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## **NEPEX REVIEW MEETING HELD AT ATI**

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

Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) – Home Department will be conducting a state wide mega mock drill of Nagaland emergency preparedness exercise (NEPEX) on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to test the capability of the government of Nagaland to respond to and manage disaster. The drill will be conducted in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

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

Nagaland being under zone V of earthquake prone areas, the state needs to be prepared. For example, in Kohima due to the rampant expansion in the district it is difficult for the rescue teams to reach the victims. Therefore the only way to prevent and reduce the loss of life and property is to conduct mock drills and impart basic awareness to everyone. He further added that to ensure the objectives of the exercise is carried out the best possible medium is through the media. The media plays a vital role and therefore he requested the private media houses and the IPR Department to spread this message.

Disaster Management should not be confined to the departments and offices alone. It must be available on websites and it should be in an easily accessible form for everyone. Short videos on prevention of earthquakes, fire, flood etc. should be created and shared on channels like youtube and whatsapp. The NDMA with the support of the Nagaland government and the media can work together in reaching the citizens and he hoped that the mock drill which will be conducted on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 will be a success in preventing future disasters.

Joint Advisor (Ops) NDMA Dharendra Singh Sindhu in his opening remark said that the main objective of the mega mock exercise is to test the adequacy and efficacy of the Emergency Response Plans of the State and District against Disasters. He also highlight the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders at the State and District level as per IRS. He added that the exercise is to enhance coordination and synergize efforts of various Emergency Support Functions of the State and District and to find gaps in the resources, manpower, equipment, communication and systems.

Also on the scope of the mock exercise he said it will be restricted to planning and response at the State and District level with additional assistance from Central Government resources.

He also informed that a multi-State mock drill exercise on earthquake disaster will be held simultaneously in all districts of Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram involving all

stakeholders. He stated that the State Level Mock exercise will staged from the Scenario of Shillong Earthquake of 1897.

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

*(Esuihangle & Takumpula)*

## **AGRI AND ALLIED DEPARTMENTS ORGANISE CONSULTATIONS ON 'FOCUS'**

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

State Project Director, FOCUS spoke on the salient features of FOCUS. She said the goal of the project is to foster climate-smart highland Agriculture to marginal farmers in Nagaland and to improve and increase livelihood options through sustainable and equitable use of natural resources. She mentioned that FOCUS supports traditional practices and culture, improving jhum cultivation, more productive and sustainable settled agriculture, access to value chains and supporting village livestock development.

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

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

*(Atuzo, APRO)*

## **NRE 'A SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEM'**

A felicitation programme was held for the newly appointed Advisor for NRE, IT&C, Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon by the Department of New and Renewable Energy at DNRE office on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Mmhonlumo Kikon thanked the department for the pleasant gesture towards him and said so many changes are yet to be done since it is a new department which started only in 2010. Stability of the Government will affect the challenges of the Department, in the next few years he assured to make the department to progress all round and solve the departmental issues.

'Climate change cannot be predicted and is a major issue now' but New and Renewable Energy department is the solution to it, he stated. NRE has the highest potential to grow in terms of everyday energy problem which will impact thousands of life in the State and he looked forward to the contribution of everyone to achieve the target. He also assured the department to intervene in framing of NRE policies since it is the top priority of the department and the state as well. In terms of NRE projects he is confident that unfinished projects will be completed soon and will find solutions, bringing operations from outside the state if necessary. He also requested the department to initiate some real success stories and achievement of the department. He hoped that the new NRE office will be completed shortly and urged the officers and staff to raise up their spirits and get prepared to work.

Director NRE, Er. Kavito Chishi while welcoming the Advisor expressed his gratitude and happiness and stated that the department is very fortunate to get a young, energetic and

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

Additional Director NRE, Er. Kimaba presented a slide show highlighting the achievement and development of the department. Emphasizing on the organizational set up of the department, issues like shortage of man power for operation and maintenance, post creations, framing of new service rule etc. which were creating a hindrance in the departmental progress were deliberated. Slides on Solar, Hydel and Wind projects, Biogas, Biomass were exhibited and further noted to plan and choke out the plans accordingly.

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

*(Siizo, IA)*

## **TAMMONG VILLAGE UNDER MON DISTRICT INAUGURATED**

Advisor Social Welfare, Home Guards & Civil Defence, M. Noke Wangnao inaugurated Tammong Village under Mon district on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Speaking at the inaugural function, he stated that “Tammong village should be a model village for all neighbouring villages and urged the villagers to maintain neat and clean environment”.

Noke stated that the development of the village solely depends upon the denizens of the village even if the schemes and although the developmental activities are coming from the government, the villagers are responsible for proper implementations and to carry out all the activities.

“The unity of the villagers is very important for all round development of the village and without unity village cannot go forward”, he stated. He asked all the officers to be sincere and work hard for the upliftment of the people.

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

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

The chief guest was accompanied by Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, P. Pohwang, DC Mon, K. Thavaseelan, IAS, President ENPO, Khoiwang Wangsha, dignitaries, invitees and host of government officials attended the function.

Earlier, the chief guest unveiled the monolith where dedicatory prayer was done by Rev. Chemyuh Konyak, Executive Secretary KBBB, Mon.

*(K.K.Chim, IA Mon)*

## **KOHIMA DPDB MEETING-CUM-FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF KOHIMA DISTRICT**

The monthly Kohima District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of April 2018 and felicitation programme for the newly elected members of Kohima District will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am in the DPDB’s Conference Hall, Kohima.

