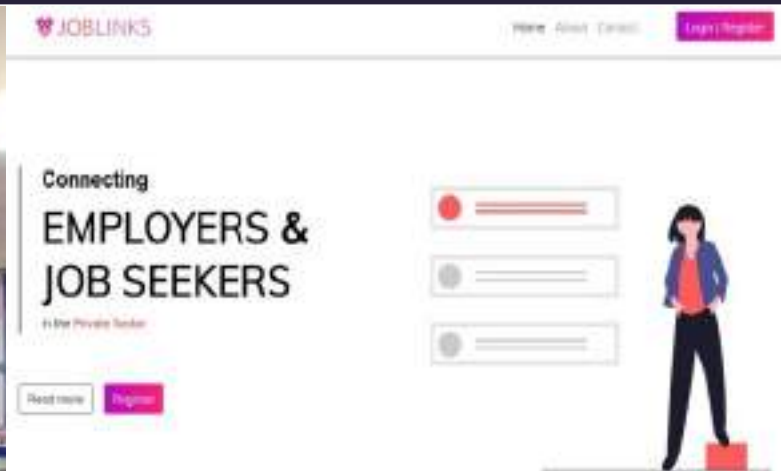




To contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, sanitization and disinfection were carried out at the Nagaland Secretariat Complex, Kohima by the Home Guards & Civil Defence personnel on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (above), and at the Raj Bhavan Complex, Kohima by the National Disaster Response Force, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 'E' Coy on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (below).

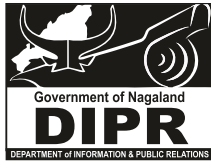




Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba during the launch of Job Links Portal at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.



Principal Secretary, School Education, Menumkhoh John launching the Online Student Evaluation Portal of the Department of School Education at his Office Chamber, Kohima on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.



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## OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### NBSE NOTIFIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO HSLC AND HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2020

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all concerned regarding matters related to High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examinations 2020:

#### 1. POST PUBLICATION RESCRUTINY

- Rescrutiny of answer scripts in any number of subjects is permitted in both HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2020.
- Candidates applying for rescrutiny can apply online to [nbsenag@gmail.com](mailto:nbsenag@gmail.com) within 30 (thirty) days after the publication of the result i.e. on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The prescribed fee of Rs. 500 per subject shall be paid to SBI Account No. 39353961985, IFS Code SBIN0000214. The scanned copies of the payment receipt, marksheet, marksheet-cum-pass certificate, admit card and the phone/mobile number of the candidate should be mailed at the above mail address along with the application.
- Rescrutiny results shall be declared within 40 (forty) days after the declaration of the result.

#### 2. POST PUBLICATION RESULT

- Rescrutiny result shall be sent to all registered institutions.
- The rescrutiny result is not notified individually.
- Corrigendum and addendum of the provisional result gazette, if any, shall be published along with the rescrutiny results.
- Rescrutiny result will be made available on Board's website ([www.nbsenagaland.com](http://www.nbsenagaland.com))

#### 3. PHOTOCOPY OF ANSWER SCRIPTS

- Photocopy of answer scripts shall be provided to candidates on fulfillment of the terms and conditions.
- This provision shall be extended only to candidates who applied for rescrutiny and in the subject(s) they applied for.
- Candidates who did not apply for rescrutiny shall not be eligible to apply for photocopy of the answer scripts.
- Candidates applying for photocopy of the answer scripts shall apply online at [nbsenag@gmail.com](mailto:nbsenag@gmail.com). The prescribed fee of Rs. 1000 each per subject shall be paid to SBI Account No. 39353961985, IFS Code SBIN0000214. The scanned copies of the payment receipt, marksheet and the phone/mobile number of the candidate should be mailed at the above mail address along with the application.
- The last date for submission of application form is within 15 (fifteen) days after declaration of rescrutiny result.

#### 4. HSLC COMPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION 2020: The provision of conducting the HSLC (Compartmental) Examination 2020 is kept open. However, in view of the situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic, the details for the conduct of examination will be given at a later date. Heads of institutions and all concerned are requested to note this.

#### 5. ISSUE OF MIGRATION CERTIFICATE: Students can apply for Migration Certificate online at [nbsenag@gmail.com](mailto:nbsenag@gmail.com). The prescribed fee of Rs. 450 (inclusive of postal charges) shall be paid to SBI Account No. 39353961985, IFS Code SBIN0000214. The scanned copies of the payment receipt, admit card, marksheet-cum-pass certificate in respect of HSLC candidates and marksheet and pass certificate in respect of HSSLC candidates should be sent. Proper postal address of the student should be indicated clearly in the application. The Board shall send scanned copy of the Migration Certificate through e-mail and the hard copy will be sent by post.

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### 6. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REPEATERS

- a. **HSLC 2021 Science Question Paper:** Two sets of Science question papers in the HSLC Examination 2021 will be administered separately for repeaters and regular candidates due to the changes in the syllabus and textbook. This will be the last chance for the repeaters to appear the 'Old Course' in Science. Heads of institutions and Centre Superintendents are requested to inform the centre repeaters.
- b. **HSSLC Examination 2021 - Commerce Stream:** Two sets of question papers for the following subjects in HSSLC Examination 2021 will be administered for regular and repeater candidates due to changes in syllabus and textbooks. The subjects are Business Studies, Accountancy and Entrepreneurship. This will be the last chance for the repeaters to appear the 'Old Course' in these subjects. Heads of institutions and Centre Superintendents are requested to inform the centre repeaters.

### REVISED SOP FOR RETURNEES TO NAGALAND

In supersession of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued regarding the returnees to Nagaland, and the subsequent modifying orders regarding the same, and in pursuance of the decisions taken in the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020, the revised SOP for the returnees to Nagaland is as under:

1. Chennai special train returnees on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020
  - a. The persons who returned to the State on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 by the Special Train from Chennai and are still in Kohima and Dimapur Quarantine Centres will continue to remain until the COVID-19 tests are done on all such persons.
  - b. Those persons who test negative will be sent to their home districts.
  - c. As regard to those who test positive but do not require hospitalization and are fit to travel, they will also be sent to their home districts to be kept at the COVID-19 Hospitals for treatment, under special transportation after following all the necessary health protocols.
  - d. Those persons who test positive and showing symptoms, requiring hospitalization and not fit for travel, will be shifted to the COVID-19 Hospitals of Dimapur and Kohima as the case may be, for treatment.
2. Returnees from North East states before 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020
  - a. All the returnees who have arrived in the State from the Green Zones of the North East states before 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, and have completed 14 days institutional quarantine at a centre in Dimapur or Kohima or in any other district, and not exhibiting any symptoms, will be immediately released for undergoing home quarantine for another 14 days without the mandatory testing.
  - b. Those returnees who are still in Kohima or Dimapur Quarantine Centres will be released to their respective District Task Force (DTF) for undergoing 14 days in home quarantine.
3. All returnees other than the above two categories
  - a. All the returnees reaching the State at Dimapur either by train/air/road, will be segregated district wise at the Entry Point / Agri Expo site, thermally screened, and all found asymptomatic will be transferred to the Quarantine Centres in the respective districts.
  - b. As regard the persons entering the State through Khuzama, the Kohima DTF will make similar arrangements as mentioned in paragraph 3(a).

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- c. All the returnees showing symptoms will be subjected to medical protocol at Dimapur and Kohima, and based on the fitness, will be retained or transported to the respective home districts.
  - d. In case the Quarantine Centres in any particular district gets fully filled up, and if the district is unable to take more returnees, then arrangements will be made to keep the returnees inbound for such districts in the Quarantine Centres at Dimapur or Kohima or vice versa, wherever space is available at that point of time.
  - e. The sample of all the returnees will be taken in the respective districts and tested for COVID-19 in the BSL-3 Laboratory at Kohima, or in the labs in Assam/Manipur, or in the upcoming BSL-2 Laboratory at Dimapur when functional, or in the TrueNat machines wherever available.
  - f. Those who test positive will be shifted to the respective District COVID-19 Hospitals. Positive cases will be managed within the respective District COVID-19 Hospital until the facilities are saturated, after which the cases will be shifted to the nearest available COVID-19 Hospital.
  - g. After 14 days institutional quarantine, the returnee, if tested negative and found asymptomatic, will be released for undergoing another 14 days home quarantine.
  - h. In respect of persons above the age of 60 years, children below the age of 10 years and parents, pregnant women and accompanying spouse, and patients, they shall be thoroughly screened, and on the advice of the Medical Team at the entry point/screening centre, will be sent for 28 days home quarantine.
4. It is clarified that the work division in the districts regarding quarantining and all other related matters will be as follows:
- a. All logistical issues such as transportation of passengers/identification of Quarantine Centres/provision of food to inmates/housekeeping management of Quarantine Centres - electricity, water supply, repairs, sanitation/coordination with other districts etc. will be the sole responsibility of the respective DTFs including officers, agencies nominated by the Government or the DTF as the case may be.
  - b. All clinical protocol such as screening of passengers/sample collection/testing of samples/attending to inmates in medical distress/safety protocol in QCs/issuing medical clearance for release from QCs/despach location as the case may be, or any other location as the case may be, will be the sole responsibility of the District Health officials, Department of Health & Family Welfare.
  - c. The returnees will be transported to their respective districts under police escort.
  - d. The detailed work distribution of the various stakeholders and teams will be as in Annexure I.
5. The provisions of the revised SOP will be applicable to returnees already in Quarantine Centres of Dimapur, Kohima and other districts with immediate effect, and for new returnees entering the State, it will be applicable from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### ANNEXURE-I: WORK DIVISION AMONG THE VARIOUS TEAMS AND STAKEHOLDERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Sl. No.	PROCESS	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Returnees reaching Nagaland (by train, bus and flight)	Zonal Officers and Migration Groups

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2	Transportation of returnees from railway station/airport/check gates to Agri Expo, Dimapur	Transportation - by Receiving Districts
3	Screening and segregation of the returnees at Agri Expo, Dimapur	Screening: Medical Team Segregation: Dimapur District Task Force led by Deputy Commissioner and Receiving District Liaisoning Teams.
4	Symptomatic returnees to Isolation Wards in Dimapur.	Dimapur District Task Force led by Deputy Commissioner
5	Asymptomatic returnees from Agri Expo to respective District Facility Quarantine Centres	Transportation - by Receiving Districts (Liaison officers from Administration and Police to be kept in Dimapur).
		Refreshments/food, toilet facilities and medical facilities to the returnees on the way - Receiving Districts to coordinate with the districts enroute and Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency may make the arrangements as instructed in Home Department Letter NO.NSDMA-ER-COVID-19-301/2020 dated 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2020)
6	Quarantine Centre Management and Safety Protocol (including food, water, electricity and other daily maintenance).	District Task Forces led by Deputy Commissioners
7	Collection of samples, testing and transportation to labs whenever required	Medical Team and District Task Forces led by Deputy Commissioners
8	Release of returnees from Quarantine Centres for home quarantine after due process and medical clearance.	Medical Team and District Task Forces led by Deputy Commissioners
9	Coordination of process mentioned at Sl. No. 1 to 8 with DTFs, emergency help and report compilation.	State COVID War Room, Nagaland

### SCHOOL EDUCATION ISSUES LOCKDOWN MEASURES TO CONDUCT BOARD EXAMINATIONS

In reference to the directive issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy Video, the following instructions and measures have been issued for grant of exemption from the lockdown measures to conduct Board Examination for Class X and XII in the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. In the containment zone, no examination centre will be permitted.
2. Wearing of face masks by teachers, staff and students will be mandatory.
3. There shall be provision of thermal screening and sanitizing at the centres and social distancing in all examination centres.
4. In view of examination to be conducted by different Boards, their examination schedules should be staggered.
5. Special buses may be arranged for transportation of the students to the examination centres.



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### DR. P. J. ANTONY TAKE CHARGE AS AHOd IN NLA

Dr. P. J. Antony, Commissioner & Secretary has taken over the charge of the Administrative Head of Department (AHOd) in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Secretariat with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, vide the Secretariat Order No. AS/ADDL.SECY/CB/2020/216 dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Henceforth, all official correspondence/ letters and emails may be addressed to him as given below:

<b>Address:</b> Dr. P. J. Antony Commissioner & Secretary Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima	<b>Contact No:</b> 0370-2271507(O) 0370-2271512 (Fax) 9871482080 (M) Email: nagalandassembly2008@yahoo.com
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### GOVERNOR CONSTITUTES SCREENING COMMITTEE ON ANTI-PROFITEERING

Exercising the powers conferred by the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, State Government, in partial modification of notification of even number dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, has constituted the Screening Committee on Anti-profiteering under GST for the State of Nagaland on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as below:

1. ADC/JC, CGST, Nagaland, Dimapur.
2. Additional Commissioner of State Taxes-1, Nagaland, Dimapur.

### PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR, TREASURIES & ACCOUNTS APPOINTED AS NODAL OFFICER

Exercising the powers conferred by the Indian Stamp Rules, 2019, the State Government has appointed the Principal Director, Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts as the Nodal Officer for the purpose of collection of Stamp Duty on behalf of the Government of Nagaland.

### STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMS ON PM-SVANidhi

In pursuance to Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India, the Government of Nagaland has notified the implementation of the PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi) - Special Micro-Credit facility for street vendors in urban areas, including surrounding peri-urban/rural areas vending in the geographical limits of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State with immediate effect, and till March 2022.

1. The scheme will be available to all street vendors engaged in vending in urban areas as on, or before 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
2. Street vendors will be eligible to avail a collateral-free working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000, repayable in monthly installments in the tenure of one year.
3. On timely/early repayment of the loan, an interest subsidy @7% per annum will be credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through DBT on quarterly basis.
4. The lending institutions under the scheme include Scheduled Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Small Finance Banks (SFBs), Cooperative Banks, Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), Micro Finance Institutes (MFIs) and SHG Banks.
5. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will be implementation partner for the scheme.
6. The scheme will be implemented through the ULBs involving all stakeholders including Street Vendors' Associations, Business Correspondents, SHGs and their federations and various digital payments aggregators like BHIM, Paytm, PhonePe, AmazonPe etc.
7. The scheme's guidelines and FAQs are available in the website [www.mohua.gov.in](http://www.mohua.gov.in).



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### EXISTING LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES TO REMAIN OPERATIVE

The existing guidelines with regard to the lockdown in all parts of the State issued vide Order of even number dated 04.05.2020, subject to relaxations issued vide Order of even number dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 regarding opening of religious places/places of worship for public, and Order of even number dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 regarding plying of local taxis and auto rickshaws in the border sub-divisions, shall continue to remain operative in Nagaland till 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. This was stated in an order issued by the Chief Secretary, Nagaland.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C has notified for the information of Heads of all type of schools (under State and Central Government and private managements) functioning within the State of Nagaland, that the exercise of collection of data for the UDISE+ has been undertaken by the District Education officers, and soft copies of the formats already issued to all concerned.

It was noticed in earlier occasions that many Heads of schools provide inflated and inaccurate data without proper application of mind. Heads of schools have been therefore directed to devote enough time to understand the meaning of various parameters being used in the UDISE+ format and ensure that the data furnished by them are accurate and complete in all sense, and the formats are submitted within the prescribed last date of submission.

All concerned have been cautioned that accountability will be fixed at all levels of data collection and furnishing of false/inaccurate/incomplete data would lead to closure/de-recognition/withdrawal of No Objection Certificate of schools as per provisions of Right to Education Act, 2009.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMS ON ONLINE STUDENTS EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Principal Director, School Education has informed all concerned that the Online Students Evaluation Programme (Phase II) for students of Classes V to VII will commence from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 as per the schedule given at the portal <https://dosenl.in>. Students have been advised to take note of the following steps in order to appear for the evaluation:

1. Complete One Time Registration at the portal <https://dosenl.in> from any mobile / laptop / PC before 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
2. Log in to the portal at the specified date and time of evaluation.
3. You will find 20 numbers of Objective Type Multiple Choice Questions.
4. Select the correct choice for each question.
5. Click the 'submit' button within the given time limit.
6. The page will become inactive after the scheduled time.
7. Evaluation results will be made available in the portal on 21/07/2020.
8. Best Performing Students will be rewarded.
9. Syllabus: Topics/Units taught through the Tele/Radio Education Programme.
10. The online evaluation is not compulsory and the marks secured will not be considered for any purpose of formal evaluation.
11. Phase-II of the Tele/Radio Education broadcast for Classes VIII to XII will commence from 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



## **CM CONGRATULATES ALL HSLC EXAMINATION 2020 TOPPERS AND SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WITH PERSONALIZED LETTER**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio took a unique stride and congratulated the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) toppers and all the students who passed the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examinations of 2020 with a personalized letter addressed to each student, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Rio, in his letter, said clearing the HSLC hurdle is not just an important achievement in the academic career of a student but a major milestone for every individual. He reminded the students to rededicate themselves towards successfully sailing over the forthcoming challenges, and also encouraged them to enjoy the experiences,

celebrate the joys of life and always aspire to be a contributing member of the society.

