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## **BELGIUM AMBASSADOR, JAN LUYKX INTERACTS WITH OFFICIALS AT IT&C DIRECTORATE**

Department of IT&C, Department of Power and Kohima Smart City Development Ltd Company organised a welcome program in honour of the Ambassador of Kingdom of Belgium Jan Luykx at the conference hall of Directorate of IT&C on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Ambassador, who met the Governor and the Chief Minister of Nagaland earlier, expressed optimism for some sort of collaboration “I’ve got a good feel of the state of Nagaland” he stated. He mentioned that Belgium is in the center of Europe and is similar to India in the context of being multi-cultural and with different political entities. He stated that Belgium and India have signed memorandum of understanding in the field of IT and renewable energy and both Belgium and Nagaland can collaborate following the guidelines. As far as smart cities are concerned, he said Belgium is a highly urbanized country since 19<sup>th</sup> century “we know a lot about developing cities and about challenges related to developing a city but obviously smart cities involve from top level IT to basic infrastructural needs like sewage, we have a lot of knowledge in these. We are already involved in building smart cities in some other states in India so it is possible we can work together here in Kohima.”

The Ambassador further mentioned that Belgium’s economy is driven by private sector, the government can facilitate contact and give information but it’s up to the private sector to act. He added that Food processing and tourism are very important in the context of Nagaland.

Investment and Trade Commissioner for Flanders, Alexis said he was amazed by the enthusiasm of the young entrepreneurs in the state who want to work hard, contribute and change things. Speaking on the possibilities of synergies, he specifically mentioned flanders in Belgium-known for its logistics hub, infrastructure and connectivity, here we can learn from each other, he added. He also said in order to work together first of all we need matchmaking of the companies, which we can do through trade fairs or by bringing parties together through trade missions. “For smart cities I’ll definitely contact with some cities in Belgium for collaborations, and in the field of IT sector India can re-develop and do much more as global service provider because India has smart and dynamic entrepreneurs in ITC,” the commissioner said. Both the Ambassador and the Commissioner appreciated the hospitality extended by the people of Nagaland.

Advisor Power, Tovihoto Ayemi expressed hope that with the visit of the Ambassador, avenues will be explored in the coming days with Belgium in the power sector. He stated that the Power department is interested to introduce new technology in the State and request the Ambassador to initiate steps for foreign collaboration and assured him that the elected representatives present will do whatever is possible to facilitate a joint venture between the Government of Nagaland and Belgium. He thanked the Ambassador for taking the bold initiative of coming to Nagaland and expressed hope that a meaningful and lasting partnership will be built.

Advisor IT&C, Mmhonlumo Kikon highlighted the Act East Policy which will open up a lot of opportunities in the region and enable the people to explore trade. In the light of active policy

and potential trade that is happening in Asian countries as well as bilateral trade, he said the impact is yet to be felt by the regions of Nagaland. He stated that lot of policy makers are putting their minds and time into the potentials of the Act and that's how things will be channelize to the advantage of this region. He also pointed out that the State has a lot of potential and ultimately when the smart city happens a lot of integration is going to happen and the Government is interested towards fulfillment of it's policy "change is coming." A small initiative the Department of IT&C has taken is to provide free Wi-Fi to University and District Administration and also in capital city of Kohima within a period of 3 to 6 months. He said the Government, with a political will to take the step to greater height, welcomes any investment, collaboration and future study. He hoped that the visit of the Ambassador will enable the state to explore future possibility of collaboration with Belgium.

Minister for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir, speaking at the program, said Nagaland is still a developing and remote state in the country. He stated that in Nagaland, nearly 97% of the population lives in rural areas and the rest of 6 to 7% are in town and with such ratio the facilities like water, power etc. gets shun with heavy migration from rural areas to town. With a limited resources and facilities in town, it is very difficult to absorbed high migration from the rural areas to town, he said. Various issues like climatic condition, water and electricity shortage have a huge impact on the developmental activities in Nagaland, he said. He requested the Ambassador to assist the state with technologies which will bring tangible, durable and productive developments in the state.

The program was chaired by KD Vizo Commissioner & Secretary, IT & C and Power. Vote of thanks was pronounced by Er. Tongtiliba Longkumer, Additional Director & HoD, IT & C. Special song was presented by Asang. Various departments participated in the discussion and power point presentation on smart city.

*(Atuzo, Esuihangle & Tovikali)*

## **KIPHIRE DPDB MEET**

The Monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting of Kiphire District was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Chairman DPDB Kiphire & Minister for Soil & Water Conservation V. Kashiho Sangtam chaired the meeting.

The meeting deliberated upon the presentation of different Departments for upgradation and the basic requirement to bring changes in the Government offices under Kiphire District, on which the Minister assured take up the proposal.

