Shivam, IAS along with officials after inaugurating 'Project UJALA' on 10th September 2020 at Deluxe Point, Kiphire.

Inauguration of project UJALA under the theme 'Light up our Kiphire' was held at Deluxe Point, Kiphire on 10th September 2020 with the initiative of the District Administration.

Project UJALA which is translated as

'Bright' is a multi-phased project taken up by the District Administration to install street lights in Kiphire town. The project was taken up keeping in mind the several problems faced by the public, especially girls and women due to lack of proper



street lighting during late hours.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, Abhinav Shivam, IAS stated that Kiphire is an 'Aspirational District' and a lot needs to be done. With Kiphire district consisting of multiple tribes, he appealed the public to be united and aspire for excellence and efficiency with honesty, and he added that the administration is ever ready to listen to and find solutions to their problems.

The Phase-1 of the project will be jointly executed by District Administration and Power Department. Important key areas will be identified in

the town and lighting will be provided. The Phase-2 will be executed in collaboration with KTC, commercial establishments and government departments in which all commercial establishments and government offices to put up LED light bulb in their buildings to augment the provision of light in and around Kiphire town. The Phase-3 and onwards will be taken up jointly by the District Administration and Power Department to gradually increase the number of street lights, repair and refix old street lights.

FIRST VIRTUAL DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING CONDUCTED



Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio addressing the first virtual Dimapur District Planning & Development Board meeting on 11th September 2020 at NIC Conference Hall, Dimapur.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September 2020 was conducted virtually for the first time on 11th September 2020 in the NIC Conference Hall, Dimapur, and Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, also the Chairman of DPDB, Zhaleo Rio, MLA, Dimapur, Moatoshi, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS and all the district officers attended the meeting virtually

through Zoom.

In the meeting, Local Area Development Programme, 2020 to 2021 was deliberated upon and all the members unanimously gave their approval for the schemes and accordingly, schemes would be sent to the Planning & Coordination Department. The issue of establishing Public Park for Dimapur district was also discussed, where the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Dimapur DPDB asked all the concerned departments for their support and co-

operation towards the project.

MLA, Dimapur, Moatoshi highlighted on the

need for proper monitoring of all the schemes implemented by various departments in the district.

TASK FORCE MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT NOKLAK

Noklak District Task Force on COVID-19 held a meeting on 11th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Noklak which was chaired by DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS.

The Board discussed on the implementation of the revised guidelines of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of COVID-19 pandemic and affirmed that all guidelines shall be followed in toto in the district. Strict implementation of wearing masks in the town area was discussed and for this, the Board agreed to rigorously impose fine on the defaulters. The Board entrusted the Assistant Public Relations Officer, Noklak to make necessary announcement for public awareness.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur Batra, IPS raised concerns on the disposal of used face mask and other protective kits. The Noklak Town Council has been entrusted to bring out a relevant order for containing such menace.

Various other issues like COVID-19 Check

Gate, Control Room, loading and unloading of essential commodities and issues relating to the SOP to be followed and follow up activities to be taken up were also discussed.

Separate meeting on developmental activities for the newly created Noklak district were also held on 11th September 2020 at DC's Office and was chaired by DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred.

The Board also discussed on career guidance, skill development, agricultural sector, tourism and handicraft for the development of the district. The DC stated that all the developmental activities and functioning will be tied up with separate agencies in order to have proper dissemination of information to the beneficiaries and to encourage local entrepreneurs.

The meeting was attended by SP, Assam Rifles, NAP, VGs, Khamniungan Tribal Council, Khamniungan Menyiu Hoilkam, Khamniungan Students Union, NGOs, youth volunteers and administrative officers.

TUENSANG DTF REVIEWS LATEST SOP



DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS addressing the meeting of Tuensang District Task Force for COVID-19 on 11th September 2020 at Tuensang.

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting on 11th September 2020. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DTF, Kumar Ramnikant chaired the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the latest Standard Operating Procedures of 9th September 2020 and the revised discharge policy for COVID-19 confirmed cases issued by the Department of Health & Family Welfare issued on 10th September 2020.

The members of DTF also agreed to close down the Yangli Check Gate, and the sole Check Gate for the district will be maintained at Chari. The members further considered on closing down the Sao Chang College, Quarantine Centre after all the inmates are released and it was decided that only the hostels will be maintained as COVID Care and Observation Centre.

PROTECT DIMAPUR COVID-19 LAUNCHES SECOND PHASE

Initiated by several Dimapur based NGOs, the 'Protect Dimapur COVID-19' launched its second phase on 11th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall in the presence of DC, Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur.

Addressing the gathering DC, Dimapur,

Rajesh Soundararajan acknowledged the team for their voluntary service by helping out in different ways during the pandemic. He further stated that the cases have come down because of collective efforts. He requested the volunteers to carry out the assigned work in a professional and polite manner.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT CHANGTONGYA

Co-ordination meeting on new COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) released by the State Government and relaxation of lockdown measures was held on 11th September 2020 at the SDO(C) Office Chamber, Changtongya.

The meeting was chaired by SDO(C), Changtongya, Moakumzuk Tzudir. He said that the

new guidelines will be followed and encouraged all the stakeholders to co-operate and spread awareness on the new SOP released by the State Government to the public and also to follow the precautionary measures which includes wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently.

LIFE SKILL PROGRAMME AT SHAMATOR



Training on Life Skill and Sustainable Livelihood held at EBRC Hall, Shamator.





The two day training on 'Life Skill and Sustainable Livelihood' for educated unemployed women was held at EBRC Hall, Shamator which was organised by Yimchungrü Berü Arihako Shamator Area (YBASA).