Rio said that with the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the dynamics of our lives have been altered. He also lamented the need to adapt and acclimatize to the changing times and become successful agents of change. He urged all the students to be responsible citizens, make efforts to ensure a cleaner and safer planet, to work towards gender equality, to be an agent of peace and to spread kindness. Rio further called upon the students to be proud ambassador of our State, its rich culture and our vibrant way of life.

### **BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND ON 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2020**

As on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, active cases of COVID-19 remain at 43. All COVID-19 positive persons are receiving medical care at the designated COVID-19 Hospitals. Active surveillance is going on to prevent further spreading of the infection.

Till date, a total of 2782 samples have been tested. Results of 1699 samples have been received, out of which 43 are positive. Results for 1083 samples are awaited.

The Cabinet reviewed the status of arrangements for COVID-19 pandemic and a High Powered Committee (HPC) has been constituted to decide on policy matters relating to COVID-19, including supervision of the State War Room. The Committee shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister respectively. Minister, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy shall

be the Members while Chief Secretary will be the Member Secretary. The Committee shall be assisted by a team of senior officers.

It was also decided that besides Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, the spokespersons on COVID-19 will be Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon.

It was also decided that the H&FW Department will compile the status of COVID-19 patients for briefing to the media with details, like district wise number of asymptomatic patients, and symptomatic patients like mild, moderate, severe, admitted in ICU with or without oxygen, and on ventilator support.

The Cabinet further decided that, in view of the shortage of hospital facilities for COVID-19 in Dimapur, the Tourist Lodge, Dimapur can be converted into a COVID-19 Hospital.

### **APC VISITS ORGANIC AC MARKET AT DIMAPUR**

Agri Production Commissioner (APC) who is also in-charge of Dimapur district COVID-19 related activities, Kikheto Sema IAS, visited the

upcoming Organic Air Conditioned Market near Agri Expo site, Dimapur on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

Interacting with the Chief Executive Officer



of Nagaland State Agricultural Marketing Board, (NSAMB), G. Ikuto Zhimomi, and officers from Agri and Allied Sectors including DHO, Temsu Longkumer, DPO, Land Resources, Akato Chishi, Deputy Director (NSAMB), Kikheto asserted that agricultural activities cannot be compromised because of COVID-19, and reminded that corona virus is here to stay with us. Expressing apprehension over the huge number of Naga people arriving from other states, and whom he felt were less likely to return back to those states due to the pandemic, Kikheto Sema said that agriculture would be the only sector which could employ these youth in the absence of big industries in the State.

Dwelling on the huge scope in the field of agriculture, Khiketo Sema emphasised on the need for agriculture battalion and said that we have to go back to the fields. Further, Sema also dwelt on the need for supplying quality seedlings and saplings so

that the farmers do not feel distressed with low produces. Instead of buying lower quality from other states at cheap price, we should promote and encourage our own people to produce quality seeds and saplings, Sema maintained.

Chief Executive Officer, NSAMB, G. Ikuto Zhimomi said that the main objective of the upcoming market is to promote organic marketing and Naga organic promotion for income generation. He informed that construction work started in 2019 with an estimated budget of Rs. 8.264 crore. He also informed that the initial plan was to inaugurate the AC market in April but due to the nationwide lockdown, materials from Mumbai and Delhi could not be dispatched. The Organic AC market has two cold storage facilities with 100 KVA back-up generator and 150 KV transformer. The whole area would be solar panelled which can generate 68 KVA.

### **LAW AND ORDER REPORT FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020**

The State Emergency Operation Centre COVID-19 Control Room has issued the report on law and order across the State as on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha stated in the report that remedial steps have been taken against the violations and eight persons have been bound down.

Further, the report stated that shops for food grains, groceries, medicine and milk are open except in Mokokchung. There is no report of any shortage of food grains, groceries, milk or medicine in the State.

The report stated that there is no restriction on movement of essential service providers like electricity, telecom facilities, medical facilities etc. and personnel/workers in manufacturing units and commercial vehicles for distribution of essential commodities and e-commerce.

Suitable arrangements have been made for providing food and shelter to migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. From one active relief camp and two active food camps, 302 daily wagers/needy people have been provided food and dry rations by the Government and NGOs.

### **QUARANTINE CENTRE AT IG STADIUM TO BE OPERATIONAL SOON**

The urgently needed Quarantine Centre (QC) at IG stadium has been prepared to be operational from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Multipurpose Hall and Badminton Court at IG stadium has been converted into a temporary quarantine centre since 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for renovation and transformation of the structure to a comfortable dormitory for the returnees.

The Quarantine Centre has been divided into cubicles which will be able to accommodate a

total of around 470 people approximately. The centre has been provided with proper lavatories as well as electrifications and running water for the easement of the returnees. It is also to be noted that the Government will be providing food free of cost including all the basic essentials.

It may be mentioned that different churches have volunteered to manage the 'common kitchen' to help cater to their needs.







Work in progress at Quarantine Centre,  
Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima.



Different departments set up under various committees have been in action and sacrificing as the frontline workers since the pandemic began, and officers from various levels have walked out of their comfort zone, working tirelessly under different

circumstances with workforce shortage to handle the large number of returnees. The District Task Force will take the charges for maintenance and streamline the returnees from different states at the centre.

## Y. PATTON GRADES THE PERFORMANCE OF GANESHNAGAR QC AS EXCELLENT

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton visited the Ganeshnagar Quarantine Facility on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Police Department has taken the initiative for converting the Ganeshnagar Industrial Estate, which

has been abandoned for several years, into a Quarantine Centre for welcoming/housing the returnees, and the sprawling 600 acres site has been changed with a totally different scenic view within a week.

Deputy CM, Y. Patton along with his entourage, guided by DGP, Nagaland, inspecting the Ganeshnagar Quarantine Centre, Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.



Patton inspected the Quarantine Centre and isolation wards, and reviewed the preparedness of security, medical, electricity, water supply, sanitation and control room. Impressed with the visible development undertaken by the Police Department in

a record time, Patton graded their performance as excellent. He lauded the Police Department led by DGP, John Longkumer IPS for setting the stage beautifully to welcome the returnees to Nagaland. As a gesture of his satisfaction and also to boost the



morale of the policemen who were working tirelessly, he rendered monetary assistance for meeting exigencies.

PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi, on behalf of the legislators of Dimapur district, applauded the DGP and all ranks and files of the Police Department for the tremendous work done for the welfare of the Nagas. He also cautioned that as human nature, there might be criticisms once the returnees occupies the centre, but one should not feel discouraged and continue with their mission, mentioning prevention and isolation as the most important need of the present situation.

MLA Azheto also lauded the Police Department and advised them to inform the surrounding villages to stay indoors while the returnees are transported in the centre to avoid apprehensions, and also for spraying disinfectants often as a preventive measure.

DGP, John Longkumer assured to continue

rendering their best services and to make the Ganeshnagar QC one of the best.

DIG Training, Aotemsu, the man behind all the development works at Ganeshnagar, said that things have been carried out smoothly without confusions due to the unlimited authority vested to him by the DGP Nagaland. Aotemsu informed that 250 jawans including 30 women from Mahila Battalion have worked and is still working 10 hours a day. With regard to medical sector, he informed that five teams comprising of 20 medical staff (3 doctors and 17 medical personnel) in each team will work for 7 days. He further informed that in each sector, there would be a medical observation block which would be manned 24x7 in case of emergency. The returnees would also be monitored twice daily, he informed. Amongst others, Advisor Dr. Longriniken, Advisor Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor Kazheto Kinimi and Commissioner of Police, Dimapur also accompanied Y. Patton.

### **DIRECTORATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON SCALING UP OF AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE**

A daylong workshop on 'Scaling up of agriculture activities in the State' was conducted at the Conference Hall of Agriculture Directorate, Kohima on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Technical officers deliberated on developing action plan and way forward, focusing on the production and post production activities.

Delivering the keynote address, Director of Agriculture, M. Ben Yanthan highlighted on the prominence of agriculture sector in terms of economy and employment, wherein, it contributed 27.47% to the State's total GSDP during 2018-19, provides sustenance to the State's population of which 70 % workforce are women. Inviting all members for participation and fruitful interaction, he suggested for the convergence of the CSS programmes into a cluster approach by identifying potential area as per crop feasibility.

In the first session, the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors delivered the district tour presentation of 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A firsthand report on the operational activities taken up by the farming communities during the pandemic lockdown and field assessment of the districts and agricultural subdivisions in view of the current FAW outbreak and other natural calamities were highlighted.

Powerpoint presentation on Action Plan for 'Economy of the State Post COVID-19' was delivered by Ronchamo Kikon, SMS and on 'Social media in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' for awareness by Amongla C, SMS. A brainstorming afternoon session brought forth several innovative suggestions and agenda for scaling up agriculture activities. A Committee was constituted for working on the action plan and recommendations for way forward.

### **TRUENAT MACHINE INSTALLATION AND INAUGURATION PROGRAMME**

#### **JALUKIE:**

TrueNat machine installation and inauguration programme was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Customary Court, ADC's Office, Jalukie with MLA and Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang as the

Special Guest. The equipment was purchased and donated to Peren district designated COVID Hospital, CHC Jalukie by T. R. Zeliang, while its cartridges were donated by ZOAN officials to accelerate COVID-19 detection in the district.



Addressing the gathering, T. R. Zeliang cautioned the people of Peren not to panic but to take adequate precautionary measures as advised by the Health & Family Welfare Department (H&FW). Since there is no cure yet, the important thing is to test and be able to segregate the positive cases from the negative, only then, we can effectively fight against the virus, Zeliang added. He also stated that apart from the COVID-19 tests, many other ailments can also be detected through this test but different cartridges have to be used. He also called upon the leaders irrespective of political parties and organisations to extend cooperation to the District Administration in the fight against the pandemic.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, JAC Convenor, Dr. Tumda Newme, District Evaluation Officer, Peren, Erangnimbe also spoke on the occasion.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020, two TrueNat machines provided by the Department of H&FW, and one which was donated by Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang

was installed at CHC Jalukie. The programme was attended by Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Supongmenla Walling, SMO, CHC Jalukie, Dr. Yetovi Tuccu and Lab Technician, Amen Jamir.

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

TrueNat COVID-19 testing machine was installed in Zunheboto on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Two technicians were trained by the team and a trail of three samples was carried out. 30 samples from Zunheboto were already sent on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for testing and all were confirmed to be COVID-19 negative. So far, the district has no positive cases and stringent sample collection is underway from the recent returnees.

#### **PFUTSERO:**

TrueNat laboratory was inaugurated and installed at CHC Pfutsero by Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The TrueNat machine was donated by the Minister.



*Minister, Neiba Kronu during the inauguration of TrueNat Laboratory at CHC, Pfutsero on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

#### **LONGLENG:**

TrueNat machine was launched at District COVID-19 Hospital, Longleng on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and was dedicated by the Executive Secretary of Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA) Tialemba Phom in the presence of host of government officers, NGOs and civil societies led by the Deputy Commissioner, M. Shayung Phom, Superintendent

of Police, Yanithung Ezung and the President of Phom People's Council (PPC).

DC, M. Shayung Phom asserted that with the launching of TrueNat machine, the travel expenditure, time constraint and problem of manpower would be minimized and expedite result on time. The DC appealed to the medical fraternity to utilize the machine sincerely with utmost care and cater the best service to the people.





*Executive Secretary, PBCA, Tialemba Phom dedicating the TrueNat machine in the presence of DC, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom and SP, Longleng, Yanithung Ezung at Longleng on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

Phom also acknowledged the consolidated effort and the tireless service rendered by the frontline workers - the medical fraternity, District Task Force, Administration, Police, government officials, PPC, PBCA, Phomla Hoichem, PSC, churches and individuals for their cooperation and support besides contribution in kind and cash. Shayung maintained that the good teamwork comprising of the government officers, NGOs, churches and civil societies can be felt when the district is peaceful without complaints and untoward incidents reported from any quarter, and asserted that so far, no such unpleasant incident has taken place in the district while dealing to contain the spread of COVID-19. He appealed to all concerned to continue with the good teamwork not only to battle against COVID-19 but also in

other social development activities of the district.

Earlier, in his keynote address, Dr. Lhouzovituo Belho, MS, District Hospital Longleng informed that TrueNat double channel machine was received along with 200 cartridges of test kits, and said testing for Quarantine Centres would start immediately after the launch programme. Dr. Belho asserted that launching of TrueNat machine has relieved the burden of the Department and assured that the hospital is confident enough to combat against the virus. He also explained the provisions and advantage of the machines for other diseases besides COVID-19.

In his short speech, the President, PPC assured to provide fullest cooperation and support to the frontline workers to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE**

### **KOHIMA:**

Coinciding with the World Environment Day, the Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development (NEPED) Kohima, Nagaland in collaboration with the Nagaland Community Conservation Area Forum (NCCAF), donated wild vegetables to the Kohima District Administration on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Team Leader, NEPED and Commissioner & Secretary, K. Libanthung Lotha

stated that the donation was made to showcase the important role played by the community having the Community Conservation Areas (CCAs) across Nagaland. He stated that the World Environment Day is being celebrated with the theme 'Time for Nature' with focus on its role in providing the essential infrastructure that supports life on earth and human development.

'When we destroy biodiversity, we destroy the system that supports human life,'



interconnected with nature and if we do not take care of it, we will not be able to take care of our mother earth.

NEPED expressed gratitude to the

individual CCA and NCCAF for the support in these trying times in delivering wild vegetables to all the Deputy Commissioners across Nagaland to be utilised at their discretion as per necessity.



*NEPED Kohima and Dzülhami village under NCCAF, donating vegetables to District Administration, Kohima during World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

#### **WOKHA:**

Wokha district celebrated World Environment Day at Deputy Commissioner's Public Park on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 on the theme 'Biodiversity,' organized by Wokha Forest Division and Doyang Plantation Division.

DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha while speaking on the occasion, said it is very encouraging to see young people taking active part and participating during such events, and urged them to be the agents of change in spreading awareness in preserving and conserving our environment. He also added, it is not only the domain of the Forest Department alone in preserving our forests, but it is the responsibility of

everyone and called for community participation in preserving the forests. Due to the depletion of environment, even animals are coming closer to human habitation and stated that it is time for us to give utmost care in preserving our environment for the betterment of our future generation.

Superintendent of Police, Wokha, Imtitoshi said our forests are very rich with varieties of plants and vegetation which are not found in other parts of the country, but lamented that those plants are disappearing rapidly from our forests due to deforestation, and called for community participation in conserving our forests.

The programme ended with planting of trees at the DC's Public Park.



*DC, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir planting a tree sapling at DFO's Office premises, Mokokchung during World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

#### **MOKOKCHUNG:**

In commemoration of World Environment Day 2020 under the theme 'Biodiversity,' a programme was held at District Forest office, Mokokchung on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Mokokchung Forest Department's theme on the occasion was 'Restoring forest, conservation and livelihood' with an initiative 'Adopt a tree.'

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir while addressing the participants on the occasion, said we need individual and community participation to conserve our environment in a way to create an equilibrium which will enable nature to restore back the human exploitations on environment. Appreciating the initiative 'To adopt a tree,' taken up the Forest Department, he called upon all to contribute back to nature in our own small ways.

Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Vishal IPS and Chairman, Marepkong ward spoke on the need to conserve our environment.

On the occasion, the Department distributed plant saplings to all the Heads of Offices (HoDs) under Mokokchung district, to be planted and adopted by the HoDs.

#### **KIPHIRE:**

Kiphire Town Council (KTC) along with various NGOs and Ward Chairmen in collaboration with the District Administration celebrated World Environment Day at Deluxe Point, Kiphire on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Deputy Commissioner, Sarita Yadav, IAS stated that Nagaland is gifted with so many things like beautiful landscape, water, river, forest etc. but we are destroying all the beauty of nature by cutting down more trees and plants, which leads to landslide and soil erosion. She urged all the leaders to plant more trees for the next generation because we never know what is going to happen in the days to come. She also mentioned that the locust attacks across Africa and India and the corona virus pandemic act as a reminder that human health is linked to the planet's health.