ADC Kiphire, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS highlighted about the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan programme which is a Village Self-reliance programme meant for the benefit of all villages in the country. He said the program culminated on 5th May 2018. ADC also informed the Board member that, for the Lok Sabha Election, there would be no exemption of vehicles to any department during Election. He requested all head of offices to be in station regularly.

*(DPRO Kiphire)*

## **WORLD RED CROSS DAY OBSERVED AT WOKHA**

Joining along with the rest of the World, Indian Red Cross Society, Wokha Branch (IRCSW) observed the World Red Cross Day at District Planning & Machinery Cell Conference Hall, Wokha with DC & Chairman IRCSW, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS as the Guest of Honour.

Addressing during the function, he said we are all fortunate to be a part of this society as we are taking the legacy and initiative of selfless service to help the needy people.

Stressing on the need and importance of having more volunteers, he appealed the youths to take up the initiative to be a part of the society and get themselves enrolled to carry forward the humanitarian work. He also dwelled on the need to diversify the activities of IRCSW branch and mobilization of resources within our district to activate and to make it a more performing society in order to reach out to the unreached people. He also appealed to all the Head of Institutions in the district to encourage their students to get enrolled so as to increase membership in the district.

Speaking on the Theme “Everywhere for everyone” Rev. Fr Joseph T.T. Principal & Rector DBHSS Wokha, said, the mission of the Indian Red Cross is to inspire, encourage and initiate at all times and in all forms of humanitarian activities so that human suffering can be minimized and even prevented thereby creating congenial climate for peace and tranquility. He ended with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi “You must change if you want to see change in the world.

Honorary Secretary IRCSW Branch, Dr. K.Z. Ovung gave a brief report about the activities of Wokha branch for the year 2017-18. The function was chaired by PGT, GHSS Zanbeni Humtsoe while vote of thanks was proposed by Office Assistant, IRCSW Yilobemo Humtsoe.

*(Zubenthung, IA Wokha)*

## **LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD**

Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, John Tsulise Sangtam on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at DC’s Conference Hall, Longleng.

The Chairman in his address welcomed the members present and informed about bye election and enforcement of model code of conduct in the state. In this regard, he directed the officers to be aware and alert to ensure that model code of conduct is not violated in the district. He also directed the heads of the departments to furnish their correct incumbency list with full particulars along with their attached vehicles to the DEO office on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 without fail. He further urged the HoDs to ensure that their vehicles are kept in good conditions for election duty and to avoid the list of officers and officials who are going to retire within a period of six months in the incumbency list for election duty. On shortage of vehicles and manpower being reported during the last general elections, he directed the officers not to repeat the same mistakes for the forthcoming bye election.

After a brief deliberation and discussion on various activities of the district, the board recommended the following agendas.

In connection with proposal submitted by the Phom Peoples’ Council (PPC) regarding chopper service in the district, the representative of the NST department highlighted in detail about the schedules of chopper service from Dimapur to Longleng. He also informed that chopper service from Dimapur to Longleng is available on every Thursday with a fare of Rs. 1000/- per passenger and tickets are available at NST counter Longleng and Airport Dimapur respectively. The departure timing from Dimapur is 11:10 Am and from Longleng is 12:05. After which, the board decided to forward the matter to the concerned department to resume the chopper service in the district for the welfare of the public.

The board also discussed for urgent upgradation of Post Office Longleng and Tamlu. The board also discussed the grievances and problems faced by the public especially the beneficiaries and farmers under Longleng and Tamlu who are applying for opening of new accounts in the post office due to lack of banking facilities in the district. Therefore, the board forwarded the matter to the department concerned for urgent upgradation of the two post offices for the welfare of the district.

The CDPO Longleng & Tamlu presented their activities through power point. The DC directed the DAO and the LRD to present their departmental activities in the next meeting.

*(DPRO, Longleng)*

### **FREE MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA**

An awareness programme on prevention of AIDS and free medical camp was conducted by DAPCU (District Aids Prevention and Control) in collaboration with 41 Assam Rifles on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at SFS Higher Secondary School, Medziphema.

During the camp, Colonel, Udai Bhanu briefed the students about the negative effects of HIV/AIDS infection, medical treatment and stigma associated with it. He also cautioned them to refrain from indulging such practices.

A short seminar was conducted where the speakers talked about the challenges and issues facing by the aging population with regard to HIV prevention and medical issues. This campaign was conducted with an aim to create awareness and eliminate AIDS /HIV in our society. The bikers will continue the rally to Jalukie. The 41 Assam Rifles along with SFS students welcomed the Bikers which was a part of the Free Medical Camp Rally

*(Sashimong, IA Medziphema)*

### **1<sup>st</sup> ALL NAGALAND TEACHER EDUCATORS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD**

The inaugural programme of the 1<sup>st</sup> All Nagaland Teacher Educators Conference, organised by the Department of State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at SIEMAT Conference Hall, SCERT at 10:00 a.m. Advisor, IPR, SCERT and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtong will be the Guest Speaker on the occasion.

*(Mhonlumi, APRO)*