

Outcome Document

Launch of Nagaland SDGCC Website and SDG Dashboard, Felicitation of SDG Action Awards 2022, Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative 2.0, and Essay Competition 2023

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State-level Consultation on the National Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023: Performance Analysis of Nagaland and Way Forward.

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1. Background:

The Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), under the Planning & Transformation Department, Government of Nagaland, with technical support from UNDP launched two pivotal initiatives: the 'SDGCC Website' and 'SDG Dashboard.' These initiatives were launched alongside a state-level consultation focusing on the National Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023.

Additionally, the event felicitated the winners of Nagaland Action Awards 2022 across social, economic and environmental categories, the winners of the SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative 2.0 and the SDG Essay Competition 2023.

On the second day of the event, hands-on training on the Nagaland SDG Dashboard was conducted for all concerned departments. It aimed to streamline the implementation and monitoring of the localization of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within Nagaland.

1.1 Launch of SDGCC Website and SDG Dashboard

The development of the 'SDGCC Website' and 'SDG Dashboard' aims to provide a platform for real-time tracking of Nagaland's progress towards achieving the SDGs and showcase the state's development initiatives and projects. It seeks to provide a user-friendly interface that compiles and presents data related to the SDGs, making it easily accessible for government departments, policymakers, researchers, and the public.

This initiative represents a significant step towards reinforcing transparency, ensuring accountability, and facilitating data-driven decision-making in the continuous pursuit of sustainable development in the State.

Below are some of the key highlights of the program: -

- Shri. T.R Zeliang, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & Transformation, and National Highway, Government of Nagaland, launched the Nagaland SDG Website and SDG Dashboard. He emphasized that the SDGs encompass a shared vision of prosperity, equity, and sustainability for all, focussing on the pivotal role of communities in localizing SDGs within Nagaland.
- Other notable dignitaries who graced the event included, Shri Paiwang Konyak, Hon'ble Minister Health & Family Welfare/ Shri P. Banshangmonba Chang, Hon'ble Minister, Housing & Mechanical Engineering/ Smt. Hekani Jakhalu, Adviser,

Industries & Commerce/ Shri Picto Shohe, Member of Legislative Assembly/ Shri Achumbemo Kikon, Member of Legislative Assembly/ Shri Kevipodi Sophie, Member of Legislative Assembly/ Shri Lima Onen Chang, Member of Legislative Assembly.

- Further, the participation of experts from NITI Aayog and UNDP including Shri Dr. Yogesh Suri, Senior Adviser (SDGs) NITI Aayog, Ms Sharmistha Sinha Dy Director NITI Aayog, Ms. Sakshi Gupta, SDG Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst UNDP, Shri John Borgoyary, Regional Head – Northeast India, and Shri Jaimon Uthup, Policy Specialist UNDP.
- Led by Shri R. Ramakrishnan, Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, all concerned Administrative Head of Departments (AHODs), Head of Departments (HODs), SDG Nodal Officers, and Deputy Commissioners of the State participated in the event.

1.2. Felicitation of the winners of Nagaland Action Awards 2022 & 2023

The event also felicitated three (03) winners of Nagaland Action Awards 2022 across social, economic and environmental spheres, four (04) winners of SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative 2.0 and four (04) winners of SDG Essay Competition. The awards are an innovative instrument that recognizes and supports the efforts of individuals, organizations, and initiatives that have made significant contributions to advancing sustainable development and social change in Nagaland at the grassroots level.

a) Nagaland Action Award 2022

The Nagaland Action Awards 2022 aimed to invite nominations from the community to identify and felicitate initiatives that exemplify outstanding contributions across three vital categories: social, economic and environmental domains. These initiatives played a transformative role, inspiring and fostering connections among people, driving collective action towards a more sustainable future and empowering others through their impactful endeavours.