Later, plantation of trees along the roadside was carried out within the town of Kiphire.

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

World Environment Day was celebrated at Satakha on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Heads of Offices, GBs and other stakeholders attended the programme. The day was marked by a plantation drive in respective offices, colonies and churches etc.

#### **LONGLENG:**

The Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), Longleng took the initiative and observed the World Environment Day 2020, coinciding with the annual activities of the 'Green Mission Day' of the association, by taking up massive plantation drive in the district by PBCA volunteers and various organizations and agencies of the district.

In his message to the people, the Executive Secretary of the PBCA, Tialemba Phom called upon all the responsible citizens to protect, save and care for mother nature and the environment from destruction. He lauded the DFO, Longleng, Beizo Suokhrie, IFS and his staff for providing saplings towards PBCA's Green Mission initiative.

Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK), Longleng along with District Administration and District Task Force BBBP also initiated new mission called 'Tree For Daughters,' to mark the World Environment Day 2020. Under this mission, the MSK will be planting trees every month in every ward to celebrate the birth of girl child. The activities of the 'Tree For Daughters' will be carried out under the MSK Longleng.

District Administration, Longleng led by Deputy Commissioner and Buranamsang Students Union in collaboration with Namsang EAC circle under Tamlu sub-division also observed the day by planting trees. The District Executive Force (DEF) Longleng and Yingli College also observed World Environment Day by carrying out plantation drive.







*Children participating during the World Environment Day at Noklak town on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



### **NOKLAK:**

World Environment Day 2020 was observed at Noklak town under the theme 'Conserve Biodiversity' which was organised by 45 Assam Rifles, Noklak 'A' Coy on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Speaking on the occasion, Major Anuj Mahant stated that the region has a rich biodiversity and urged the people to continue to conserve the biodiversity and also advised all to plant trees. Taking the initiatives of the occasion, he gave his sincere appreciation to Khiamniungan Menyu Hoikam (KMH), Adora Children Home and all the well-wishers for participating and making the World

Environment Day 2020 remarkable and successful. With few participants, the plantation drive and programme were carried out maintaining social distancing along with all the precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he added. Major Anuj Mahant also presented gifts to all the participants of Adora Children Home during the short programme held at Assam Rifles Camp, Noklak.

Earlier, the participants marched in the main town as an awareness on World Environment Day, holding banners. Also, more than hundred saplings of pines and ornamental trees were planted in the main town and Assam Rifles camp area.



*ADC, Shamator, Lankonsen Tsanglao and others planting saplings at ADC's Office premises during World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

### **SHAMATOR:**

The Government Primary School (GPS) - B Shamator observed World Environment Day at the school campus by cleaning up weeds and planting saplings on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The programme was initiated by School Management Committee (SMC) and teaching staff, Yanhokiu, President, Shamator Town Public Forum who is also the Chairman of the SMC led the campaign along with teachers and senior students.



**STATE GOVERNMENT SPONSORS SPECIAL BUS FOR STRANDED FROM MP**

A special bus sponsored by Nagaland Government carrying 34 stranded persons of Nagaland, including an infant, departed from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Earlier,

another special bus brought 41 stranded persons of Nagaland from Himachal Pradesh which departed with seven persons from Himachal Pradesh, who were stranded in Nagaland.

**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND ON 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

A Cabinet meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020, and a detailed briefing on the COVID-19 situation was delivered by the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) and the Home Departments. The provisions of the SOP for the returnees to Nagaland and the measures being taken for further streamlining the entire management of the Quarantine Centres were also discussed. The

H&FW Department also gave a briefing on the health status of the positive cases undergoing treatment at the COVID-19 hospitals.

Till date, the One Time Financial Assistance of Rs 10,000 to persons from Nagaland stranded outside the State, and those who have decided to voluntarily stay back in their respective places, has been paid to 14,943 persons amounting to Rs. 14.94 crore.

**NEIBA KRONU BRIEFS MEDIA ON COVID-19 SCENARIO IN THE STATE**

A press conference on COVID-19 was held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Conference Hall, Secretariat, Kohima.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu who was the spokesperson, highlighted on the cabinet meeting which was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. He pointed that the Cabinet has deliberated on the existing SOP for the returnees and considering the need for further streamlining it, also decided inter alia by providing paid quarantine to those returnees who wish to avail it. He further encouraged enlisting private labs to conduct COVID-19 at government approved rates, designating police quarantine for inmates indulging in unruly delinquent behaviour, enlisting cooperation and involvement of tribal bodies, and Government Officers' Association for

providing food in institutional quarantine.

Kronu further highlighted that the Cabinet also decided to get the details of the returnees such as name, address, village, mobile number, past work experience or the trade engaged in, skill proficiency, so that people who stay back are able to get employed and earn their living. The Cabinet also decided that mechanisms will be put in place for registering anyone who wish to go out of the State for work, so that details will be available and the Government will be in a position to promptly reach out to anyone outside the State who is in distress and provide assistance.

Kronu informed that the Cabinet has also asked the DGP to identify persons circulating fake or deceitful videos or messages pertaining to COVID-19 in the social media and punish them as per law.

**PD, H&FW INTERACTS WITH MEDIA ON COVID-19**

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Vizolie Z Suokhrie

interacted with media on technical issues relating to COVID-19 at the Conference Hall of



Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Addressing the media, Dr. Vizolie said that due to misconception about Corona virus, there has been panic reaction among the public which is leading to stigma and discrimination particularly toward the healthcare workers. He remarked that if the frontline healthcare workers are discriminated, the whole purpose of winning the fight against the virus will be impossible. He therefore emphasized on the need to educate and spread awareness about COVID-19 to the public. He remarked that corona virus is here to stay with us for a long period, but if we collectively work together and take social and individual responsibility, COVID-19 is preventable. He also said that simple prevention measures like social distancing, cough hygiene, hand hygiene, mask etc. must be followed by everyone in order to combat the virus.

Dr. Vizolie said that COVID-19 infected patients with mild and asymptomatic cases will be transferred to the COVID-19 Care Centre, and COVID-19 Hospitals can be reserved for more severe cases. He also added that COVID-19 Care Centres will be set in all the districts of Nagaland in the days to come.

The Director also stressed on the importance of the use of mask in the proper way

as has been published by the departments in its directives. He stated that N95 masks should be reserved for those healthcare workers who comes into direct contact with the patients and encouraged the public to use the other types of masks available in the market including cloth masks. He stated that the Department has procured different sets of PPEs for different categories of workers and emphasized on the importance of rational use of PPEs. With regard to the management of confirmed cases, the health officials stated that in asymptomatic cases which will comprise of about 80 percent of confirmed case, no specific treatment would be required but the patients would have to maintain a healthy lifestyle, while for symptomatic cases, treatment would be provided as per the symptoms. The officials also stated that the discharge policy of the State has deviated slightly from the Central guidelines to ensure maximum containment.

The testing strategy of the State was also discussed at the interaction, whereby the officials stated that presently, the State is following a 5<sup>th</sup> Revision Strategy. The officials also highlighted the testing capacity of the State which presently stands at 230 tests per day, and is likely to increase up to 800 tests per day in the next few weeks.

## POLICE ARRESTS CYBER CRIME ACCUSED

SP, Crime and PRO of Nagaland Police, Manoj Kumar A. IPS has informed that the main accused in Cyber Crime PS Case No.05/20 U/S 153(A)/505(1B)/505(1C)/505(2)/120B IPC, Pankaj Gupta who has been on the run from the Police was arrested from Kurukshetra, Haryana, by a team of Haryana Police and Nagaland Police officers. The arrest was based on the non-bailable warrant of arrest issued by Judicial Magistrate First Class, Kohima.

The Cyber Crime PS of Nagaland Police had taken cognizance of various social media trolls

uploaded on various platforms by the accused, which were inflammatory, abusive, divisive and prejudicial to the maintenance of social peace and harmony attracting the provisions of IPC, which are cognisable and non-bailable. The accused had made serious allegations without basis and authentication, along with conspiracy theories which are a threat to public peace and order.

It is stated that the accused is being processed for transit remand and shall be produced before the Honourable Court, Kohima. It was further added that the Police shall be investigating into the





involvement of other co-conspirators on various social media platforms, if any, in furtherance of this criminal act.

Nagaland Police, through the PRO, has also appealed to the citizens of Nagaland to be very cautious and discreet in soliciting comments in social media without verifying facts. The freedom of speech

in a democracy also comes with reasonable legal restrictions, and asked the citizens to be mindful of it.

Nagaland Police has also stated that any violation of law shall be strongly dealt with, as per the provisions of law and sought the co-operation of all to maintain peace and harmony in these difficult times for our State.

### **BRIEFING ON COVID-19 2020 FOR NAGALAND ON 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

A review meeting of the High Powered Committee (HPC) on COVID-19 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with the Co-Chairman, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with Members, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhone Kikon and senior officials of the State Government. The meeting was also attended by the Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, Kaito Aye, Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Justice & Law, C. M. Chang, Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi and Minister, PWD (Housing & Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum.

The HPC deliberated on the issue of stranded people who were working outside and have returned to the State due to the ongoing pandemic, and the Department of Labour & Employment has been asked to register all such people with the Government with full details, so that appropriate training and skill development programmes could be run for them to help them get gainfully employed.

The Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment informed that the Department is working with the IT&C Department to come out with an app where the returnees can register themselves along with their skill set and work experience. The data collected will be used by the Government to work on an action plan to utilise the available human

resources in the State.

The HPC discussed about the mechanisms that should be put in place so that people of the State who are planning to return to the other states for employment can get themselves registered with the Government of Nagaland and update their place of employment and other details. This is required so as to enable the State Government to quickly reach out to anyone outside the State, who is in distress and provide assistance and other kind of help, should any such need arise in future.

Principal Director, H&FW gave a briefing on the COVID-19 status in the State and informed that the testing capacity of the BSL-3 lab in Kohima is increasing steadily and in the BSL-2 Lab in Dimapur, about 90% of work has been completed. He further apprised that work for the BSL-2 Lab in Tuensang is in progress and within this month, all the districts in Nagaland will have testing facilities. He also informed that 45 ventilators have been dispatched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for Nagaland and is expected to arrive soon.

Principal Secretary, Home apprised the HPC about the provisions of the SOP for the returnees to the State and the measures being taken for facilitating the District Task Forces, ensuring that complete adherence to the concerned SOP were deliberated upon.

Principal Director, School Education apprised the HPC about the applications received for One Time Assistance of Rs. 10,000 by the State





Government to those staying outside and voluntarily opting to stay back. He informed that after proper verification, it was found that only 15,899 persons were eligible for this scheme and a total of Rs.15,89,90,000 has been incurred for this purpose.

Matters pertaining to engineers, technical experts, skilled labourers etc. from outside the State, who are required to come to the State from time to time, to perform specialized and essential works in the power, telecom and other vital installations for short duration was deliberated upon. It was decided that the Home Department will examine and come out with a separate SOP for such categories of people whose entry in the State is unavoidable for short durations. There could be provisions made in

the SOP for testing such people by TrueNat machines on their entry, and on negative results, they could be allowed to proceed for work, while following all the social distancing norms.

The status on the existing lockdown measures in the State was discussed, and all the activities which have been allowed so far by the Government of India were also deliberated upon. The HPC decided on allowing religious places in the State to open, subject to adherence to the provisions of SOP issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. It was decided that the relevant orders in this regard should mention all the conditions/provisions that need to be followed at the religious places.

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### **NEIBA KRONU BRIEFS MEDIA ON THE STATE COVID-19 STATUS AND INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE NAGALAND GOVERNMENT**

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Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu briefed media on the State COVID-19 status and initiatives taken by the Nagaland Government at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Kronu remarked that with a view to further strengthen the manpower of the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department, the Cabinet meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 approved creation of 53 posts of Specialist Doctors for 11 District Hospitals, creation of 1 post of Director (Medical Education & Radiation Safety) at the level of Special Selection Grade, creation of 5 posts of Zonal Leprosy Officer (Longleng, Kiphire, Peren, Phek and Zunheboto) at the level of Senior Grade, encadrement of 2 posts of District Vector Borne Officer (Tuensang and Zunheboto) into the cadre of the Nagaland Health Service as and when the present incumbents vacate the same, to be manned by medical doctors, and creation of 143 posts of Staff Nurses to be deployed in all the District Hospitals. He further informed that Cabinet also approved age

condonation of 28 Staff Nurses under H&FW Department and fresh appointment be made against the sanctioned post regularization of 19 serving contract Medical Officers under the H&FW Department, regularization of 27 existing Medical Officers who have been engaged by the Department for a period of one year.

Kronu said that the Cabinet further directed that the approval is in one-time relaxation of laid down rules and procedures for recruitment, regularization and condonation of age and this one-time measure in view of prevailing situation in the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic.

Nagaland spokesperson for COVID-19, Advisor Mmhonlumo Kikon informed media about Nagaland CM's video conference with the Union Minister, Dr. Jitender Singh and conveyed about proposal by Nagaland Government to initiate an e-office to manage all correspondence electronically. He further said that during the video conference, the CM also discussed and reminded about the airport in the capital and also the Trans-Nagaland Highway which is one of the



major projects of Nagaland Government to be taken up on priority. Kikon also highlighted about CM's video conference earlier in the day with DCs, SPs and CMOs of all the districts to take reports on the groundworks being carried out by them.

Kikon also highlighted media that the expenditure incurred by the Government of Nagaland for managing and feeding returnees in all Quarantine Centres in Nagaland till 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is Rs 8,68,63,146. He added that the

Government of Nagaland through the District Task Force hires caterers to cater food in all the Quarantine Centres and any issues relating to the quality of food must be addressed by the District Task Force. He also stated that the expenditure incurred by the Government of Nagaland regarding the two mode of transportation, namely 32 special buses and 9 special trains, to bring back stranded persons from 13 different states to Nagaland till date is Rs. 1.65 lakh.

## **STATE'S EXPENDITURE ON COVID-19 IS RS. 127.11 CR: Y. PATTON**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon and other officials held a press conference with media people on State Finances at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **1) Revenue Gap Grant:**

The main receipts of the State are the Revenue Deficit Grant and the Share of Central Taxes and Duties. We received the Revenue Deficit Grant because as the name itself says, we are in revenue deficit even after the awards. So, in order to reduce the gap of deficit in resources to meet revenue expenditure, the Revenue Deficit Grant is given. For the year 2020-21, the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has recommended Revenue Deficit Grant of Rs. 326.42 crore each month to the State. This is a fixed amount and does not change. Since it is meant to meet the shortfall in expenditure relating to salaries, pensions, debt servicing etc. there is no scope to divert this grant for other purposes as is being misunderstood by many. In fact, this grant does not fully cover shortfall in revenue expenditure and so, a deficit in resources still remains even after this grant.

### **2) Share of Central Taxes and Duties:**

This is given to each state based on the formula worked out by the Commission which includes parameters such as geographical area, forest cover, population and income distance. While the Union Budget of 2020-21 has projected an amount of Rs. 4493.37 crore as Share of Central Taxes and Duties for Nagaland to be released in 14 equal instalments, the actual receipt is much less at Rs. 263.80 crore which is being received in 14 equal instalments. Since the State's Budget is prepared based on the figures reflected by the Central Government in its budget, this will leave the State with a shortfall of Rs. 800.17 crore by the end of the year at current levels of receipt. However, there is possibility of receipts under this head further reducing since it is based on actual tax collections of the Central Government. With tax collections deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that reduced tax collections in the current financial year may result in further reduction of receipts under this head.

As in the case of Revenue Deficit Grant, receipts under this head go to meet revenue expenditure on salaries, pensions and debt servicing etc. and so the scope for utilising this receipt for other purposes does not arise.





### 3) State's own revenues:

Due to the lockdown and its negative impact, during the month of April 2020, we were able to collect an amount of Rs. 21.28 crore only as against an average monthly receipt of Rs. 109 crore during 2019-20, Rio said. Following partial relaxations during the month of May 2020, tax collections during June have risen to Rs. 69.65 crore. However, this is still far below last year's levels, and will have a deep negative impact on our resource position during the current financial year.