The programme was chaired by Toshila,

VP,YBASA. Introduction of the programme was given by C. Tsurila, Field Co-ordinator, NEN. Other highlights included words of encouragement by Lankonsen Tsanglao, ADC, Shamator. Short speeches were delivered by Kiuji, VP, YTC and Yanhokiu, President, Public Forum Shamator.

COTPA CONDUCTS RAID AT WOKHA

Under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), COTPA flying squad consisting of District Administration, Police, Excise, Lotha Students Union, DBs, Women Police and members from NTCP led by District Nodal Officer, Dr. Daisy conducted raids on tobacco products in and around schools and colleges on 11th September 2020.

The team was divided into four groups and raid was carried out in all the institutional areas

within Wokha town where the team seized various tobacco products. Altogether 15 defaulters were penalized under the COTPA Act.

District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Dr. Daisy informed that similar raids will be carried out frequently. She also thanked all the members for the support extended in carrying out the raid. The seized products were destroyed the same day in the presence of all the flying squad members.

FORUM RESOLVES ON NOKLAK EDUCATION VISION DOCUMENT 2030

Development Forum (Education Sector) of Noklak district, held a meeting on 15th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS.

The Forum discussed on 'District Vision Document for quality education for all,' and to improve the quality of education in the district with a vision to have a cent percent pass in government schools for class 10 and 12.

The Forum also discussed on improving pre-school and primary education, integrating basic life skills at the school level, integrating Anganwadi, village health nutrition day, Sakhi One Stop Centre, Mahila Shakti Kendra, Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) with the school education system to improve health, nutrition and hygiene among children and parents. Tackling the proxy teacher issue, improving maths and science education at school level with adoption of technology and new pedagogical methods were also a focus area of the discussion.

Outlines of a Search, Verification and Implementation Committee were deliberated for adopting strategies, exemplary extracurricular

activities and technology based educational possibilities for improving science and mathematics education. Leadership training for teachers and students and soft skill training through utilization of programmes under NYK and potentials of Mobile Lab and ATAL Tinkering Lab to spurt interest in school kids for moulding younger generation with leadership skills and competency to approach real life problems in a pragmatic way were submitted by the Forum members.

One of the main highlights of the discussion was to come up with a quarterly format to submit a progress report to state level through District Planning & Development Board, on various education quality improvement parameters and infrastructure.

The Forum also discussed issues relating to lack of basic school infrastructures, teachers accommodation, Class-9 dropout rate, measures to improve village level enrolment of pre-matric and post-matric scholarship, and the need of more tribal residential schools and hostels in the rural areas.

Puchai P. M, Graduate Teacher of GHSS,



Noklak and former President of ANSTA, Tuensang Unit shared on how to improve the quality of education and overall upliftment of the students and Piju Mathew, Acting Headmaster, St. Paul School, Noklak and who is also a recipient of State Teachers Award, 2020 shared on the quality improvement measures taken by private schools that could be replicated in the District Action Plan.

Chongkoi Khamniungan, Co-ordinator and Community Development Promoter, spoke on sustainable human resource and educational development of the district. She will be looking upon and providing village level voluntary support and public mobilization to various departments of the district to ensure long term sustainable development. She highlighted that the focus area of Community Development Promoter would be education and career guidance, skill development to boost local economy, agriculture, agri processing and marketing, tourism and promoting Noklak as tourism hotspot of North East. As a first step, Career Guidance Cell would be set up to guide the students in higher education, scholarships,

reservation, government financial aids and employment opportunities.

Muletolu Vero, NYK Co-ordinator and who is also a United Nations Volunteer, provided a number of insights from her previous experiences on co-ordinating and mobilizing the youth, and the lessons from that which could be used in the cultural context of Nagaland for the development of education and the youth.

To address the problem of no network connectivity in most of the villages of the district, the Community Development Promoter proposed for a campaign for mobilization of community participation through good will donation of smart phones and laptops for villages that are cut off from data connectivity and are not in a position to avail the benefits of online education.

The Forum resolved to come up with an Education Vision Document 2030 for the district considering the evolving perspectives of New Education Policy. The final draft document is expected to be ready by September end and to be available for comments from public and experts from the field of education.

DELIBERATION ON MASTER PLAN FOR NOKLAK

Master Plan for Development of Noklak district, Vision Document on Education 2030 and Sustainable Human Resource Development Plan were deliberated upon at a co-ordination meeting with all the frontal organisations and area leaders of Noklak on 16th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS.

The DC presented an outline of the perspective plan for overall improvement of the district focusing on education, career guidance, skill development, tourism, agriculture and agri processing, handicrafts, to boost the local economy of the district.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, L. Ngon thanked the DC for taking a number of

initiatives for the district and assured the DC to extend their full support to the district administration.

President, Khamniungan Students Union, P. Hatho presented an overall scenario of education system in Noklak. He highlighted the problems faced in government schools like shortage of teachers and proxy teacher issues. He suggested the improvement of pre-school through strengthening of Anganwadi Centre system and the need for awareness on the scholarship schemes available.

The meeting deliberated on solving the issues with support of ANSTA and highlighted the need for a District ANSTA, Noklak for bringing out the concerns and perspectives of teachers association on these issues.



PUGHOBOTO TO HOLD INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The monthly meeting for Pughoboto Sub-divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) was conducted under the Vice-Chairman, SDPDB and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pughoboto, ThungchanbemoTungoe at DB's Court, Pughoboto on 17th September 2020.

The Board decided to hold the Inter-

Departmental Badminton Tournament in November 2020. The Board also decided that powerpoint presentation will be continued on departmental activities every month by two departments. The ADC also informed all the officers in the sub-division that strict attendance will be maintained from the next meeting.