According to the programme, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS will deliver the welcome speech while Advisor Youth Resources and Sports and Chairman DPDB, Er. Zale Neikha will give the introductory remarks. Brief highlights of DPDB will be given by Deputy Commissioner Kohima while Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio will deliver a speech and short speeches by the elected members of Kohima District followed by the discussion of DPDB agenda.

The Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Kohima has therefore informed all concerned DPDB members to take note of it and attend the meeting positively.

*(DPRO Kohima)*

## **ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD**

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

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

*(DPRO/IA, Zunheboto)*

## **PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD**

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the month of April 2018 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the District Planning & Development Board (DP&DB) conference hall under the Chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman DPDB, Phek, Shanavas C, IAS. The new member Dr. Tiala Longkumer M.S (D.H) introduced herself to the Board.

Initiating the meeting, the chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He informed the house of the appointment of Neiba Kronu, MLA 16<sup>th</sup> A/C (Pfutsero) as Chairman DPDB, Phek. He also highlighted about the monsoon preparedness and deliberated on that very subjects. In this regards, the chairman invited five departments viz, 1. The Executive Engineer PWD, R&B 2. Executive Engineer, Power 3. Executive Engineer, PHED 4. DSCO and 5. Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Departments to submit their comments, views and ideas for the monsoon season where certain vulnerable portion and pockets are to be identified, and give special attention. The Administrative Officers were asked to be extra vigilant and take measures for prevention of calamities.

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

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

The DSCO was requested to send proposal in this regard on rooftop water harvesting as well as ring well. As the power cuts are frequently held during monsoon season the chairman also made special emphasis to rectify this problem. Er. Aron Sema highlighted the situation of power being fed from Meluri sub-division which has many obstacles like the trees and landslides that disturb the regular supply of electricity and secondly, the Insulators are outdated and it breaks down, where installation of power in short time is not possible in spite of the efforts made by his Department. In this connection the department has been requested to send proposal to the Department for early remedy with the recommendation of DPDB.

As entrusted the Forest Department & CMO medical gave the power point presentation of their respective department.

In the next DPDB meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday) the PHED & Power department have been entrusted for Departmental presentation.

*(DPRO & IA Phek)*

## **TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING HELD**

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

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

The activities of Public Distribution System by the Deptt of F & CS was highlighted in the meeting by Inspector Food & Civil Supply, Tseminyu, Sashilemla Pongen. Advisor, R.Khing asked the concern department to streamline the distribution of kerosene oil.

SDEO Tseminyu, Ramdi Thou highlighted on the management system of the mid-day meal for the School children.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, ADC and Vice Chairman SDPDB Tseminyu Theodore reminded the members regarding adoption of village in the Sub-Division to be made by the concerned SDPDB. The matter was discussed and accordingly Ramishinyu Village was adopted for the year 2018.

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

Deputy CVO Kohima, Dr. Joseph M. Angami who also attended the meeting, shared the activities of the concern department and informed the importance of the department for Animals and Human beings for healthy living.

The meeting was conducted by ADC and Vice Chairman SDPDB Tseminyu, Theodore Yanthan.

*(APRO Tseminyu)*

## **MP RAJYA SABHA GRACES PACS CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

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

Kenye,in his inaugural speech, on 11<sup>th</sup> April said that in 1991 when he was the chairman Phek DPDB board,DPDB meeting was held at Shilloi Lake.During that time only 11 households were there and today it has become a tourist place since development has taken place.He also

acknowledged G. Kaito Aye for initiating insetting up a tourist spot at Shilloi lake during his minister in-charge of Tourism.

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

Pastor Liitsam Baptist Church invoked God's blessing, welcome note was delivered by K. Tsathvii, folk tune was presented by Siitsii women folk, Presidential address by Thimu Feethu, solidarity note was given by Krutu Thur, President PAPO, greetings was presented by Tiipin, president PCO.

Cultural troupes from New Thewati, Siitsii, Laluri, Zhiipu, Phokhungri, Old Thewati and Latsam performed folk songs.

Later, after the cultural program is over the M.P. along with government officials visited International Trade Centre and Helipad at Avakhung. He also took a view site seeing on Tizii-Zunki inland waterway project.

M.P. was accompanied by Benjamin Phom SDO(C) Meluri, Adeno Project Director DRDA Phek, Govt. officials from Transport Department, PWD, Industries & Commerce, IPR. NPF central office bearers and NPF Meluri division also attended the program.

*(APRO Meluri)*

## **DEF PHEK TO CONDUCT TEST FIRING**

The Superintendent of Police, Phek in an order has informed all concerned that DEF Phek is conducting Test Firing on 12/04/18 at the unit firing range (Police New Reserve) Phek at 09:00 A.M.

Therefore all public and nearby villages have being requested not to go near the firing range area on the aforementioned period.

*(Kedutsho, IA Phek)*

## **AH & VETERINARY SERVICES TO HOLD INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH ADVISOR, R. KHING**

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services will organise an interactive meeting with the Advisor for AH & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing at the Conference Hall, Directorate of AH & Veterinary Services on 13th April, 2018 at 11 am.

Speeches will be given by Advisor, R. Khing, Principal Secretary, MK Mero and Additional Director & HOD, Dr. Aomangyang Walling will chair the program.

*(Atuzo, APRO)*