### 4) Expenditure related to COVID-19 pandemic:

The State Government has so far spent an amount of Rs. 127.11 crore to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 24.75 crore has been received from the Central Government, Rs. 99.42 crore has been spent from the State's own resources, and an amount of Rs. 2.95 crore from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The State Government has been providing financial assistance to those stranded, bearing the cost of bringing them back home and keeping them in Quarantine Centres at the cost of the State Exchequer. In addition, the Government had to prepare Quarantine Centres by repairing and furnishing them. Expenditure has also been incurred in providing facilities such as BSL labs, TrueNat testing machines, ventilators, medicines and Personal Protection Equipments to the healthcare and frontline workers at our own cost. But the process is far from being over. The fight against the pandemic has just started, and with rising instances of positive cases, we will have to invest more in health infrastructure and related activities to ensure that the spread of this pandemic is contained to the quarantine and isolation facilities.

Owing to the acute shortage of doctors and nurses, the Government has also taken a decision to recruit 53 fresh doctors and 143 nurses to help manage the pandemic. The salary expenditure on account of these new posts is estimated at Rs. 11.07 crore annually.

In addition to the above expenditure, the State Government has also through the Department of Labour, extended assistance of Rs. 2000 to 19,046 construction workers from the Cess Fund, to protect them from the impact of economic disruption due to COVID-19 through direct transfer to their bank accounts. The total amount of assistance extended comes to Rs. 3.80 crore.

### 5) Austerity measures:

Knowing fully well the levels of expenditure that would be required to handle this crisis, we have taken a decision to reduce government expenditure through various decisions such as freezing of fresh appointments, 15% cut in selected items of expenditure such as Travelling Entitlements, Office Expenses, Motor Vehicles and Maintenance, Dearness Allowances and Dearness Relief during 2020-21 and pro-rata cut of 15% in the State's own developmental expenditure.

The State Government is doing all that is possible for our people returning from outside. In fact, the State Government machinery has been fully engaged since April 2020 in preparations for their return, in managing the logistics of their movement and management of the quarantine facilities with all expenses borne by the Government along with the support of the churches and the civil society organisations. In order to provide support and handholding in locating job opportunities and to meet the training/skilling requirements of returnees as well as to keep track of the State's people going out of the State for employment, the Government has decided to set up a Special Cell in the Labour & Employment Department. This will be of great help to our working professionals returning and going out for work. The State Government has done all that is possible in the present circumstances, much more than any other State Government. It is hoped that all citizens will be able to look at things from a more positive point of view and fight this



pandemic together, instead of wasting time making unsubstantiated allegations.

### 6. Revenue from COVID-19 Cess:

The Government took a considered decision to levy COVID-19 Cess following a preliminary assessment of the levels of expenditure that would have to be incurred to fight the pandemic, especially considering the need to build up health infrastructure as well as for procurement of machinery and equipments including protective items and medicines. However, the cost of meeting the actual needs have far exceeded what was initially estimated. As mentioned above, we have already spent a total of Rs. 127.11 crore in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic so far. This is not confined to the Health & Family Welfare Department only and have been clarified above.

Since the State Government was aware of the huge negative impact the pandemic would have on the finances of the State, it decided to raise some extra resources from the petroleum sector since it is one of the few areas that remains outside the purview of GST and within the domain of the State. Nagaland is not the only state that has raised rates of tax on petroleum products. Other states have also done the same. We have only decided to name it COVID-19 Cess

to ensure that amounts collected are used entirely for the purpose of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic by making it more visible and traceable.

The amount of COVID-19 Cess collected was Rs. 0.24 crore in April and Rs. 3.36 crore in May 2020. The estimated collection for the financial year 2020-21 is Rs. 37.25 crore. The collections so far are a fraction of what we have already spent without budgetary support. In fact, the coming months will continue to see significant expenditure in the transportation of returnees, their feeding expenses, purchase of medicines and equipments, cost of completion of the BSL labs and purchase of equipments and consumables for these labs, as well as investments that will require to be made in the district hospitals to facilitate them to deal with increasing number of COVID-19 positive cases. There are also other frontline agencies like the Administration, Police, Fire Services who are incurring heavy expenses in their daily activities connected to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the amount being collected from the COVID-19 Cess are nominal, in the extraordinary circumstances that we are faced with, we have to take measures to tap all possible resources so that we do not face a financial collapse.

### Data on Receipts and Expenditure (State's Share of Union Taxes and Duties) (Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	Description	2019-20	2020-21
1	Projection by Finance Commission	5161.00	4900.00
2	Estimated in the Union Budget	4206.11	4493.37
3	Actually received	3267.08	3693.20
4	Less received compared to Finance Commission projections	-1893.92	-1206.80
5	Less received compared to Union Budget projections	-939.03	-800.17

\* Projections of 2020-21 based on receipts in April and May



### Aggregate Monthly Revenue Receipts and Revenue Expenditure during 2020-21

A: Receipts		Budgeted	Latest Estimates
1	Revenue Deficit Grant	326.42	326.42
2	Share of Central Taxes*	374.45	307.77
3	Own Revenue **	98.03	45.47
	Total A:	798.90	679.66

B: Expenditure:		Budgeted	Latest Estimates
1	Salaries	461.81	432.30
2	Pension	182.33	178.17
3	Interest payments	99.62	99.62
4		110.34	107.29
	Total B:	854.10	817.38
C: Monthly revenue shortfall		-55.20	-137.72
D: Annual revenue shortfall		-662.40	-1652.64

**Note:**

- \* Share of Union Taxes is receivable in 14 instalments during a financial year. Presently, each instalment is Rs. 263.80 crore as against Rs. 320.96 crore of Union Budget ( $320.96 \times 14 = 4493.37$  crore)
- \*\* The total State's own revenue receipt in April and May was Rs. 90.93 crore averaging Rs. 45.47 crore a month. It had increased from Rs. 21.28 crore during April 2020 to Rs. 69.65 crore during May 2020. This is an increase of Rs. 48.37 crore over April 2020.

### RECEIPT FROM GoI AND RELEASES BY STATE ETC. FOR COVID-19 AS ON 15-6-20

#### A. RECEIPTS FROM GoI AND RELEASED TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rs. crore
1	GoI- NHM (Medical Department)	3.71
2	GoI- NHM (Medical Department)	3.71
	TOTAL: A	7.42

#### RELEASES MADE FROM STATE'S RESOURCES TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1	From State's resources	38.03
2	State's Share for A2	0.41
3	TrueNat Testing Machines (14x20 No.)	2.80
4	BSL-2 labs at CIHSR and Tuensang	5.98
5	Maintenance of hospitals etc.	1.70
	TOTAL: B	48.92

#### RECEIPTS FROM NEC (DIRECT-FUNDED) TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1	Into NHM Account	3.00
	TOTAL: C	3.00
	TOTAL TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (A+B+C)	59.34



**RECEIPTS FROM GoI AND RELEASED TO NSDMA**

1	35% of SDRF of Rs. 20.50 cr – 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	7.18
2	NDRF	7.15
	<b>TOTAL: D</b>	<b>14.33</b>

**TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS FROM STATE'S RESOURCES**

1	Civil Supplies - Foodgrains	3.60
2	Home Department - Quarantine Centres and Relief etc.	10.00
3	State Share for B1 (SDRF)	0.80
4	For Relief Works (anticipation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of SDRF	7.98
5	Quarantine Centres and One-time assistance (10000) etc.	28.12
	<b>TOTAL: (E)</b>	<b>50.50</b>

<b>FROM CMRF</b>	<b>2.95</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL: A+B+C+D+E+F</b>	<b>127.11</b>

<b>RECEIPT FROM GoI &amp; NEC</b>	<b>24.75</b>
<b>FROM STATE'S RESOURCES</b>	<b>99.42</b>
<b>FROM CMRF</b>	<b>2.95</b>

**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND ON 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi held a meeting with the Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors and Administrators of 21 States and Union Territories through video conferencing to review and assess the current situation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chief Minister of Nagaland

attended the meeting, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs and Advisor, for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy.

**JOB LINKS PORTAL LAUNCHED AT KOHIMA**

The Nagaland Job Links Portal of the Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department, <https://joblinks.nagaland.gov.in> was launched by Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Advisor Imnatiba stated that under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, the High Powered Committee during its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 had directed the Department of Labour &

Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship to register all returnees for skill development training for self employment in the State. The Department with the active participation of the Information Technology & Communication Department had developed the Job Links Portal, a holistic system to align youth aspirations with the available employment opportunities in the State. He stated that on the portal, job seekers and employers can register themselves wherein, the portal will act as a platform to connect job seekers with employers in private sector establishments initially.





The Advisor further informed that Skill Training Institutions/Organizations will be added in due course of time to enable and assist any registered individual with re-skilling or upgrading to suit to local business and economic conditions. There is also a plan to include Financial Institutions such as banks to provide financial loans for registered individuals who want to start up their own businesses, he added.

The Advisor added that the portal will also soon include registration of all who plan to work outside the State, so as to enable quick assistance during emergencies or time of need.

Imnatiba stated that all unemployed people including returnees are to register in the portal via <https://joblinks.nagaland.gov.in> This will enable the Government to assess the skill sets available in the

State and also plan for economic sectors which can be taken up in Nagaland, and the kind of re-skilling or up-skilling programmes required to rejuvenate the State Economy and also provide for employment.

The Advisor appealed to all private sector employers, both within the State and elsewhere, to register on the portal for sourcing local Naga job seekers directly from the Job Links Portal.

Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Asenla Keitzar added that the portal will help the Government build up accurate database of job seekers within the State and those going out seeking for employment outside the State.

The State IT&C Department gave a brief presentation of the newly launched website.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS PRESS BRIEFING

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Nagaland Police held a press briefing on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Mini Conference Room, PHQ, Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, IGP (Range), Limasunep Jamir IPS stated that the objective of the press briefing is to give an overview of police and security forces action against various underground factions, particularly with reference to extortion and measures taken to curb extortion by the State Police. On behalf of the Nagaland Police, he assured that the Police shall continue to carry out its mandated duty of anti-extortion drive relentlessly, irrespective of various UG Groups/Over Grown Sympathizers (OGS)/Anti-social elements masquerading or taking the name of various UG Groups. He shared the official figures of arrests made against various underground factions by the State Police and Assam Rifles/Security Forces over the last five years whereby, a total of 893 criminal cases have been registered and a total of 1,238 persons have been arrested for involvement in various crimes like violation of Arms Act, Explosive Act, Murder, Extortion, Robbery, etc.

Highlighting some of the issues faced by the Police, Jamir stated that in more than 95 percent of cases relating to extortion, the criminal cases are registered 'suo-motto' by the Police, signifying the lack of participation by

the victims to carry out their duty and responsibility to file a formal complaint in a police station. This lack of participation by the victims stabs at the heart of criminal justice system and only encourages and emboldens the criminals further, Jamir stated.

Through the press briefing, Jamir, on behalf of the Police Department made an appeal to all to be more forthcoming with criminal complaints, and to take it upon as a duty and responsibility to come forward and assist the Police in tackling the menace of extortion, while also assuring with utmost certainty that the police stations would be prompt to take cognizance of any complaints they receive, and that there are enough officers to ensure that action is taken. He further made an appeal to make use of the helplines provided by District Polices including Facebook page, Twitter handle and a Whatsapp number, which can also be used to post any complaint with confidentiality, if so desired.

As a matter of caution, Jamir pointed out that submission to such illegal demands by various UGs, notwithstanding any justification, could leave a trail of terror funding, offence against the State, abatement to criminal offence which can invoke the attention of national investigation agency.



**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND ON 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the BSL-2 Lab at Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research, Dimapur was inaugurated by Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom who was accompanied by Minister for PHE, Jacob Zhimomi, Advisor for Power, Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor for Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, Advisor for IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung, and MLA Azheto Zhimomi. Senior officials from the State Government, APC and Dimapur district in-charge of COVID-19 related activities, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Commissioner of Police, Dimapur were also present.

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19. The advantage of this platform lies in its accuracy as well as the ability to run up to 90 samples in a single run.

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**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 FOR NAGALAND ON 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

As on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the total number of positive cases in the State stands at 459. Out of this, the total active cases are 291, and 168 have recovered. All the COVID-19 positive persons are receiving medical care at the designated COVID-19 Hospitals. As per the severity of symptoms, all the 291 active cases are asymptomatic.

Till date, a total of 12,161 samples have been tested. Results of 11,408 samples have been received. Out of the 12,161 samples, 7,883 samples have been received at the BSL-3 lab at the Naga

Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) and a total of 7,790 samples have been tested, out of which 368 samples have tested positive. A total of 5299 samples have also been tested by TrueNat, out of which 89 samples tested positive and are sent for confirmation by RT-PCR. A total of 5,114 persons are presently under facility quarantine.

If you develop any signs and symptoms of Cough, Fever or Difficulty in Breathing, contact the State Helpline Number 1800 345 0019 of the Health & Family Welfare Department.

**UPHC SEIKHAZOU AWARDED NQAS CERTIFICATION**

A short programme to felicitate Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) Seikhaizou for being awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certification was held at the Office Chamber of the Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Speaking at the programme, Minister, H&FW, Pangnyu Phom lauded the Department for their efforts in delivering quality healthcare services to the State, especially in the time of COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulating the UPHC Seikhaizou for being awarded the NQAS certification, he said that such achievements bring





laurel not only to the Department but to the entire State. The Minister stated the need to create more of such healthcare facilities in the remote areas of the State, and emphasized that UPHCs should be set up, at least in all the District Headquarters of the State.

Mission Director, NHM, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru highlighting on NUHM, said it was launched in Nagaland on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and UPHC Seikhaizou started in June 2014. He stated that UPHC Seikhaizou facility underwent various assessment by a two member team of empanelled external assessors, and after meeting all the criteria, was awarded 'quality certified' under NQAS. He said that since its inception, the UPHC Seikhaizou has been providing equitable and quality primary healthcare services to the urban population. He further added that UPHC Seikhaizou is rendering commendable service and even during this time of COVID-19 pandemic, the facility is catering to the need of all the other essential services to the people.

The UPHC Seikhaizou Team briefed the Minister about the ongoing activities being carried out in the Centre, the difficulties being faced in delivering services to the people, and in this

regard, informed the Minister that adequate inflow of fund is the need of the hour, to keep the UPHC going. This will ensure proper supply of drugs, medical equipments, and sufficient human resources, which will encourage the Centre to perform better.

There are five criteria for NQAS Certification, namely a) Aggregate score of health facility is 70 % b) Aggregate score in each area of concern is 60% c) Score of Standard A2, B3 and F4 is 60% d) Individual standard wise score is 50% and e) Patient satisfaction score is 60% or 3.0 of Likert Scale. To qualify for the NQAS Certification, UPHC Seikhaizou had to undergo three levels of assessment – Internal Assessment, Peer Assessment and External Assessment. First External Assessment of UPHC Seikhaizou was conducted from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with overall score of 76.5%. Thereafter, State Internal Assessment was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with overall score of 89.8% followed by External Assessment on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 with overall score of 83.9%. Official Certification from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF NLA INFORMS

The full text of the press release by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on Petitioning Assembly is as follows:

1. Under Rule 233 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the NLA, the Committee on Petition of the NLA, 2020-2021 was constituted on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 for a period of 1 (one) year under the chairmanship of Dr. Chumben Murry, Member of Legislative Assembly with Committee Members (1) N. Thongwang Konyak, MLA (2) Pohwang Konyak, MLA (3) Eshak Konyak, MLA (4) Amenba Yaden, MLA (5) R. Khing, MLA and (6) Dr. Longrineken, MLA.
2. The Committee on Petitions at its introductory meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 decided that individuals, associations or institutions who desires to prefer petitions relating to redressal of public grievances may send petitions in English or Nagamese, duly signed by the petitioner/petitioners with date and countersigned by an MLA, addressed to the Commissioner & Secretary, NLA Secretariat. Such petition may be sent to the Office of the Secretary, NLA.
3. Petitions should be in respectful and temperate language. Petitions may relate to:







*IGP (Range), Limasunep Jamir IPS and SP (Crime), Manoj Kumar IPS at a press briefing at Mini Conference Room, Police Headquarters, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*State Spokespersons on COVID-19, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon along with other senior government officials addressing a press conference at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Sarita Yadav IAS planting a tree in commemoration of World Environment Day at Deluxe Point, Kiphire on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Member of Legislative Assembly and Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang speaking at the installation programme of TrueNat machine at ADC's Office, Jalukie on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*





*Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and District Planning & Development Board Members with Md. Zaheer-Ul-Alam, 12<sup>th</sup> ranked topper of HSLC Examination 2020 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K. along with other officials during the inauguration of the Fully Automatic Biochemistry Analyzer and Haematology Analyzer at District Hospital, Mon on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yepthomi during the laying of foundation stone for the development of pilgrimage infrastructure in Nagaland, under PRASAD scheme, at Noksen, Tuensang on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom inaugurating the BSL-2 Laboratory at Christian Institute of Higher Sciences & Research, Dimapur on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



- a. A bill which has been published under Rule 64 or which has been introduced in the House;
- b. Any matter connected with the business pending before the House; and
- c. Any matter of general public interest provided that it is not one:
  - i. Which falls within the cognizance of a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India or a court of inquiry or a statutory tribunal or authority or a quasi-judicial body or a Commission.
  - ii. Which should ordinarily be raised in Parliament or any other State Legislature.
  - iii. Which can be raised on a substantive motion or resolution; or
  - iv. For which remedy is available under the law including rules, regulations, bye-laws made by the Central or State Government, or an authority to whom power to make such rules, regulations etc. is delegated.
4. Anonymous petitions and petitions raising individual grievances or trivial matters are liable to be summarily rejected.
5. Representations / petitions which falls in the following category will not be considered by the Committee but shall be filed on receipt in the Committee on Petition Branch, NLA Secretariat:
  - a. Anonymous letter or letters in which names or addresses of senders are not given or are illegible; and
  - b. Endorsement copies of letters addressed to the authorities or other officers in the NLA Secretariat other than the Speaker or the House unless there is specific request on such a copy praying for redress of the grievances.