COVID-19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

Free mask distribution and COVID-19 awareness campaign was organized by Zunheboto Area Public Organization (ZAPO) on 17th September 2020 at Centre Point, Zunheboto, to sensitize the general public of dos and don'ts about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking at the event as Special Guest, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo said that we are now aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and are getting adapted to it, but our adaptation, he said could lead us to be complacent in many ways, which would prove to be catastrophic. He reminded that the relaxation is being implemented seeing the current economic scenario, and not because the nature of the virus is easing or that we have a complete control over it. He reminded the public to minimize the spread of the virus at places by continuing to follow the basic precautions.

The DC also lauded the efforts undertaken by ZAPO in organizing the event besides undertaking other developmental activities which, he said, is visible in Zunheboto town.

Chief Medical Officer, Zunheboto, Dr. K Akaho Sema, speaking on COVID-19 preventive measures apprised the gathering on the details of the pandemic at the district and the State. Now that the relaxation is being implemented, we should be more careful and our acts should be of a responsible citizen to avoid wide community spread of the virus, Dr. Sema appealed to the public.

The programme was attended by ZRSU, Sumi Hoho, Sumi Kukami Hoho, Sumi Totimi Hoho, Zunheboto Town GBs Association and other officials including Superintendent of Police, Zunheboto and officers from 32 Assam Rifles. The programme culminated with free mask distribution around the town.

GIRL CHILD ACHIEVERS IN ACADEMIC FIELD FELICITATED

Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), the District Administration and DLCW-MSK organised a programme at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 18th September 2020 to felicitate the girl child who has done exceptionally well in the field of education basing on 2019 academic results. Cash incentives and Certificate Of Citation were given to 17 schools under Wokha district.

EAC, Wokha, Imtinungla Longkumer while handing over the cash to the teachers incharge, urged them to utilise the funds judiciously for the welfare of the school so that students will be

encouraged to do better and bring good results in the coming years as well. The District Administration under BBBP, also handed over blankets, baby kits and nutritional supplements to one of the lactating mother returnee who reached the district during the lockdown period.

GHS, Wozhuro, teacher in-charge, who spoke on behalf of all the teachers expressed happiness and lauded the District Administration and DLCW-MSK for taking up such kind of initiatives in encouraging the girl child and expressed hope that through it they will be encouraged to do better in the years to come.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTED AT PEREN

Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) and Peren District Administration organised an awareness programme on 'Child Sexual Abuse and Personality Development' with the theme 'Towards a new way of growing and healing' at Servanthood Ministry Children Home, Peren town on 19th September

2020. The programme was on activity based learning. OSC, Nodal Officer, EAC, Peren, Ane Khieya encouraged and motivated the children to find the passion and embrace the skills and talents they have and focus in their studies.

'MADE IN DABA-V' GOES ONLINE

'Made in DABA' is an initiative of Dimapur Ao Baptist Church (DABA) which started on 10th August 2016 with an aim to promote indigenous products and also to motivate and provide platform to youths who are trying to establish themselves as entrepreneurs. It focuses on the holistic development of its members.

This year, 'Made in DABA-V' will be available online to reach out to a larger customer base. On 19th

September 2020, 70 young entrepreneurs delivered 258 parcels for free within Dimapur town area in order to promote 'Made in DABA V'. Various locally made products including handicrafts, organic tea leaves, clothing and accessories, face mask, potteries, food items, musical instruments, paintings and gift items were made available for order on the DABA Youth Ministry's Instagram and Facebook accounts.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB APPROVES LADP 2020-21



The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 22nd September 2020 at NIC Conference Hall, Mokokchung.

The monthly meeting of the Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 22nd September 2020 at NIC Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Chairman, DPDB, Sharingain Longkumer.

The members present were Minister, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba, MLA,

Imkong L. Imchen, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Administrative Officers and District Heads of Departments and members from civil organizations.

The DPDB approved the Local Area Development programme schemes for the year 2020-21 of all the 10 constituencies under Mokokchung. The Board also approved new society

registration of Mokokchung Law College. After discussion and deliberation, the Board approved the registration and establishment of Nagaland Mahatma Gandhi University at Chuchuyimlang.

The Ashram is currently running an institute named Mahatma Gandhi Academy Human Development (MGAHD) in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and with financial support from the Hans Foundation, New Delhi. According to Dr. Aotoshi, Managing Trustee of

the Ashram, who made the presentation to the DPDB, the proposed university once registered will establish other institutes of higher learning in addition to the existing college of social work.

During the meeting, Sharingain Longkumer expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the District Administration, Police, District Task Force, Heads of Departments and civil societies for the commendable task performed in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRAINING FOR SEMI SKILLED OPERATORS HELD

The 15 day employment oriented and skill development training of semi skilled operators organised by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), PMU-Dimapur in co-ordination with Construction Industry Development Council, New Delhi concluded on 23rd September 2020.

During the valedictory function held at Patkai Christian College, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan advised the trainees that no one should consider himself as a

perfect mechanic, operator or electrician as there is always scope for learning. He therefore encouraged everyone to make value addition whenever opportunity arises.

The training programme was attended by 30 participants, 15 each from EPC Contractors of Dimapur-Kohima road and Dimapur bypass road. Most of the participants were the operators of heavy earth moving machine, paver, JCB and batching plants, along with electricians, mechanics and plumbers.

TRAINING ON PERMACULTURE KITCHEN GARDEN CONCEPT HELD AT LONGLENG

The Department of Land Resources, Longleng conducted a training on design and upscaling of permaculture kitchen garden concept at District Project Office, Longleng on 23rd September 2020.