**DIMAPUR DTF RESOLVES MARKET TIMING**

The Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, and resolved to reduce market timing from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, for the safety and interest of the public in general. The meeting resolved that for the timebeing, malls, showrooms, restaurants will be completely closed including takeaway restaurant services. Further, the meeting also decided the timing for hardware shops to open from 6:00 am to 10:00 am.

In the meeting, some members while appreciating the successful odd and even exercise for easing traffic, also resolved that traffic movement with odd and even should be strictly allowed till 2:00 pm, except the exempted categories and requested the police for strict monitoring.

With the maximum number of COVID-19 positive cases admitted at Dimapur COVID-19 Hospital, the Dimapur DTF members felt the need to keep buffer stock of ventilators, monitors, regulators

ready, and for which it was decided that Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur would write officially to the higher authority for action to be taken.

The members also deliberated on the need for installing TrueNat machines at Dimapur for more testing in a day, as more special trains would be arriving.

Administrator, Dimapur Municipal Council Dimapur, Albert Ezung informed the members that besides carrying out the normal routine of collection and disposal of garbages, sanitisation team has been undertaking additional responsibilities. He also informed that all the 46 Quarantine Centres are sprayed with disinfectants before and after the returnees' occupation.

Medical Superintendent, Dimapur, Dr. Kheshito emphasized on the urgent need for purchasing and installing of dialysis machine at Dimapur COVID-19 Hospital.

**TUENSANG DTF DELIBERATES ON RELEASE OF THOSE IN QUARANTINE**

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant chaired the meeting.

The forum discussed on releasing the second batch of inmates from Green Zone Quarantine Centres. A total of 36 individuals, 6 female and 3 male from Abigail Hostel Longkhim, and 16 male and 11 female from Government Polytechnic Sedem quarantine facilities, who completed 14 days of

quarantine period were released on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 with medical certifications and standing orders in case they face problems while entering villages and wards, after which seven more days of home quarantine were made mandatory.

Report by visiting engineers for the construction and installation of BSL-2 Laboratory at Tuensang was also discussed. The Board also discussed and decided to request for emergency re-testing of the returnees from Red Zone.

**MSK AND BBBP ORGANISES 'POSTAL DESIGNING COMPETITION' AT LONGLENG**

In connection with the celebration of World No Tobacco Day in Longleng, the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) - District Level Centre for Women in collaboration with the District Administration, Longleng organised 'Postal Designing Competition' under the theme 'Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use.'

Altogether 47 students from Class 8 to 12 from different schools under Longleng district participated in the competition.

Henmoi, Class-10 student of Shamakok

Mission School, Longleng and Shingmei T Phom, Class-12 student of Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng were placed in the first and second position respectively. Niamchai, Class-9 student of St. Joseph School and N. Chunri Phom, Class-9 student of Vision Vale School were adjudged second runners up.

The MSK in collaboration with DTF on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and District Administration also distributed emergency kits to the Quarantine Centres, Longleng on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

## LOCAL MLAs HOLD MEETING AT TUENSANG

Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Tuensang Sadar I, Toyang Chang and MLA, Sadar II, Kejong Chang convened a meeting at the Office Chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 to take stock of the preparedness level of the district with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was attended by DC and Chairman, District Task Force (DTF), Superintendent of Police, Chief Medical Officer and Eleutheros Christian Society.

The DC briefed the legislators about the elaborate arrangements that have been put in place across the district by the DTF with support from all quarters including departments, civil societies, individuals, etc. He also apprised the

legislators on how the DTF handled the situation effectively and efficiently even after some cases of Chennai returnees, already in Tuensang Quarantine Centre, had been confirmed positive for corona virus.

The two legislators expressed their satisfaction at the manner in which the district is preparing itself to take on the pandemic. While appreciating all the stakeholders, they also appealed to all concerned to continue the good work so that they can collectively overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic. The MLAs also extended financial assistance to various committees and departments engaged in fighting the pandemic.

## TUENSANG DTF DELIBERATES ON NEW SOP

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of DC, Kumar Ramnikant.

The DC acknowledged the donations by Kejong Chang and Toyang Chang, Member of Legislative Assembly of Tuensang district, to various stakeholders fighting against COVID-19. He also highlighted on the new revised Standard Operating Procedure of the Government and discussed the changes thereof.

As per the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Tuensang District Liaison Team was constituted comprising of one member each from the District Administration and the Police Department in officer ranks, and Presidents of Dimapur based student

bodies, Chang, Khiamniungan, Sangtam and Yimchunger student bodies to assist the Liaison Team.

Dr. Moa, Chief Medical Officer, Tuensang also reported on the swap sample collection of the inmates of the Chennai returnees kept at Sao Chang College quarantine facility for re-test, and the Board also decided to request for testing it on priority basis at the earliest.

The new SOP also meant that the asymptomatic returnees of respective districts will be sent off to districts, for which logistic matters were also discussed. The Chang Gazetted Officers Association pledged to donate Rs. Two lakh, earmarked to purchase the reagents to be used in TrueNat machine, when it arrives at the district as promised by the State Government.

## Y. PATTON ACKNOWLEDGES PUBLIC FOR FULL COOPERATION

Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Home and Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton thanked the public for giving full co-operation while fighting to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, during his visit to Community Health Centre, Bhandari, to ascertain the preparedness level on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

The Deputy CM said that sub-divisions need to set up more Quarantine Centres to accommodate the incoming returnees. He also apprised the Sub-divisional Task Force Committee for COVID-19 to submit their requirements to the Chairman of District Task Force for early redressal.



Deputy CM, Y. Patton handing over PPEs to DC, Wokha during his visit to CHC, Bhandari on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

While addressing the public at Maratchu (Merapani), Patton thanked the Village Council for setting up Quarantine Centre on their own initiative to help and facilitate the returnees from different parts of the country. Patton said that the Government is doing its best, and he called upon the people of the area to focus more on agriculture and farming, and not always depend on the Government. He also called upon the public not to panic, at the same time not to take it lightly, and urged them to strictly follow

guidelines like social distancing, wearing of mask and regular hand washing.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha highlighted the new Standard Operating Procedure and informed the people not to disseminate wrong information that will bring negative impact. He also requested the officials at the sub-division to ensure that returnees from different parts of the county are not mixed up at the Quarantine Centres.

### EMERGENCY MEETING ON COVID-19 AT PHEK

Phek District Task Force (DTF) held an emergency meeting on COVID-19 with various Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and frontal organizations at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

The DC stated that NGOs and frontal organizations are part of the team to fight the virus. He said that rather than panicking, the frontal organizations should come forward and have joint efforts with the District Task Force to put an end to the present pandemic.

The DC said that COVID-19 positive tested patients with mild symptoms will only be sent to the District COVID-19 Hospital and requested the

citizens to follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) promulgated by the Government, and to restrain from adhering to the divergent joint resolutions and self-imposed SOP by various organizations.

Chief Medical Officer, Phek informed that the medical team is prepared to treat COVID-19 patients, patients with respiratory distress as there are adequate oxygen cylinders. The only setback, she said, is that oxygen cylinders are refilled in Kohima.

The Medical Superintendent, Phek informed that there is one ventilator and another one under procurement.

### STATE HPC MEETS KOHIMA DTF

The Nagaland State High Powered Committee (HPC) represented by Minister, Planning

& Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Information



Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon who are also the State Spokespersons for COVID-19 held a meeting with the Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at District Planning and Development Board Conference Hall, Kohima.

The meeting was held to discuss and assess the situation regarding the management of the returnees from different parts of the country. It was also attended by Legislators in-charge of Kohima district, Minister, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Member of Legislative Assembly, Khriehu Liezietsu and Principal

Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha.

Important issues related to the logistics and management of the returnees who are quarantined in different quarantine facilities set up in Kohima district were discussed in detail. The meeting assessed the situation and the difficulties and shortcomings faced by those working on the ground and it also decided to work out effective solutions, so as to ensure that the whole system works smoothly and more effectively.

The members of the Kohima DTF chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie gave a detailed report of the working of the DTF and also expressed the difficulties which are hampering the smooth functioning of the DTF.

### K. T. SUKHALU ASSESSES PREPAREDNESS STRATEGY IN ZUNHEBOTO



*Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu addressing the Zunheboto District Task Force at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu visited Zunheboto on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and held a review meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall with the Zunheboto District Task Force (DTF), District Administration, Police, and Health & Family Welfare Department (H&FW) over the preparedness strategy of the district on COVID-19. The legislator was apprised by the DA and H&FW Department on the status of the Quarantine Centres and the district as a whole.

On the Government's decision to bring back the returnees from their respective locations,

Sukhalu said that the Government took a conscious decision and thought it would be wise to bring them back, as many were facing hardships. To contain COVID-19, it is the responsibility of every individual and every citizen, as the Government cannot do it alone without the people's support, Sukhalu said.

Sukhalu also suggested that some skill development training should be given to the people under quarantine, to help rehabilitate them and cautioned the police force to be extra vigilant, to prevent any cases of returnees fleeing from Quarantine Centres.

**PEREN DTF HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING AT JALUKIE**

*Peren District Task Force on COVID-19 holding an emergency meeting at Customary Court, ADC's Office, Jalukie on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

Peren District Task Force (DTF) along with Joint Action Committee (JAC) on COVID-19 held an emergency meeting at Customary Court, ADC's Office, Jalukie on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren.

With a positive case reported in the district, the following areas were declared as Containment Zone-JNV Quarantine Facility 1 Block (A & B), GMS Sector (A) Jalukie. AINE Nursing Home would admit all non-COVID-19 patients from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and Community Health Centre, Jalukie was designated

as COVID-19 Hospital.

The meeting decided that all activities will proceed as per Standard Operating Procedure, individual Indian Council Medical Research results of all the returnees who were tested from Dimapur will be shared with the DTF and Liaison Officers in order to avoid future mistakes.

For media coverage, it was decided that Dr. Kevilhulie Meyase, DSO will be the spokesperson for the district and all information to be routed through him and the District Public Relations Officer, Peren.

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**FULLY AUTOMATIC BIOCHEMISTRY ANALYZER AND HAEMATOLOGY ANALYZER INAUGURATED AT MON**

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The Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K. inaugurated a Fully Automatic Biochemistry Analyzer and Haematology Analyzer at District Hospital Mon on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Dr. Shokwang briefed the gathering on the function and purpose of the two machines.

Thavaseelan K. informed that the machines were procured through funding received from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and

donated by Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Noke Wangnao and well-wishers.

The Biochemistry Analyzer tests the functioning of kidneys, liver, lipid profile and uric acid level. The Haematology Analyzer is for testing of Red Blood Cells and White Blood Cells count. The inauguration was followed by a dedicatory prayer by Rev. Chemyuh Konyak, Executive Secretary, Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Bangjum (KBBB).

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**KBCPF PREPARE FOOD DAILY FOR QCs AT KOHIMA**

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Under the initiative of Kohima Baptist Church Pastor Fellowship (KBPF), 12 churches from

Kohima, in the first phase, was assigned to prepare food daily for the quarantine facilities in Kohima.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner were provided daily to the Quarantine Centres.

The following church listed in the first phase were KBPF officials, Nagaland Baptist Church of Council staff, KBYF official, KTBWU official, Union Baptist Church, Peraciezie Baptist Church, Ao Baptist

Church, Sumi Aphuyemi Baptist Church, Konyak Baptist Church, Chakhesang Baptist Church Kohima, Midland Baptist Church, Ministers Hill Baptist Church, New Capital Baptist Church, Chakhesang Baptist Church Minister's Hill Kohima and Police Baptist Church Thizama, 4<sup>th</sup>NAP, Kohima.

### **CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR BEDDED ICU ROOMS AT CHC JALUKIE**

Taking into account the urgent need of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) room at Peren district designated COVID-19 Hospital, Community Health Centre (CHC) Jalukie during the COVID-19 crisis, despite limited resources, a group of well-wishers from Peren with their own expenditure took the initiative to construct four bedded ICU rooms measuring about 26x16, attached with bathroom and oxygen room measuring 6x16, at CHC, Jalukie.

The construction project was initiated by banker, Haizin Mpom, CHC Jalukie staff, Izierang Nza and Namnabi Hegui as the committee members.

Apart from construction works carried out by well-wishers, five Oxygen Cylinders were also donated by Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party, Peren region to meet the urgent need of CHC, Jalukie.

### **NAGALAND SPOKESPERSONS FOR COVID-19 MEETS TEAM DIMAPUR**

Nagaland spokespersons for COVID-19 activities and also members of High Powered Committee, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon held a meeting with Team Dimapur on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, for reviewing the situation and also to oversee the preparedness for the reception of the returnees.

Neiba Kronu acknowledged the contribution of Team Dimapur mentioning that Dimapur has been shouldering maximum burden by taking care of more than 70% returnees.

Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi who is in charge of Dimapur district emphasised on the urgent need of more medical personnel at Dimapur and suggested for requisitioning doctors from less burdened districts. He also reiterated his stand on the State Cabinet decision, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, for converting Tourist Lodge Dimapur as COVID-19 Hospital in view of the shortage of hospital facilities.

Advisor Mmhonlumo Kikon appreciated the hard work being carried out by Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) and conveyed appreciation to the Chief

Minister and all the civil societies and churches for supporting the efforts.

Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kesonyu Yhome informed that as far as human resources are concerned, Dimapur would be accorded priority as per the urgency of the situation. Yhome also said that Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research would assist the Government in tackling COVID-19 cases.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi and in-charge for Dimapur District COVID-19 activities, Y. Khiketo apprised the meeting on the practical problems faced by the district and also on the action plan taken for the frontline workers, especially sanitisation workers and drivers.

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo informed that police are still maintaining border sealing despite Ministry of Home Affairs order for allowing inter-state movement. In this regard, he sought advice/direction from the Government.

Chief Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent, Dimapur also highlighted on the difficulties faced due to shortage of medical staff. The meeting was also attended by Advisor Tovihoto, Member of Legislative Assembly Azheto, Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Honje Konyak and doctors from H&FW Department.





**ONLINE ePASS LAUNCHED AT MON**

*DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS with officials during the launch of the online ePass system at the National Informatics Centre, Mon on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

A programme through Google Meet was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for COVID-19 by the Mon District Task Force (DTF). Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K launched the online ePass system for intra-district movement of citizens at the National Informatics Centre, Mon in the presence of Superintendent of Police, Project Director, District Rural Development Agencies, Chief Medical Officer, Empowered Group and Non Government Organizations.

The online ePass solution was developed by ezeDox, Bangalore. Veevendra Mishra, founder of ezeDox briefed the gathering on the system of process for applying ePass. The company in collaboration with various State Government and District Administration is providing various

government services like ePass system, distribution of food and rations to citizens, movement of people in the containment zone and medical emergency requests amongst other services.

The citizens can apply for ePass through the link <http://bit.ly/monepass> and after filling up all the details, a confirmation SMS will be sent to their mobile number. Post approval of the application by the District Administration Mon, the applicant will receive a SMS where the link for downloading the ePass will be provided.

DC, Mon also informed that ePass will be issued only for a specific purpose and for a limited period validity. The ePass system was introduced to negate the requirement of people visiting the office to avail the movement permit.

**METSUBO JAMIR HOLDS COVID-19 REVIEW MEETING AT MOKOKCHUNG**

Minister, Rural Development and Minister in-charge of COVID-19 Mokokchung, Metsubo Jamir, held a review meeting with Mokokchung District Task Force (DTF) on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The meeting was held in the District Planning Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir.

The DC expressed his appreciation to all sections of people who have contributed towards the DTF in the fight to contain the pandemic. He also expressed gratitude towards the 11 elected legislators for donating a TrueNat COVID-19 testing

machine for the people of Mokokchung and also thanked the DTF COVID-19 and all the Non Government Organisations, especially the Ao Senden and ABAM for their tireless support and generous contribution towards the fight against the pandemic.

Minister Metsubo called upon those returnees who are in Quarantine Centres to follow the directives being given by the authorities. He informed that through the initiatives of the Department of Rural Development, all villages in the district have Quarantine Centre facilities.



**ADC CONVENES REVIEW MEETING WITH SDTF TENING**

Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairperson of Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) on COVID-19, Rhosietho Nguori convened a review meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in Town Hall, Tening.

The meeting discussed overall situation and

chalked out further action plan for Tening sub-division regarding COVID-19. ADC also informed that returnees who had reached Tening sub-division included 10 males and 12 females, totalling 22 as on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**TUENSANG DTF MEETING DELIBERATES ON QCs**

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The DC and Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant chaired the meeting.

Basing on the change in Standard Operating Procedure, establishment of one special Police Quarantine Centre for delinquent inmates was discussed. The Board decided to instruct all the villages and wards to be prepared with their community QCs and for home quarantine, since the inmates who have completed 14 days quarantine phase and have tested negative, will be sent to respective villages and wards.

The Board also discussed on the priority of testing and segregation of the inmates, which is getting delayed because of the non-availability of the testing machines. Issues related to waste management of the QCs located near the residential areas were also discussed.

The DC, Tuensang also acknowledged the volunteers of the four students bodies of Dimapur, namely Chang, Khamniungan, Sangtam and Yimchunger for assisting the Tuensang Liaison Team at Dimapur. He also acknowledged the COC Mokochung team for monetary donations to Tuensang DTF.

**KIPHIRE DTF DELIBERATES ON QCs**

Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the District Planning Development Board Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Sarita Yadav IAS.

The DC said that returnees have been safely quarantined at four different locations i.e. ZPC-54, Loyola-17 and Department of Under Developed Areas Rest House. With the capacity of

Quarantine Centres about to be exhausted, deliberations were held on arrangements of more Quarantine Centres for accommodation.

Health & Family Welfare Department informed that TrueNat machine on arrival will be installed by technical experts. It was also clarified by the medical staff that if one or more persons in quarantine tests positive, number of days in quarantine would extend for those people from the same group.

**KOHIMA DPDB FELICITATES HSLC EXAMINATION 2020 TOPPER FROM GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS UNDER KOHIMA DISTRICT**

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) felicitated the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked topper of High School Leaving Certificate Examination 2020, Md. Zaheer-Ul-Alam who secured the top position from amongst the Government Schools under Kohima district at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Advisor, Urban Development, Municipal Affairs & Smart City, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire speaking on the occasion congratulated Md. Zaheer-Ul-Alam for achieving the top position amongst the Government Schools. He encouraged Zaheer to maintain and remember the three 'Ds' - Dedication, Determination and Devotion in his studies, without which one

cannot achieve his/her goal. Dr. Kire also added that every parent, teacher and student has equally important roles and responsibilities to play towards achieving one's goal in life, and he reminded everyone to rededicate oneself in their respective areas to achieve greater heights in days to come.

The felicitation programme was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie. Short speeches were also delivered by the father of Md. Zaheer-Ul-Alam, Headmaster of Government High School, New Market, Kohima and District Education Officer, Kohima, Pelhouvolie.

### V. KASHIHO VISITS AMAHATOR PHC/QC

Minister for Geology & Mining, Soil & Water Conservation, V. Kashiho Sangtam visited Primary Health Centre and Quarantine Centre at Amahator town on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Kashiho appealed to the people to accept the returnees without hesitation and stigmatization. He said that out of the nearly 18,000 returnees, majority were serving in the private sectors, companies and industries, and have suffered in the event of the lockdown. He said that Government of Nagaland has been sincere in assisting them financially to address their grievances and presently is engaged in bringing back the returnees. He added that the Government has been spending huge amount of money in transportation, Quarantine Centres and in providing essential provisions.

The Minister encouraged all the frontline workers to carry out their given duties with zeal and also spread awareness to the inmates at the Quarantine Centres. Kashiho donated Rs. 20,000/-

for emergency use and automated hands free sanitisers to the PHC authority. He further stated that the Government is ready to help in every way possible. He later visited the institution quarantine established at the Government High School building, Amahator.

EAC, Chenithung encouraged the citizens to refrain from 'fear psychosis.' He said the District Task Force and civil societies are fully prepared to accommodate the returnees in Kiphire town and on exhaustion of space, returnees would be sent to the institution quarantine prepared in the district.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Erie Kajire said all the departments are fully engaged in performing COVID-19 duties. In Kiphire, Quarantine Centres are getting exhausted and more will be set up to accommodate returnees. He added that the Government has provided good quarantine facilities, food and essentials, and encouraged the public not to fear.

### 'ZERO MALARIA STARTS WITH ME' CAMPAIGN STARTS IN SHAMATOR

The anti-malaria month was launched as per the order No.CMO-8/NVBDCP-24/2019-2020 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Tuensang. 'Zero Malaria starts with me' campaign was started from Shamator village.

The house to house campaign was led by Bumba Yimchunger S. I. (Malaria Shamator) and

accompanied by T. Hantsüla Yimchunger, ASHA Co-ordinator, Shamator sub-division, nurses and ASHA workers covering Shamator village and Leangkonger village. The healthcare workers were also engaged in spreading awareness on COVID-19 in Shamator sub-division.

### CHEN AREA PREPARES STRATEGY FOR COVID-19

On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Member of Legislative Assembly, 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly Constituency Tehok, C. L. John held a meeting on awareness and preparedness strategy on COVID-19 with officers of CASU, Chen Headquarter and President Konyak Union, Chen Branch at SDO (Civil) Complex, Chen town.

The MLA called upon the gathering not to panic, and at the same time, not to take the pandemic lightly and urged the public to strictly follow guidelines like social distancing, wearing mask and washing of hands regularly, as it can help from spreading the virus. He also appealed to the

public to cooperate with authorities.

BDO, Yae-i, who is also the Officer in-charge of three Quarantine Centres in Chen town, said that despite shortcomings in transportation and communication, the three Quarantine Centres have been set up with basic facilities.

SDO (C), Chen, Samuel Konyak acknowledged Chen Town Students' Union and the public for their initiative and helping in constructing fences in all three Quarantine Centres at Chen town, and Chenwetnyu village by contributing one bamboo each from every household for the Quarantine Centres.

### DPDB KIPHIRE FELICITATES HSLC/HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2020 TOPPERS



Minister, G&M and S&WC, V. Kashiho Sangtam felicitating toppers of HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2020 from Kiphire district at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Felicitation programme for State Topper-cum-District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 under the chairmanship of Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam.

The Minister congratulated all the students within Kiphire for their successful achievement and especially to the State toppers, Chumliba R from Loyola Higher Secondary School, Kiphire, securing Top-1 and Ayushi Pathak, from Loyola Higher Secondary School, Kiphire who secured Top-8 in Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination, 2020 (both from Arts Stream), and

Sumit Sahu from Saramati View Modern School, Kiphire, securing Top-9 in High School Leaving Certificate Examination, 2020. The Minister thanked all the toppers for bringing laurels to the society and urged them to continue their good work.

The Minister handed over free automatic hand sanitizer for DC's Office Kiphire and also for District Hospital Kiphire along with cash of Rs. One lakh to the District Task Force for Quarantine Centres and PS to Minister also donated an amount of Rs. 50,000 towards DTF Kiphire.

Nagaland Voluntary Working Women Association donated 20 pairs of boots, 250 face masks and 100 pairs of hand gloves to Kiphire district to fight against COVID-19.

### KIPHIRE DTF MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD

The Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kiphire in the presence of Minister for Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho

Sangtam. The meeting was chaired by the DC, Kiphire and Chairperson, DTF, Sarita Yadav.

The Board, in the presence of representatives from all apex hohos of the district, decided that as and when the institutional quarantine capacity



saturates at Kiphire Headquarter, returnees to the district will be accommodated in facilities arranged in the sub-divisions.

The Board requested the Minister to expedite the process of delivering TrueNat testing machines and cartridges. Also taking into consideration the remoteness of the district and lack of facilities for institutional quarantine, the Board appealed to the Government to provide additional testing machines and kits to help manage the burden of returnees on available facilities in a timely manner.

The Board further deliberated on the need for expanding quarantine facilities. USBLA Retreat Centre under Longmatra Circle was identified by the members as feasible for setting up quarantine facility.

The Minister also raised the importance of providing counselling to the wards at the Quarantine Centres keeping in mind their psychological well-being. The DTF Chairperson apprised the Board that counselling is being provided to the wards through telephonic means.

### LONGLENG DTF DISCUSSES SAFE DISPOSAL OF PPEs

An emergency meeting of Longleng District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June at COVID-19 War Room, Deputy Commissioner's Office under the chairmanship of the DC, Longleng M. Shayung Phom.

The DC informed about PPE set, suspected to be used and disposed off by drivers near the roadside at Orangkong village while returning back to their destination from Longleng. He said that such practice is hazardous in spreading the virus and suggested for proper awareness and instructions on safe use and disposal of PPE not only to drivers alone, but also to the citizens. The members nominated Dr. Meren to give proper instructions to the drivers on safe disposal of PPE.

The DC acknowledged the amount of Rs. One lakh donated by the Kohima Ao Baptist Arogo, and thanked the organisation, churches, non government organisations, civil societies, individuals and well-wishers for their financial assistance and support towards COVID-19.

The meeting also discussed the accommodation of returnees coming from Quarantine Centre Kohima, enhancement of security in Quarantine Centres and identifying buildings for COVID-19 Care Hospital. Chief Medical Officer's Office and Nyingching Government Middle School building were identified for COVID-19 Care Hospital, and their condition will be inspected before final decision.

### QUARANTINE HUTS CONSTRUCTED BY LOTHIA COMMUNITY DIPHUPAR

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi applauded the collective efforts of Lothia Baptist Church Diphupar (LBCE) and the Lothia Community Diphupar for their commendable initiative towards the cause in fighting COVID-19 pandemic specially for preventing community transmission.

Visiting the ongoing construction of Quarantine Centre located near LBCE on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Anoop said he was impressed with the quarantine huts measuring 10×8 which has a Naga traditional touch, proper electrification, stand fans in each hut, and full floor carpeting of the huts. He even suggested that later on, the huts could be utilised for the visiting tourists for income generation

as well as promoting rural tourism.

The Chairman of Lothia Community, Diphupar, Zuchumo Mozhui shared that in some cases, home quarantine were not found to be feasible due to the presence of elderly man/ women, pregnant women, children and absence of separate rooms, toilets, bathrooms. Therefore, under the directive of Diphupar Village Council, all the respective communities were asked to set up QC for such cases as a preventive measure for community transmission and for which, Diphupar Lothia community along with LBCE initiated the project, with donations from Diphupar Lothia Church and community members.



**LAW AND ORDER MEETING AT LONGLENG**

In connection with reports of issues at Yonglok after Assam Police removed the bamboo blockage set up to check the spread of COVID-19 in the Nagaland Assam border, the Longleng District Administration and the Police held a meeting with Phom People's Council (PPC), Phom Students' Conference (PSC) and Phomla Hoichen at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

DC, M. Shayung Phom and Superintendent of Police, Yanithung Ezung appealed to the NGOs, civil societies and the public to maintain peace and

tranquillity along the border areas. The DC and SP Longleng also informed the NGOs about the positive response given by the DC and SP Sivasagar, when they apprised their Assam counterparts to maintain peaceful law and order in the border and to prevent such incident in the future.

After lengthy discussion, the DC and SP Longleng appealed to the NGOs to visit Yonglok to apprise the public to maintain peace and harmony in the area during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**COORDINATION MEETING ON RENOVATION OF CHANGTONGYA - LONGLENG ROAD HELD**

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In connection with deterioration of Changtongya-Longleng road due to monsoon, the District Administration had convened a coordination meeting of the District Administration, Police, EE (PED) & EE (NH) Longleng, President of Phom People's Council, President of Phom Student's Conference, President of Phomla Hoichen, President of Chamber of Commerce, President of Drivers' Union and all vehicle owners at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

After briefing by the DC and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, explaining the importance and poor condition of the road, the Board decided to find ways and means to repair

and renovate only the worst portion before the two-lane firm commence their work.

The Drivers' Union was entrusted to verify the locations for repairing, while the Chamber of Commerce and vehicle owners will contribute stones/boulder, the District Administration will provide fuel and the NGOs will supervise the work.

The EE (PWD) informed on the status of the paper works for tender and its delay due to lockdown while the President of PPC and the PSC suggested measures for renovation and assured to provide full cooperation and all possible assistance for improvement of the work.

**MINISTER KASHIHO VISITS PHC SITIMI**

Minister for Geology & Mining and Soil & Water Conservation, V. Kashiho Sangtam visited Primary Health Centre at Sitimi on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Kashiho said that the Government has put all developmental works to a standstill, and hugely invested towards the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that efforts have been taken to provide safe transportation, safe quarantining of returnees numbering around 18,000, including travellers/patients under treatment outside the

State. Highlighting on the new Standard Operating Procedures, the Minister further informed that refusal to accept returnees will be subject to derecognition of villages. He therefore appealed to the public to cooperate with the Government in bringing back the returnees.

Minister, Kashiho donated Automatic Hands Free Sanitizers and Rs. 20,000 to the Medical Officer PHC Sitimi for emergencies.

Advisor, Eastern Sumi Hoho, L. Kahuvi



Yephthomi lauded medical and other frontline workers for their sincere services. He said in order to accommodate more people in the Quarantine

Centres, extension works will be carried out and added that the public is ready to give sincere cooperation to the Government.

### TUENSANG DTF MEETING HELD WITH L. KHUMO



Advisor, Fisheries, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo meeting with the Tuensang District Task Force for COVID-19 at DC's Bungalow, Tuensang on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Advisor for Fisheries, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo held a meeting with the Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 at Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Advisor, while appreciating the efforts of Tuensang DTF fighting against COVID-19 pandemic, also donated a sum of Rs. Two lakh to the

DTF. The Board discussed on the challenges and strategies to deal with the global pandemic. He also appreciated the frontline workers for their tireless efforts and contribution to contain the virus.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Moa reported to the Board that installation of TrueNat machines were completed at Tuensang District Hospital.

### MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION HELD AT KOHIMA

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie held a meeting with the members of District Water Sanitation Mission (DWSM) on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at DC's Chamber Office, Kohima.

Briefing the meeting, officials from Public Health Engineering Department said that Jal Jeevan Mission is a Central Government

initiative under the Ministry of Jal Shakti which aims to ensure access to piped water for every household in India, The DWSM would be headed by Deputy Commissioner and some other Heads of Departments as members at the district level for overall implementation of JJM.

The mission's goal is to provide household pipeline connection to all households in rural India, safe and adequate water through individual household tap

connections by 2024. The JJM will be based on a community approach to water and the mission will include information, education and communication as key components and to create a people's movement for water, making it

everyone's priority.

The meeting also discussed the implementation of the programme and selection of villages for augmentation and household connection, under Kohima district.

### **COVID-19 SOP AND PROTOCOL IN SUCCESFUL OPERATION AT BHANDARI**

A meeting of the Block Task Force (BTF) Bhandari, on COVID-19 was held at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to review management of the COVID-19 pandemic situation under Bhandari sub-division.

Assessing both administrative headquarter levels and the village levels of the sub-division, ADC and Chairman, BTF, Tiameren Chang said that COVID-19 management, Standard Operating Procedures and protocols are operating successfully.

The meeting also discussed on shortage of police personnel for patrolling duty in strategic areas and resolved to take up the matter to the concerned authorities for additional manpower.

The BTF was also briefed on the nature of the porous inter-state border area without physical boundary, and how the task of the 12<sup>th</sup> Indian Reserve Battalion personnel manning the sealed border round the clock was proving to be a

challenging task, and sought for consorted approach in dealing with the matter for effective sealing.