A brief introductory note was given by PBCA, Executive Secretary, Tialemba Phom where he emphasized on the role and importance of kitchen garden particularly for a land locked district like Longleng. In worst case scenario situation, like the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, the necessity of self-sustaining food security setup like kitchen garden becomes very important. Tialemba Phom opined that churches and women in particular should play a major role in popularizing kitchen garden concept in Longleng district. He

lauded the Land Resources department's people friendly initiative.

Kughalu Chishi, District Project Office, Longleng exhorted the trainees to learn and logically strategize the planning and layout aspects of the kitchen garden. He stated that the success of the kitchen garden concept depends on the farmer's initiative and interest.

Training were imparted on kitchen garden concept - its relevance, pictorial presentation of design and layouts, site selection, soil preparation/soil building, seed bank, cropping season and pattern, companion planting and its benefits and keyhole concepts. Vegetable seeds were distributed to all selected beneficiaries.

DUSTBINS DISTRIBUTED UNDER SBM AT NOKLAK

The Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Noklak under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) –Grameen conducted a programme for distribution of dustbins for Noklak town on 24th September 2020 at PHE Store, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, EAC, Noklak, Yithachu Thur stressed on the importance of community participation and community ownership towards waste management. Yithachu while stating that issues of poor waste management

have led to a plethora of problems like water logging, landslides and health issues, he asserted that waste management is the collective responsibility of both the individual and community. Yitachu encouraged the ward/sector leaders to come up with innovative ideas and local means for effective management of wastes.

Highlighting on Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen, SDO, PHE, Noklak, Er. Khaoshai Lam stressed that sanitation is everybody's business and active participation by all individual is needed

for proper waste management. He also emphasised on the importance of segregating waste into wet and dry waste at household level. He encouraged the gathering to start a compost pit in every household so that it can be used as manure in kitchen gardens.

The programme was attended by representatives of wards under Noklak town and dustbins were distributed to all the wards.

TCC AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES HOLDS CO-ORDINATION MEETING AT WOKHA

The Tobacco Control Cell (TCC), District Level Co-ordination Committee, District Level Enforcement Squad and Flying Squad, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Wokha conducted its quarterly meeting on 22nd September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Chamber, Wokha.

Senior Dental Surgeon and District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Wokha, Dr. Daisy Ovung who took charge as the new Nodal Officer, NTCP, Wokha presented the quarterly report where she highlighted the activities undertaken from the month of April to September 2020. While highlighting the activities undertaken, Dr. Ovung informed that three IEC campaign were conducted, price distribution for online poster painting competition and consultative meeting on

tobacco prohibition was held, and tobacco use and COVID-19 flyers were distributed on Independence Day.

Dr. Ovung also stated that to study the pattern of tobacco use among the youth and to find the reasons for use, Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was conducted with youth leaders and adult community leaders, where counselling to quit tobacco and pharmacotherapy were given to the participants and the harmful effects of tobacco were emphasised. Enforcement drive around schools and colleges was also carried out on 11th September 2020 and 15 defaulters were penalized for violation of COTPA under Section 6 (B). Anti-tobacco advocacy campaign was also conducted in two villages.

PERMACULTURE: PATHWAY TO NATURAL FARMING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING

The Department of Land Resources, Peren headed by District Project Officer, Alemla Aier conducted one day training-cum-field demonstration on organic farming using permaculture techniques at Jalukie on 22nd September 2020. The training emphasized on sustainability of livelihood for the rural farming community.

The participants were given first hand

information on permaculture designs wherein, five different permaculture designs were created using locally available materials, like empty plastic bottles, bamboo, wood and stone for demonstration. Aier stated that permaculture is about beneficial design, but beneficial in a way that will not just be beneficial to humans but to the larger ecosystem. The participants were also provided with winter crop seeds and farming tools.

FARMER FROM LONGSA VILLAGE ACHIEVES 'MERA NUJA'

'Mera Nuja,' was hosted by Mokokchung district on 22nd September 2020. According to the Ao ethos, it is one of the prestigious achievements and recognition that a farmer is bestowed upon and after the achievement, a farmer is considered as one

among the wealthy elites in a village.

Retired Teacher, Imkongtemjen Jamir on 22nd September 2020 achieved the final task 'Mera Nuja.' Imkongtemjen Jamir (71 years) and his wife, Yangernungla (67 years) said that in order to

achieve this status and honour, one must first perform another task called 'Kimang Nuja,' another prestigious act where he invites his relatives to partake in his harvest by cultivating the biggest jhum field. Imkongtemjen Jamir shared that he had completed that task 25 years ago. Jamir said that the 'Mera Nuja' task is meant to challenge the upcoming generation to preserve and uphold the rich heritage of their forefathers and to be hard working farmers.

Nowadays the practice has become very rare, however Longsa being one of the revered villages for upholding its customs and traditions rigidly, have kept this practice alive. There are more than 10 farmers in Longsa village till date who have

achieved this task and entered the wealthy elites.

The last farmer to host 'Mera Nuja' was in 2013, and after a gap of seven years, Imkongtemjen Jamir, who is also the Head GB of Longsa has achieved the prestigious honour. While hosting the 'Mera Nuja,' all the villagers are invited to partake in his bumper harvest along with a feast and honorary dedicatory songs celebrating his achievements are sung by his clansmen for bringing honour and pride to the clan and his family. The harvest should be done on that day itself, and Jamir added that it is the custom to gift meat to every person who partake in his harvest.