The meeting also discussed on the well-being of the quarantine inmates within the sub-division, and reiterated that logistic support and arrangements in place will be continuously reviewed and monitored to ensure health safety and comfortable stay of the inmates at the Institutional Quarantine Centres.

ADC Tiameren Chang lauded the proactive role of the civil societies in assisting the District Administration, Health & Family Welfare and Police Department by being a part of the BTF as frontline workers.

The ADC also lauded the church leaders and healthcare workers from Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari, who are taking up the role of counselling to the inmates, and for creating environment for peaceful and smooth functioning of the Quarantine Centres within the sub-division.

### **DIMAPUR DTF DECIDES TO INTENSIFY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi convened a meeting of Dimapur District Task Force members on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and deliberated on issues pertaining to COVID-19.

The meeting decided for intensifying awareness campaign to educate the people on the importance of social distancing, wearing masks and maintaining hand hygiene.

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo reminded the members not to give too much importance to the negative circulation of fake news in different social media platforms.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Antoly informed that BSL-2 Laboratory at Referral Hospital would be functional within few days. She

also informed that two TrueNat machines have been installed at Medziphema Primary Health Centre.

The meeting also decided to allow market complexes/malls to open with strict social distancing and restriction of limited number of customers at a time. Barber shops, salons are also allowed to open for a month.

Trucks and buses of Manipur would be allowed to ply with implementation of regulations. With regard to opening of Hongkong Market and New Market and based on the mechanism devised by Dimapur Municipal Council, it was suggested that shops may be opened phase wise in compliance with the protocols and norms of COVID-19.





## TEAM DIMAPUR RECEIVES RETURNEES OF LAST SPECIAL TRAIN

A special Shramik Train carrying 580 stranded people from Delhi reached Dimapur on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020. It was the last special train arranged by the Government of Nagaland to bring home stranded Nagas staying outside the State.

The returnees were received at the railway station by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland who is also in-charge of Dimapur District COVID-19 activities, Kikheto Sema, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, Secretary

Food & Civil Supplies, Honje Konyak, Commissioner of Police, Rothihu Tetseo, Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Tiasunep, government officials from different departments and church leaders.

After medical screening at the railway station, all the returnees were sent to their respective districts, to be quarantined as per the Standard Operating Procedure at their respective districts.

## NOKLAK SDPDB DELIBERATES ON DISMAL HSLC EXAMINATION 2020 RESULT

The monthly meeting of Noklak Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the Khamniungan Tribal Council Hall which was chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman of SDPDB Noklak, M. Chaitanya Prasad.

The Board discussed the performance of the Government Higher Secondary School, Noklak in the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examinations result 2020, conducted by Nagaland Board of School Education. While congratulating the school authority for producing subject topper and overall satisfactory result at the higher secondary level, the Board also deliberated on the dismal performance at the HSLC level. It called for certain corrective measures for which the Board recommended the concerned school authority for strict attendance, conduct of parent-teachers meeting etc.

The Board was briefed on the overall

scenario of COVID-19 in the State and the district by the Vice-Chairman following which, the Senior Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Noklak suggested the need to acquire TrueNat machine, taking into consideration the vulnerability of the sub-division due to its remoteness and porous international border.

Coy Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP, Noklak reported that some wards/sectors have resorted to erecting of barricades in the entrance of their respective colonies in view of the COVID-19 scare. The Board identified the need for proper sensitization to dispel rumours, misconceptions in order to discourage people resorting to unwanted activities.

The Local Area Development programme proposals for the year 2020 to 2021, as submitted to the Board by the Advisors of 56 and 57 Assembly Constituencies, were introduced for approval by the Board. As per the laid down government guidelines, the proposals were discussed and passed by the Board.

## CHURCHES/ORGANIZATIONS VOLUNTEERS FOR QCs

'Bethel Kitchen' – the common kitchen set up by the Kohima District Task Force (DTF) at Nagaland Baptist Church of Council Convention Hall has been providing meal to the inmates, officials and workers in Quarantine Centres at Kohima since 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

The Food Committee, Kohima DTF is overseeing the functioning of the kitchen and in spite of criticisms they face, the Committee has been working tirelessly to ensure that quality food is provided to the inmates of Quarantine Centres.

Churches, organisations and individuals in







*Volunteers preparing food for Quarantine Centres at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima.*

Kohima have volunteered daily since the set up of the kitchen in preparing, packaging and delivering food to the Quarantine Centres. Volunteers from Ungma Senso

Telongjem, Kohima, on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020, sponsored and prepared meals for around 1,520 inmates at K. Badze and Meriema Quarantine Centres.

### FARMERS TRAINING AT PUGHOBOTO



*Farmers during the training on organic farming at Hebolimi village, Pughoboto on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

The Agriculture Department conducted a farmers training on organic farming at Hebolimi village under Pughoboto sub-division on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Myanthung Patton encouraged the cluster farmers to improve and enhance their organic agriculture production for self sufficiency and also encouraged agriculture surplus production for the market. He also mentioned that post pandemic, there will be

great challenges ahead and encouraged the farmers to take it as an opportunity.

The Department also deliberated on Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme and how to utilize the financial assistance provided to the farmers by the Government of India. Farming tools were distributed to the farmers and training on utilisation of farming tools was also imparted to every household.

**FOODGRAINS DISTRIBUTED UNDER ANBS SCHEME****DIMAPUR:**

The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS) which is primarily for migrant workers was launched in Dimapur by Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Burma Camp.

ADS, Dimapur, S. Kavito Awomi informed that the scheme would cover 48,299 beneficiaries covering 8,967 households. Those who do not have ration card and are not covered by National Food Security Act (NFSA) would be entitled for the scheme on producing either Aadhaar Card/Driver's License, Pan Card/Election Voter Card, Kavito informed. On the day of launching the scheme, DC, Dimapur

distributed rice to around 100 migrant workers.

**TSEMINYU:**

Department of Food & Civil Supplies distributed food grains under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS), for the month of May and June 2020 to migrants workers at Tseminyu town on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

Inspector (F&CS), Sashila Pongon informed that there are more than 200 migrant workers in Tseminyu town, which includes migrants workers from both outside the State and also from other districts of Nagaland.



Beneficiaries of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme during the distribution of food grains at Tseminyu town on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

**DIRECTOR OF H&FW VISITS JALUKIE**

Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department, Dr. Nungshimeren and Additional Director, Dr. Vikato visited Jalukie on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 to oversee the preparedness of Peren District COVID-19 Task Force.

The visiting team held a meeting at Customary Court, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office Jalukie with various civil societies, H&FW Department, Police personnel and Joint Action Committee, under

the chairmanship of ADC, Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang.

Director, H&FW, Dr. Nungshimeren appealed to all the public to cooperate with the H&FW Department. He also requested the District Administration and Police personnel to focus on Quarantine Centres and monitor strictly the 'dos and don'ts' to avoid any unprecedented incidents in the centre.

Dr. Nungshimeren also spoke on the



rational use of Personal Protection Equipment and advised the Medical Superintendent, Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Senior Medical Officer to train the nurses and paramedic to help the technicians and doctors in collecting the samples of returnees so as to reduce the workload since the hospital has shortage of manpower.

Additional Director, H&FW, Dr. Vikato

acknowledged the consolidated efforts and the tireless service rendered by Peren District Task Force, H&FW Department and other frontline workers. While saying that maintaining discipline is the only option to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Dr. Vikato cautioned that positive cases will increase if returnees fail to maintain self-discipline in their respective Quarantine Centres.

### CELEBRATING ONE MONTH OF TOGETHERNESS WITH LOVE (COVID-19 KITCHEN LONGLENG).

The Women Department of Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), Longleng under the Longleng District Task Force (DTF) is managing the COVID-19 community kitchen voluntarily inside the Mission Compound (Phom Lempong) by converting the PBCA kitchen to official COVID-19 Kitchen (C19K).

The Women Department of PBCA had catered to hundreds of people daily including returnees and frontline workers since 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Since day one, they have been working tirelessly to provide seamless supply of well-cooked organic food and varieties of other delicacies. The kitchen management committee is comprised of all the lady staff and wives of the PBCA staff headed by P. Angbhen Phom, Women Secretary PBCA and Chingong, Literature Secretary.

Tialemba, Executive Secretary, PBCA informed that initially, people were scared of COVID-19 and were reluctant to cater service to the inmates in the Quarantine Centres. He said when the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DTF approached the association to volunteer and manage the COVID-19 Kitchen, the PBCA took on the task knowing the risk. He further mentioned that under the District Administration, everything in the district is running smoothly because of the consolidated efforts of government officers and frontline workers with NGOs and churches.

The Longleng Town Students Union (LTSU)

under Phom Students Conference (PSC) has shouldered the responsibility of delivering food items to the Quarantine Centres and working hand in hand with the C19K Management Committee as delivery team from day one.

The PBCA team led by the Executive Secretary has also visited the remote villages of Assam Nagaland border and provided face masks to the villagers and security guards. They have been providing face masks to the members of the DTF, LTSU and others since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and they also organized prayer programmes in the Quarantine Centres.



*COVID-19 Kitchen Team cooking and packing food for Quarantine Centres at Longleng.*

**COVID-19 CARE CENTRE ACTIVATED AT CHUMUKEDIMA, DIMAPUR**

*DC, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, IAS speaking during the activation programme of COVID-19 Care Centre at Chumukedima on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.*

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi activated the 93 bedded COVID-19 Care Centre at Chumukedima, Dimapur on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 in the presence of Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Tiasunep Pongener, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Dimapur, Dr. Kheshito Zhimomi and Director, Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Dr. Sedevi Angami.

DC Dimapur in his address cited that the COVID-19 Care Centre Chumukedima will be a place between Hospital and Quarantine Centre. While mentioning about the high recovery rate in Nagaland, with more than 66%, Anoop thanked God and also acknowledged the selfless sacrifices of the medical staff, policemen and frontline workers from various departments.

CP Dimapur said that government employees posted at Dimapur are fortunate stating that working together in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic is an opportunity for contributing something towards the society.

MS, Dimapur, Dr. Kheshito Zhimomi observed that besides COVID-19 cases, problems of patients

with other ailments needs to be addressed as the only government hospital in the district has been converted into a COVID-19 Hospital. He added that if community transmission starts, it will affect all people irrespective of age, and people with co-morbidity conditions will be vulnerable and therefore, he felt the need for arranging more hospitals.

Director, CIHSR, Dr. Sedevi said that it is an opportunity to work in partnership with the Government and felt that such initiatives could continue even in future. Diseases are not government or private but has to be joint responsibility of all, Dr. Sedevi said. He also cautioned that community transmission cannot be stopped, and noted that COVID-19 cases may be silent, mild or serious cases and advised all to continue to be prepared.

Dr. Sedevi advised all to take extra care of the elderly people, community mass campaigning, distribution of educative pamphlets and also spelled on the need for decentralising testing. He also reminded about the important role of media for disseminating reliable information and for helping the community to respond better.

**DTCC CONDUCTS POSTER CAMPAIGN ON NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL AT KOHIMA**

Poster campaign on 'National Tobacco Control' was conducted at Kohima on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 to create awareness to the public not to spit in public places, and help fight against the spread of COVID-19.

District Nodal Officer of Tobacco Control Cell, Dr. Arenla Walling said that the campaign is to create awareness to the public not to chew and spit tobacco in public places, as spitting releases droplets in the air and on the ground that increases the risk of COVID-19



spread. She added that it is the right time to quit chewing tobacco products for a safer and better health, as tobacco use compromises the immune system making it more challenging to fight infections.

Dr. Arenla said that chewing of tobacco such as pan and tamul could become a source of infection if handled by suspected vendors. Sharing tobacco products such as cigarettes and pipes can transmit the virus between people. She also said that smokers have greater chance of transmission of virus from

hand to mouth due to frequent touching of mouth, and added that anyone exposed to second-hand smoke may be similarly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Dr. Arenla informed that District Tobacco Control Cell is also putting up posters in most of the Quarantine Centres in Kohima, and also distributing posters in other villages at Kohima district to create awareness. The awareness programme was organised by the District Tobacco Control Cell Kohima, under the National Health Mission, Department of Health & Family Welfare.

### **DPDB WOKHA APPROVES LADP SCHEME 2020-21**

The monthly District Planning and Development Board meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. Chairman DPDB, Wokha and Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and Member of Legislative Assembly, Dr. Chumben Murry attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Board recommended for approval of Local Area Development Programme Scheme, and Common Pool 2020-21 of Wokha district to the State Government.

Advisor Mhathung Yanthan stated that the Government is seriously working to contain the COVID-19 pandemic crisis in the State and urged the District Task Force to apprise any difficulties faced by them, so that the matter can be taken up to the higher authority for necessary action.

MLA Dr. Chumben Murry suggested for conversion of the Trauma Care Centre, which is attached to Wokha District Hospital into Quarantine Centre and after discussion, the Board agreed to take up the matter.

### **FOOTPATH VENDORS IN DIMAPUR NOT ALLOWED TO SIT IN CERTAIN AREAS**

The Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, held a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 and decided not to allow footpath vendors to sit below the Flyover Bridge and Nyamo Lotha Road, Dimapur. The decision was taken to avoid rush in the footpath and for maintaining social distance.

In the meeting, DC, Dimapur expressed concern about the normal OPD patients suffering from varied ailments like cancer, heart, surgical cases etc. and felt the need to draw an action plan for addressing the problem. Anoop also informed the members that proposal for CT Scan machine has been put up under ONGC's Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

The members decided to bring to the attention of the Government for expediting construction of the 100 bedded abandoned hospital at Chumukedima, so

that it can be used as Dimapur COVID-19 Hospital, and later can be used as Infectious Diseases Hospital, as is being done in other cities.

Director, Christian Institute Health Sciences & Research, Dr. Sedevi emphasised on the need and importance of mass awareness campaign stating that with reliable information, people would definitely co-operate with the District Administration. Dr. Sedevi felt that all the tribes, NGOs, churches, the different Samaj and every part of the society has to be involved for creating mass campaign in educating the people in order to contain community transmission. This is one area where we really need to step up, he opined.

With the need to create mass awareness, which will reach all the households, the DC said that all NGOs would be trained to educate the people on the rules to be followed to stop the spread of corona virus.

**KIPHIRE DTF MEETING HELD**

Members of the Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) organised a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, at the District Planning and Development Board Hall.

Church organisations highlighted on alternative arrangements in managing the food for Quarantine Centres and perceiving the

necessity for it, the DC, Sarita Yadav directed the Food Committee to deliberate on the same.

The DC cautioned to maintain proper home quarantine and also to contact the concerned authority when needed. BJP, Kiphire district donated one Fogging Machine and 100 litres of Hypochlorite to DTF Kiphire, at the DC Office complex.

**COMMUNITY COVID-19 TRAINING HELD AT CHUMUKEDIMA**

Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research in collaboration with Chumukedima Circle Task Force on COVID-19 conducted Community COVID-19 training at Chumukedima Town Council Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

EAC, Chumukedima, Thejavizo Nakhro in his keynote address said that though the State is still in Stage 2, the training programme for community leaders was initiated to impart facts and precautionary measures of COVID-19 pandemic keeping in mind the potential of community spread. He urged the gathering to strictly follow all the safety protocols issued by the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Head of Anesthesiology Department, CIHSR, Dr. Adahru Moses explained in detail how COVID-19 spreads. Reminding the gathering not to

panic, he said that among the positive cases, 81% are known to be asymptomatic and 14% moderate and only 5% were known to be severe cases. People above 65 years of age, diabetic, heart problems and immunity compromised are known to be vulnerable group. He also briefed the gathering on the precautionary measures to be taken while taking care of a COVID-19 positive person.

Infection Control Department, CIHSR, Theyiesinuo, MSc Nurse spoke on 'Information, Education and Communication,' while Clinical Psychologist, CIHSR, Imlibenla who also chaired the training programme, spoke on 'Psychological Care.'

Village Council Chairmen, Head GBs, women leaders and youth leaders from different villages and wards under Chumukedima attended the training programme.

**TEAM DIMAPUR MEMBERS VISITS GANESHNAGAR**

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema who is also in-charge of COVID-19 activities Dimapur, along with Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, visited the Institutional Quarantine Centre Ganeshnagar on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and interacted with the police officials manning the QC.

Interacting with the police officials, Kikheto Sema said that with Dimapur being the main entry point, is catering to the returnees arriving by road, train and flight ever since the exodus of returnees began. He further mentioned that Dimapur is shouldering the major responsibility of the State, and is currently managing 51 Institutional Quarantine

Centres and about 25 Paid Quarantine Centres totalling 76 including Ganeshnagar, which is the biggest in terms of number of beds.