TRAINING OF TRAINERS UNDER FOCUS-IFAD PROJECT LONGLENG



Participants during the Training of Trainers on Animal Husbandry held from 21st to 25th September 2020 at Longleng.

FOCUS-IFAD Project under Office of the District Agriculture Officer, Longleng held a training for Training of Trainers (TOT) on horticulture fruits, nuts/spices and animal husbandry at Longleng.

The training along with field demonstration was held from 21st September to 25th September 2020, and was attended by trainees from Agriculture and Allied department who in turn will be training farmers in block and village levels. The training laid

emphasis on providing technical guidance to the farmers on their needs based on various areas like agronomy, horticulture and veterinary.

During the inaugural session, Kakuto Chophy (PIT), Longleng highlighted about the importance of the training and encouraged the trainees to give their best so that the farmers can benefit from it. Deputy CVO, Aoyimsen Jamir was the resource person for the training.

ENFORCEMENT DRIVE ON TOBACCO FREE MON HELD

An enforcement drive to stop the sale of tobacco products was carried out under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) Mon on 25th September 2020 in Mon Town. The team was led by District Consultant (NTCP), Mon, E. Nyeamyang Konyak, police and dobashis.

The drive was conducted with an initiative

to make Mon headquarter as tobacco free, and also as a precautionary measure against the spread of coronavirus in the community as people consuming tobacco products tend to spit in public places, increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

The drive caught 25 shops selling tobacco

products in Mon town. The tobacco products were seized and burnt at the outskirts of Mon town. The

team said it would further continue to conduct such enforcement drive all over the district.

WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG

District Task Force, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK), Longleng observed the 'World Contraception Day' on the theme 'It's your life, your responsibility' on 26th September 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Longleng with District Media Officer, Roseline Phom as resource person.

Speaking at the programme, Roseline

explained about the contraceptive measures and its uses. She also encouraged the younger generation to come forward to learn more about preventive measures of unwanted/ unintended pregnancy. The welcome speech was delivered by Phungla Phom, WWO, MSK, Longleng, and the programme was chaired by Sangla Phom, District Programme Assistant, PMMVY.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD RABIES DAY AT LONGLENG

In commemoration of the World Rabies Day on 28th September 2020, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Longleng conducted a one day anti rabies immunisation and awareness programme under

the theme 'End Rabies, Collaborate, Vaccinate' at Public Local Ground, Longleng on 28th September 2020. Dogs above the age of three months were vaccinated and altogether, 200 dogs were vaccinated.

ANAEMIA SCREENING CAMP HELD AT MON



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The medical team was led by Pongjei Konyak, Block Programme Manager (BPM), CMO

Office, Mon and was accompanied by two ANMs. A short programme was held before the screening camp led by DPO, Mon, Y. Tauhong Ngonyen and BPM during which they briefed the participants about the cause of anaemia and the importance of haemoglobin test.

TUENSANG DTF COVID-19 MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 29th September 2020 where DC and Chairman, DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed on the status of the construction of blood bank at Tuensang District

Hospital. The need to hasten the completion of the blood bank works and reopening of District Hospital for the general patients at the earliest were also discussed during the meeting. The DTF also discussed on the surge of COVID-19 positive cases among the frontline workers and it called for caution amongst the frontline workers.

SANIS-LAKHUTI TO HAVE ALL WEATHER ROAD

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and others during the launch of the upgradation of Sanis-Lakhuti road on 29th September 2020 at Sanis Village Community Hall.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan launched the upgradation of Sanis to Lakhuti road from fair weather road to all weather road on 29th September 2020 at Sanis Village Community Hall.

Yanthan while thanking the Government of Nagaland for inclusion of this particular road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY), 2019-20, stated that it is a fulfilment of a long cherished dream of the public and under PMGSY, the Government of India is endeavouring to set high and uniform technical and management standards, and facilitate policy development and planning at state level in order to ensure sustainable management of the rural roads network. With these objectives, he expressed his optimism that this particular project will become a reality and give a

better quality of life to the younger generation, so that they can actively take part to change the socio-economic sphere of the area.

Lamenting on the lag of developmental activities in Sanis Assembly Constituency, Er. Mhathung Yanthan said that to bridge the gap, it required proper planning to bring about changes. To address this gap, he said that School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi has been roped in to assist on the planning process for better infrastructure in healthcare system, higher standard of education, access to clean water, good housing, food, improvement of road connectivity, etc. for overall improvement in the quality of life.

EE (R&B), Baghty, Er. Mhathung Kikon while delivering a brief report on the project said that the upgradation of road from Sanis to Lakhuti

will cover four villages, namely Sanis, Yonchuko, Sunglup and Lakhuti with a length of 18 Km with total project cost of Rs.1542.88 lakh. The road design and specification of existing road width is 6m with carriage width of 3.75m.

Speaking on the execution of the project, the Contractor, Hachio Patton said that PMGSY is a people oriented and risk oriented scheme where the

Contractor has to maintain the road for five years, and he assured the gathering that the road will be constructed as per the specifications prepared in the Detailed Project Report (DPR). The four Village Councils while assuring to render all logistic support, also urged the Contractor to construct the road as per the DPR.

NODAL OFFICERS FOR BYE-ELECTION MEETING HELD AT KOHIMA

A meeting with all the Nodal Officers in connection with the forthcoming bye-election to the 14th Southern Angami-I Assembly Constituency was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 30th September 2020.

Chairing the meeting, DC and District Election Officer, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie apprised the officers on the conduct of the bye-election to be held on 3rd November 2020 and the election process. Gregory said that the meeting was convened to ensure preparedness for the smooth conduct of the bye-election. He encouraged the assigned officers to be well versed with the instructions/guidelines given by the Election Commission and to execute their roles and responsibilities in systematic manner during the

election process. He also called upon the officers to give their best efforts in their respective assigned duties with the right approach to ensure free, fair and successful conduct of the bye-election.

Assistant Election Officer, Kohima, Toshimeren also highlighted on the work distribution for the conduct of the bye-election. With regard to postal ballot, he informed that because of COVID-19 pandemic, the Election Commission has given special provisions for elderly people who are eighty plus years of age/suspected people or positive people to exercise their franchise through postal ballot. He also informed on other new guidelines on mobile app, general management, polling personnel, etc. for the conduct of the bye-election as instructed by the Election Commission.



RIO UNVEILS FOUNDATION STONE FOR MUSIC AND FINE ARTS COLLEGE

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 7th September 2020 unveiled the foundation stone of the Professional College of Music and Fine Arts at Tsiesema, Kohima.

Speaking at the occasion, Rio congratulated the Department of Higher and Technical Education (H&TE) for successfully bringing many projects into the State. He also extended his appreciation to Minister, H&TE and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along under whose young and dynamic leadership, Rio said, the Department has been able to achieve many great things.

Rio stated that the vision and dream of the Government is to give quality education to the youth and through the unveiling of the foundation stone, a step ahead towards providing quality education in the field of music and fine arts has been achieved. He stated that the college will be a blessing for the youth of Nagaland and Northeast in particular, and India as a whole. He stressed on the importance of having a degree or diploma certificate in any particular field, and hence, he expressed with delight that in the future, through the college, Nagaland would have many certified artists which would further boost tourism in the State.

The CM thanked the villagers of Tsiesema for parting with the land and ensured them that their kind act would benefit thousands of youth from the State and the country. He further appealed to them to give full support and co-operation to the department in the days ahead. Rio also appealed to the concerned department to make it a quality college with top facilities and expressed the desire for it to have indigenous Naga designs so as to also be a

tourist attraction site in the State.

Minister, H&TE and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along stated that the Department is grateful to the villagers and the Village Council of Tsiesema for their co-operation and support, and for offering the land for the college at a very low cost. He briefed on the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan' (RUSA), and said that under 'RUSA 2.0,' the Department has been able to bring forth the project of Professional College of Music and Fine Arts in Tsiesema, Kohima, and he assured that many more professional and model colleges are being proposed for different districts. He added that with the success of RUSA 1.0 and the Professional College of Music and Fine Arts project being the last project under RUSA 2.0, the Government of India will be counting Nagaland as one of the only state in the North-East that has successfully implemented RUSA 2.0.

Commissioner & Secretary, H&TE, Imjung M Panger, IAS informed that the project was undertaken through RUSA with a campus area of 9.5 acres having Administrative Block, Academic Block, Recording Studio, Performance Hall, Library, etc. He informed that the college would be providing advance diploma and undergraduate courses in Music, Sound Engineering, Fine Arts, Painting & Drawing and Digital Art. The project is expected to be completed by 2023.

A brief speech on behalf of Tsiesema village was given by Chairman, Village Council Tsiesema, Pasa Krozu Mere, while the dedicatory prayer was delivered by Pastor, Tseisema Baptist Church, Keneingulie Mere.

SRI FARM SCHOOL LAUNCHED AT TUOPHEMA VILLAGE

ATMA, Botsa Block launched a System of Rice Intensification (SRI) Farm School at Tuophema village on 3rd September 2020. ATM, Medokhrilie delivered a lecture on the concept and guidelines of a farm school purpose, where one of the main activities would be to operationalize frontline demonstration in one or more crops and also provide technical trainings to target farmers by having an interactive session. The Farm School Teacher's knowledge and skills will be upgraded on continuous basis through trainings at various levels.

The appointed Farm School Teacher, Thepfuchalie Kense, a pioneer in SRI farming in his village shared his experiences in SRI farming. Kense said that he was inspired after going through journals and articles about SRI, and later attended a training conducted by ATMA, Kohima on SRI conducted at Tuophema village in the later part of July 2014. By 2017, he decided to convert his whole field (1.5 acre approximately) to SRI farming. Gradually with proper inputs, timely intervention from SDAO, Chiephobozou by

assisting with farm machineries and knowledge, the farm ultimately resulted in 30% more yield than the previous years.

Demonstrations on nursery bed preparation of winter vegetables (cabbage and broccoli) were conducted at Tsiemekhu Bawe/Basa village with ATM, Hainenle Tep, ATM, Medokhrielie as resource persons. The participants were trained on the importance of raising proper nursery so as to get a good outcome, and how valuable and very small seeds can be raised effectively without any wastage.

The participants were advised on the time of sowing and to adopt timely sowing of crops, seed rate, spacing, irrigation schedules, the time of transplanting and the after care of the seedlings. Altogether, a total of 15 farmers participated in the demonstration programme and the trainees were provided with F1 hybrid seeds of cabbage, broccoli, green pea and roban. The resource persons also apprised the farmers on the Kisan Call Centre (KCC), its toll free number and how it can be effectively used to their advantage in their farming activities.

DEPARTMENT OF H&FW LAUNCHES NAGA TELEHEALTH

The Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Government of Nagaland officially launched the Naga Telehealth platform on 9th September 2020 at a virtual launching programme with Minister of H&FW, S. Pangnyu Phom as the Special Guest.

The Naga Telehealth is a virtual platform where patients can avail the services of doctors and specialists at the comfort of their home, virtually without having the need to visit any health centres. It has been launched keeping in mind the difficulties faced by patients in receiving proper medical facilities owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Naga Telehealth has been launched in partnership with USAID NISHTHA-Jhpiego to ensure that even the people living in the most remote places have access to qualified medical practitioners and specialists.