Sema expressed gratitude to all the frontline workers who has been ceaselessly working, to meet the day to day needs arising from the 76 QCs. The Naga society will have to take away from this pandemic, a lesson that unless we work together, the very fabric of the society would be shattered, Sema observed.

Kikheto and DC Dimapur acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of the Police for rendering their tireless and selfless services in the fight against COVID-19.

**KOHIMA DTF MEETING HELD**

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Office Chamber on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, R. Khing also attended the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie briefing the members informed that with a positive case detected in a resident of Upper PWD, the Incident Response System (IRS) was activated by earmarking the containment zone of that particular area/colony as laid in the guidelines by the District Administration and Police personnel. The DC said that the Surveillance Team and Rapid Response Team (RRT) carried out the contact tracing, while the medical team were placed inside the containment

zone to be stationed for necessary functional tasks. Police personnel were placed at the entry and exit gates for security and safety measures.

The meeting decided to ensure flow of essential commodities by the Kohima Municipal Council to the containment zone, to work out mechanism for sanitization of essential commodities vehicles, ambulance and police vehicles and also to place thermal screening at the entry and exit gates.

Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu also informed the Board that the medical team led by one Medical Officer and staff along with Anganwadi workers and helpers will be working at the containment zone to help stop the virus from spreading.

**LRD INTRODUCES VARIETIES OF PLANTATION AT LONGLENG**

The Land Resources Department (LRD), Longleng has implemented various activities under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-WDC) project by distributing varieties of crops and plantation to the farmers of the district. The LRD team lead by Kughalu Chishi, District Project Officer (DPO) has been visiting project villages and distributing varieties of plantation to the farmers.

Apart from coffee and rubber plantation in Longleng, LRD has also distributed areca nut, sugarcane, pineapple, cardamom, sweet orange, litchi, betel vine, black pepper etc. to the project villages based on its favourable climatic condition, for the year 2020, with an objective of providing sustainable economic development to the farmers in the region.

The lockdown has created a positive mindset to the local people to grow more and put emphasis on organic food productions, with the objective to meet the nutritional and medicinal requirement of the family as well as for substantial income to boost rural economy. LRD under Longleng district has also initiated kitchen garden

(growing/cultivating crop rotation throughout the year) in line with permaculture in every project village of the district.

Local species such as broom grass, naga neem, lali, kadam, hollock and khokoon were also introduced. Other saplings like orange and litchi at Dankhao village, cardamom at Yongnyah village, broom grass at Niang and Yongshai villages, litchi at Orangkong village, pineapple at Yaong (B), betel vine at Niang and Shamshangching villages, khokoon/ hollock at Yongnyah village, black pepper at Yongnyah, Yongam and Buramsang villages, areca nut at Setap, Apoiiji, Kangching and Tamlu villages were distributed based on suitable climatic conditions of the region.

The giloy plant and drumstick cuttings were also distributed in all the 25 project villages under Longleng district. Because of its great medicinal and nutritional value, the objective of the LRD is to let every household have at least one plant each in their backyard/garden to meet their requirements and keep themselves fit and strong to fight against any infectious and contagious disease during the COVID-19 pandemic.





## **BTF BHANDARI HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

Block Task Force (BTF) Bhandari held a consultative meeting on COVID-19 at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to review the management of the pandemic in the sub-division. The meeting was chaired by ADC and Chairman, BTF, Tiameren Chang.

Tiameren Chang and Dr. Riku Khutso, EAC, Bhandari informed that 35 quarantine inmates have been released after completing 14 days institutional quarantine at Bhandari and they

have been sent for home quarantine.

The Board decided that the Standard Operating Procedure and protocols, implemented successfully at four Quarantine Centres in Bhandari sub-division shall remain in operation until further notice.

ADC, Bhandari urged police personnel to strictly check all three Check Gates of Bhandari town and only allow vehicles with valid permit, except essential commodities and emergency services.

## **DEF LONGLENG CONDUCTS ONLINE VIDEO COMPETITION**

In connection with International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the District Executive Force, Longleng conducted an open online video competition on the topic 'Impact of drugs in Longleng.' The result of the online competition was declared on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The winners of the competition are Konaei Shangdok, Kohima, Hom-mei S Phom, Noklangkhong Longleng and Pangilenla T Phom,

Model Colony, Purana Bazar, Dimapur who bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. The video of the first prize winner was uploaded in the Facebook page of the District Executive Force, Longleng.

To mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the DEF Longleng along with the District Administration also destroyed the seized tobacco products in the presence of civil societies.

## **ADVISOR KHEHOVI YEPHTOMI HOLDS MEETING WITH ZUNHEBOTO DTF**

Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi visited Zunheboto district and held a meeting with Zunheboto District Task Force (DTF) and ZCMC at Deputy Commissioner's residence on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

In an interaction with the members, the Advisor appreciated the efficiency of all those who have been working selflessly for a common cause during COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized on the importance of awareness at the village level, and the

dangers of lack of information of 'dos and don'ts,' which could lead to catastrophic consequences.

Khehovi apprised the members about four ventilators to be installed at the District COVID-19 Hospital by the concerned department at the earliest. He also informed that the Standard Operating Procedure should be adhered to, till further order. Encouraging the frontline workers, he expressed solidarity on behalf of the Government to work in unity at any given situation.

## **KOHIMA DTF TAKES UP ISSUES ON COVID-19 RELATED SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Chamber on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 which was chaired by DC and Chairman DTF, Gregory Thejawelie.

The meeting took up various issues in regard to COVID-19 related activities and safety protocols and measures undertaken at different

locations. On the issue of burning the used Personal Protection Equipment and waste disposal at Nagaland Hospital Authority Kohima, the DTF decided that Kohima Municipal Council will arrange transportation for collection of waste and pit for disposal at the KMC dumping site Dzürüzou, Meriema, provided that NHAK arranges





trained manpower to be put in place to handle the disposal. On the same issue at Oki Hotel, the meeting decided that the same protocol at NHAK can be followed.

Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr.

Vezokholu informed the members that medical team stationed inside the containment zone at Upper PWD has covered 97 houses as on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 by obtaining all the necessary safety protocols for the safety of the colony.

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## **DIMAPUR DISTRICT TO COME OUT WITH TRAINING PROGRAMME**

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Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, convened a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, comprising of Director, Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Dimapur Municipal Council, SDO (C) Dimapur, representatives from different civil societies.

In the meeting, several members felt the need for community participation wherein the youth, hohos, churches leaders, Village Councils needs to be trained and sensitised, who in turn could educate the masses, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

DC, Dimapur directed the DMC Administrator, Albert Ezung and SDO (C) Zubenthung Ngullie to chalk out a training programme so that training can be imparted to all concerned by drawing human resources from different civil societies who has

expressed willingness to extend their services.

Director, CIHSR, Dr. Sedevi suggested for developing a small Task Force and mapping it out for more coverage to the communities. 'We should learn not to be teachers but facilitators,' Dr. Sedevi observed.

Chairman, Christian Forum Dimapur, Rev. Moses while pointing out on the issues of stigmatization and discrimination in the prevailing situation, emphasised on the need for educating the community. H also dwelt on the importance of social media platforms for creating awareness to the people about the 'Dos and Dont's' with regard to COVID-19. All the civil societies expressed their willingness to work together in coordination with the District Administration Dimapur.

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## **MON DISTRICT CONFERRED SKOCH AWARD UNDER THREE CATEGORIES**

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In the 65<sup>th</sup> SKOCH Summit, the District Administration, Mon has been conferred the SKOCH Award under three different categories. The district has been awarded the SKOCH Crucible Award for its initiative 'Financial Inclusive Mon,' SKOCH Order of Merit for its initiative 'District Response to COVID-19' and SKOCH Honourable Mention for its initiative 'Skill Mon Mission, under financially inclusive Mon.'

The District Administration Mon focused on Mission Mode implementation of opening of bank account through the Indian Post Payment Bank (IPPB). It also focused on opening of new bank branches in unbanked blocks.

To address the high unemployment rate in the district, through Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the District Administration, Mon in co-ordination with the Department of Skill Development, Employment & Entrepreneurship and the Registered Training Partners under Skill India Mission organised Mega Job Fair and mobilization drives. The selected trainees were placed in reputed private sector

companies across the country and abroad.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration started a slew of measures to contain and prevent the spread of the corona virus, while at the same time ensuring that the basic services are being delivered to the people at their doorstep.

The public movement permit, home delivery of vegetables, banking services and water, food bank, online e-Pass for intra-district movement, active case search strategy and contact listing, Walk In Sample Kiosk (WISK), NL-sojo COVID App, Clappia App and World Help Group App are some of the innovations initiated in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

The SKOCH Award was instituted in 2003 and is the highest civilian honour in the country conferred by an independent organisation. The Award covers the best of efforts in the area of digital, financial and social inclusion. It recognises the best governance practice in the country and provides a platform for the rest of the country to emulate such practices.



**PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES BSL-2 LAB**

Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Pangnyu Phom, inaugurated the Bio Safety Laboratory-2 (BSL-2) at Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dimapur on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, in the presence of Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi; Advisor Zhaleo Rio; Advisor Tovihoto, Member of Legislative Assembly, Azheto; Secretary, H&FW, Kesonyu Yhome; Director, CIHSR, Dr. Sedevi Angami; Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS; Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo IPS; Chief Medical Officer; Medical Superintendent, Dimapur, and a host of other dignitaries.

In his address, Pangnyu termed the inauguration of BSL-2 as a significant day for Nagaland, stating that the facility of two BSL labs could be completed within two months under difficult circumstances. He said that the two laboratories are in addition to the TrueNat machines for conducting maximum and aggressive testing, and also informed that the BSL-2 in Tuensang would likely be completed by July end, 2020 which would further augment testing capacity.

While stating that Nagaland has seen steady increase in COVID-19 cases, Pangnyu advised the people not to panic as all cases detected so far are from the Institutional Quarantine Centres.

Though many restrictions have been lifted, he urged the public to follow the government guidelines since the pandemic is not over.

Minister, Jacob Zhimomi expressed his appreciation to all the frontline workers, who despite facing hardships, are rendering their selfless services in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. The State Government is there for every possible support and requirement, Jacob assured.

Secretary, H&FW, Kesonyu Yhome noted that the launch of BSL at CIHSR would greatly boost the testing capacity for COVID-19 in the State, and further strengthen the fight against the spread of SARS CoV 2 by enabling early detection and containment of infection, which in turn would save several lives. He observed that the advantage in having a facility of this nature is not only the immediate utility for COVID-19 diagnosis, but more so for the huge promise that it holds in future for a wide array of research works.

Director, CIHSR Dr. Sedevi Angami said that the installation of such facility would enhance research capacity at different molecular levels, which would attract several Naga scholars to Nagaland. Sedevi also mentioned the BSL facility as extremely safe for those who will be working inside as well as those who work outside the laboratory.

**ADVISOR, TOURISM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE AT NOKSEN**

Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yephthomi laid the foundation stone for the development of pilgrimage infrastructure in Nagaland under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Noksen, Tuensang.

Advisor Khehovi said the State Government identified the heritage site for development at Noksen where Godhula Brown, pioneer missionary visited the village from

1880-90 AD. He sought support and cooperation from the villagers for the successful completion of the project within the specified period.

Khehovi said he is fully committed to maintain justice as a whole, irrespective of tribal lines. He further said that the global pandemic has taught the Nagas to start cultivating fields, rearing domestic animals, which could lead to self-sufficiency.



## EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION OF A TEACHER

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

In the midst of COVID-19 pandemic which is occupying a major topic of all discussions and media discourses, here is an exhibit of extraordinary dedication, sincerity, love and concern of a teacher towards her students, a teacher who has motivated her students constantly and has achieved an exemplary feat while also decorating the career of her students.

Avino Peseyie, Graduate Teacher of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Chumukedima town devised a plan to challenge and encourage her students of Class 10 to excel in their studies, and it has bore fruits.

To encourage her students, Avino Peseyie, in her Social Science class, guided her students to aim for excellence and in the process, instituted a personal cash award of Rs. 5,000 each to all her students securing distinction in their High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination 2020.

With delight, Avino Peseyie has disbursed Rs. 5000 to each of her 16 students securing distinction marks in Social Science. She has further disbursed Rs. 5000 each to two other students under her mentorship, while incurring a gratifying

expenditure of Rs. 90,000 from her own salary. An achievement record of 16 students securing distinction in a class of 30 may be a difficult record to break in the history of the school.

It may be mentioned that at GHSS Chumukedima, under the leadership of Principal, Karen Sema, an innovative academic system aimed to provide personal attention to all students for achieving academic excellence has been evolved. In this system, each teacher is mandatorily required to personally mentor five students throughout the academic year. This initiative has achieved its intended fruits today. GHSS Chumukedima has earned the distinction of being the Best Performing Government School in Dimapur district in the Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination (Arts stream) 2020. It has outperformed and surpassed many popular private schools in Dimapur too, with modest resources and infrastructure. Such testimony gives hope that with sheer determination and sincerity, government schools can compete and deliver quality education as any other top performing schools.

## OBSERVATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

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Food safety is a global concern that covers a variety of different areas of everyday life. This year, on the second observance of World Food Safety Day on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020, under the theme 'Food safety, everyone's business,' Food Safety Cell, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland urge upon everyone to take action in ensuring food safety, whether we grow, process, transport, store, distribute, sell, prepare, serve or consume food. We all have a role to play in keeping it safe.

Food safety is a shared responsibility between government, producers and consumers. Everybody has a role to play from farm to table, to

ensure the food we consume is safe and will not cause damages to our health. Through the World Food Safety Day, World Health Organization (WHO) pursues its efforts to mainstream food safety in the public agenda and reduce the burden of food borne diseases globally.

Food safety refers to handling, preparing and storing food in a way to best reduce the risks of individual becoming sick from food borne illness. We have become so busy in our everyday lives to notice about food safety that we often take it for granted, which has led to increase in the number of people diagnosed with food borne illness globally.





Observance of World Food Safety Day is a unique opportunity to raise awareness about dangers of unsafe food with government agencies, producers, handlers and consumers. Unsafe or unhygienic food can cause food borne illness causing hazardous effect on human health. Access to safe food is a key to sustaining life and promoting good health.

As per WHO, around 600 million cases of food borne illness occur annually and an estimated three million people around the world die every year from food and water borne diseases. Thus, food safety is everybody's responsibility, whether it is growing, storing, selling or consuming food.

During this time of crisis, access to healthy food is more at risk than any other times. While food is not known to transmit COVID-19, food safety can be made easier by following these methods:

#### **The five pillars of food safety:**

- \* Maintain personal hygiene while handling food.
- \* Wash hands with clean soap and water.
- \* Keep your hair tied while cooking.
- \* Keep nails short and clean.
- \* Avoid handling and cooking food when you are ill.

#### **Keep cooking and surrounding area clean:**

- \* Clean kitchen area, counters, sink and

sanitize regularly.

- \* Keep dustbin covered and clean.
- \* Do not throw food in kitchen sink/drains.

#### **Follow keys to safer food:**

- \* Wash fruits and vegetables with clean water.
- \* Separate raw and cooked food.
- \* Cook and reheat food thoroughly.
- \* Keep food safely at right temperature.

#### **Check food for adulteration and spoilage before consuming:**

- \* Do not buy food that appears spoiled or with damaged packaging.
- \* Test common food adulterants using the Dart book at [www.fssai.gov.in](http://www.fssai.gov.in).
- \* Report adulteration online at [foodsafetynagalandhelpline@gmail.com](mailto:foodsafetynagalandhelpline@gmail.com).

#### **Read food labels before buying to know what you are eating:**

- \* Look for FSSAI logo, food fortification, organic food BIS logo.
- \* Check the Best Before Date/ Use by date.
- \* Check list of ingredients and nutritional information.
- \* Check for food allergens.
- \* Make sure your choice of food products is FSSAI licensed or registered.







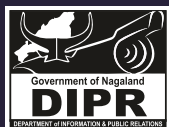
*Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha planting a tree on the occasion of World Environment Day at DC's Public Park, Wokha on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Government officials during the installation of TrueNat COVID-19 testing machine at Zunheboto on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



*Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom and Mission Director, National Health Mission, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru felicitating the officials and staff of Urban Primary Health Centre, Seikhazou for being awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard certification at the Office Chamber of the Minister, H&FW, Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*



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