S. Pangnyu Phom speaking at the virtual launch programme said that the Naga Telehealth is a very important initiative and vital in providing quality and affordable healthcare facilities to everyone in Nagaland regardless of where they live.

He also thanked the USAID, NISHTHA-Jhpiego for supporting the initiative.

Director, Health Office, USAID, Sangita Patel also spoke during the launch programme and expressed her enthusiasm over the partnership and highlighted the importance of web based health facilities and the need for proper access to health services across the State.

Secretary, H&FW, Government of Nagaland in his message said that in these unprecedented times of COVID-19, technology is playing a crucial role in keeping us all connected and telemedicine has provided an enabling tool to maintain patient continuity and patient management. He further mentioned that through telehealth and telemedicine, the department would be able to bring quality health and wellness closer to the communities.

In his keynote address Mission Director, NHM, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhu gave a brief introduction about the telehealth platform and its working procedures.

DC ZUNHEBOTO INAUGURATES MULTI GYM

First multi gym was inaugurated at Youth Hall in Zunheboto on 14th September 2020. The facility was donated by the Nagaland Cricket Association in collaboration with District Sports Council.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter

Lichamo, on the occasion thanked various organisations involved, and especially with the ongoing pandemic and the need to keep our bodies strong, the DC said the facility would definitely benefit all.

TRUENAT LAB INAUGURATED AT CHC PUGHOBOTO

TrueNat Lab at Community Health Centre (CHC), Pughoboto was inaugurated by MLA, Y.

Vikheho Swu on 15th September 2020. The lab was dedicated by Home Evangelist, SABAK, Atovi Asumi.



Vikheho Swu, who was the Guest of Honour at the TrueNat machine installation programme remarked that opening of the lockdown is dangerous and one should be responsible while adapting to the new normal life, continuing with washing hands and wearing face masks.

The MLA also expressed gratitude to SMO, Pughoboto, Dr. J. Hokugha for his service rendered to Aphuyemi since posted in the sub-division CHC. He thanked the Sumi Aphuyemi Hoho led by Inavi Swu and his team, for taking the initiative for the free will contribution to install the machine in CHC, Pughoboto.

DPO (RCH & UIP), Nukshisangla expressed her appreciation for the involvement of Aphuyemi community in rendering their selfless service to contain COVID-19. She said that community participation is important for any programme to be successful and further called upon all to maintain the TrueNat machine.

SAH, President, Inavi Swu highlighted on how

the machine donation started and also congratulated the SDTF team for effectively controlling the virus in the sub-division. He informed that the SAH is trying to donate Semi-automatic Blood Analyser and requested the SMO to work out the details. He also disclosed that the Hoho will provide 90 Cartridges (3 sets) for TrueNat and emergency medicines to the health centres under Pughoboto sub-division.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe congratulated the MLA, SAH, doctors and nurses, churches, NGOs for the installation, and sought co-operation to fight the pandemic efficiently.

SMO, PHC, Pughoboto, Dr. J. Hokugha Sema who chaired the programme said that CHC, Pughoboto is the first block under Zunheboto district to install TrueNat machine and said that it can also help in decreasing the hardships faced by the District Hospitals.

ADVISOR NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES ICU ROOM AT CHC JALUKIE

The newly constructed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) room at Community Health Centre (CHC), Jalukie was inaugurated by Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang on 18th September 2020 in the presence of District Administration, Health & Family Welfare Department and public leaders of Peren. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Executive Secretary, ZBCC, Izieteilung Tereing.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the Advisor, praising the role of the public in the achievement, stated that since the inception of Statehood and formation of Peren district, the most needed developmental activities in the district for the

welfare of the society has been taken up by the public. The Advisor added that till date, no COVID-19 death has been reported from Peren and for which he thanked God.

The programme was chaired by Namnabi Hegui, a short speech was delivered by NZPO, President, Kevipelie. SMO, CHC, Jalukie, Dr. Yetovi Tuccu expressed gratitude to the Advisor for his tireless efforts in working for the welfare of the people and added that it was through him that all necessary equipments and facilities were made available for the construction of the ICU.

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES ONLINE PORTALS

Principal Secretary, School Education, Menukhol John launched the Online Teachers' Transfer Portal, Teacher's Portal and the Child Protection Policy for Schools while State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, Kevileno launched the School Safety and Security Pledge and Guidelines at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd September 2020.

Menukhol John said that with the launch of the various online portals, the Department has taken a giant leap towards welfare education system in the

State and further stated that the commissioning of Online Transfer Portal will ensure that the required staff strength for all schools and expected vacancy positions will be worked out well in advance. He pointed out that details of vacancy positions will be made available in the public domain which will bring transparency in the functioning of the Department and will also ensure that normal functioning of schools do not get affected due to transfers in the middle of academic year.

The Principal Secretary also informed that

the Teacher's Portal will reduce the gap between the authorities and teachers in one hand, and will improve work culture among teachers and officers on the other hand. Subsequently, all employees under the Department of School Education will gradually be brought under the ambit of monitoring through the Teacher's App and this will eventually lead to the change of face of the Department of School Education in the State of Nagaland, he added.

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS while giving a brief presentation on the portals, stated that a separate Teachers' Online Transfer Portal has been made available at the departmental website, where teachers can log in using their registered mobile number and OTP obtained through it. He explained that the portal will display their present employment details and cadre vacancy position available throughout the State and can select two preferred posting places from the existing vacancy position. A prescribed 'Forwarding Letter' format will be made available at the portal which is to be completed and signed by the School Head, Village Education Committee, Chairman and SDEO/DEO. The officials will be required to mention whether they recommend the transfer sought by the teacher or not along with comments/remarks. Teachers seeking transfer need to upload scanned

copy of the Forwarding Letter and submit their application at the portal. An acknowledgement will be generated indicating successful submission of the application. The Department will process all the applications received during the given period and issue bulk Transfer Orders, he added.

Shanavas C also stated that the newly launched Teacher's Portal will help teachers connect to the required online education resources with ease and keep teachers updated with latest developments in the field of education. He also said that the Teacher's Portal will have a link where teachers will have to upload pages of Teacher's Diary, and the School Heads will append their signatures with date. The uploaded pages with GPS Tracking showing date, time and location of the Teacher's Diary will be automatically forwarded to District Level Officers and the Directorate, he added. The Teacher's Portal will also serve as a direct communication channel between the Directorate, District Level Officers and teachers.

State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, Kevileno hoped that the Child Protection Policy and School Safety and Security Pledge and Guidelines will come in handy and useful for the welfare and protection of children across the State and the people.

SUB-DIC OFFICE AND MULTI PURPOSE HALL INAUGURATED AT CHANGTONGYA TOWN

Sub-DIC Office and Multi Purpose Hall at Changtongya town was inaugurated by Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa and Director, Industries & Commerce (I&C), K. Hokishi Assumi on 30th September 2020.

Preview meeting on Food Processing Cluster initiatives by the Department of I&C was held at Town Hall, Changtongya town. The meeting was chaired SDO (C), Changtongya, Moakumzuk Tzudir. Advisor, I&C, Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (ESD&E), Imnatiba speaking on the occasion, expressed his gratitude to the department officials for the initiative in setting up the Food Processing Cluster at

Liroyimti, and also for opening of the Sub-DIC office at Changtongya town. He appealed to the public to co-operate with the Department and support them for the development of the area.

The Advisor also encouraged all Heads of Offices under the sub-division to give their best service to the public. Short speeches were delivered by Managing Director (NIDC), P. Zuvito Waths Sema, Director, ESD&E, Chiden Yaden, Director, I&C, K. Hokishi Assumi, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang, Commissioner & Secretary, I&C Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS and Project Officer, Labour and Employment, Yanger Aier.



**LOW BUDGET STREET PAINTERS, LONGLENG**

(A DIPR feature by Manjong Phom, IA, Longleng)

Low Budget Street Painters (LBSP) is a union of five friends, namely Henok Phom of Yachem village, N. Phamchong Phom of Orangkong village, Tokmei Phom of Orangkong village, I. Bauom Phom of Yaongyimchen village and B. Hankham Phom of Yongnyah village.

LBSP was recently established on 10th June 2020 with an aim of beautifying the streets of Longleng town. The five friends would talk about it during their leisure time of discussion but later on, they decided to turn their idea into action.

LBSP is a non-profit self sponsored organization and apart from painting, they also clean up drainage and abandoned walls and make

sure the surrounding they work in, is neat and tidy. The project works are also uploaded in social media. They mostly work on public charity and their aim is to cover up the abandoned walls and streets of Longleng with their work of art. Projects are decided according to convenience and budget, which is a big challenge for them. They all are undergraduate students and they have completed four to five projects within a month.

The LBSP urges young Nagas to do something good for the society during this time of pandemic, and also expresses gratitude to the many well-wishers who have helped them in various ways.

FOUR NAGA TRIBES FEATURES IN DR. BENNY PRASAD'S PROJECT, 'THE LORDS PRAYER'

(A DIPR feature by Lolano Patton, DPRO, Dimapur)

Renowned international musician, Dr. Benny Prasad from Bangalore has initiated and produced a unique project with a prayer song on 'The Lord's Prayer' featuring 94 artists in 25 Indian languages which was released on 14th August 2020. Out of the 25 languages, 13 of them were from the North East and four Naga tribes, Ao, Lotha, Angami and Sumi were also featured in Dr. Prasad's project.

Dr. Benny informed that he started the 'The Lord's Prayer' project on 9th July 2020 with an objective for worshipping God creatively and colourfully with the ethnic identity given to each one by the Creator. He also stated that he intends to highlight the NE, as major portion of India has no clue about the region, and for which, out of 25 languages, 13 of them are from the NE. Further, he revealed that many people were amazed to learn about the many languages spoken in the NE.

Describing the song as complex which was composed by Albert Hay Malotte in 1935, Dr. Prasad

mentioned that it was not a cakewalk project. Citing the challenges of his project, he said fitting the syllables of the language to the meter of the tune, making sure that the exact words in the Bible were taken from the respective languages, choosing the right singers from respective states, getting permission for shooting at different churches during the lockdown period, etc. were not an easy task.

Through the project, Dr. Benny Prasad wishes to give hope in the lives of people who are undergoing mental suffering and hardships, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He believes that prayers are invisible and invincible weapon that can help overcome all odds.

Dr. Benny Prasad holds the Guinness feat of being the fastest person in the world to travel to 245 countries including Antarctica in 6 years, 6 months and 22 days. He is also the inventor of the World's First Bongo Guitar.





Nursing mothers, young children along with officials during the celebration of Poshan Maah from 1st September 2020 to 30th September 2020 under Pughoboto sub-division.



Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) and Peren District Administration organised an awareness programme on 'Child Sexual Abuse and Personality Development' at Servanthood Ministry Children Home, Peren town on 19th September 2020.



Longsa villagers participating in the 'Mera Nuja' hosted at Mokokchung district on 22nd September 2020



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