The three(03) winners are as follows:

1. Economic Sustainability: Noklak Masterpieces (Noklak District)
2. Social and Community Upliftment: The Banana Co - Crafts & Rural Tourism (Peren District)
3. Environmental Sustainability: Asukhomi Community Reserve Management Committee (Zunheboto District)

The winners received a sum of INR 50,000, a memento, and a certificate in each category.

b) SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative 2.0

Building upon the success of the Nagaland Action Award 2022, SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative 2.0 aimed to promote research and innovation by engaging local communities in identifying and addressing sustainable development challenges, fostering grassroots-level innovation and solutions.

The four (04) winners are as follows:

1. Household-Level Sustainable Management of Food Waste Using Black Soldier Fly (Dimapur District)
2. E-waste Management: Awareness-Advocacy-Recycling (Chomoukedima District)

3. Sustainable production of bamboo products in Shetap Farm, Longleng (Longleng District)
4. Village Science Museum (Mon District)

The winners were awarded seed capital amounting to INR 4 lakhs each for project implementation.

c) SDG Essay Competition 2023

The SDG Essay Competition 2023 invited the youth of Nagaland to voice their thoughts on critical SDG-related issues. This competition sought to encourage young minds to reflect on the SDGs and their impact on the state's future, fostering a sense of ownership and active engagement.

The SDG Essay Competition had two categories and the winners are as follows:

First: Eunice Y Kikon, Isaiah Ability Higher Secondary School, Wokha

Runner-up: Tokavi K Rotokha, Natha Village, Zunheboto

For category 16 years and above:

First: Keyizaizeule, Bethesda Higher Secondary School Dimapur

Runner-up: Kekhriesino Meyase, Ashoka University, Sonipat

First and runner-up winners were awarded INR 5,000 and INR 4,000 respectively in both categories.

2. State-level Consultation on the National Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023: Performance Analysis of Nagaland and Way Forward

The consultative discussion aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and its significance in measuring poverty across three dimensions – health, education, and the standard of living. This index is a collaborative effort between the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Furthermore, it highlighted the role of the Global Indices for Reform and Growth (GIRG) initiative in promoting the use of these indices for systemic reforms and growth.

The State-level Consultation on the National MPI 2023 critically assessed Nagaland's performance in addressing multidimensional poverty and discussed strategies for further reducing poverty rates. The analysis highlighted key areas that require attention, including Cooking Fuel, Housing and Assets providing a baseline for policy formulation. The event featured experts and policymakers from NITI Aayog and UNDP, outlining a path forward for Nagaland's poverty reduction initiatives.

The primary objectives of the discussion were: -

- To assess and analyse Nagaland's performance on the National MPI for the year 2023 and gather insights from stakeholders to inform future policies and programs.
- To leverage the findings of the analysis of Nagaland's Performance in MPI 2023 and improve poverty reduction efforts in Nagaland.
- To strengthen institutional structures at the district level to enhance the implementation of poverty reduction strategies.

- Evaluate the state's progress in addressing multidimensional poverty, focusing on changes in poverty rates between the survey periods of 2015-16 and 2019-21.
- Identify the indicators where Nagaland has shown significant improvements and areas where challenges persist.
- Provide insights into Nagaland's performance in the context of other states and union territories.

Highlights of the MPI Consultative Discussion

- Many questions and discussions revolved around the foundational principles and definitions guiding score allocation for various indicators across different departments.
- Notable disparities in the definitions of key indicators, including Housing, Assets, Stunting, and Consumption of Fuel, were highlighted during the discussions. Participants emphasized the need to consider the local context, exploring the potential for integrating locally available, traditionally practised customs and regionally relevant definitions when framing these indicators.
- Several departments raised concerns about disparities between data findings and surveys from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and those conducted at the state level.
- Enquiries were also about exploring potential methods for harmonizing or incorporating state-level data into the national dataset.
- The distinction between NFHS and Health Management Information System (HMIS) data was underscored, with particular attention to outcome data versus thematic and programmatic data respectively.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the launch of the 'SDGCC Website' and 'SDG Dashboard' and the state-level consultation on the National Multidimensional Poverty Index mark significant steps in Nagaland's journey towards sustainable development and poverty eradication. These initiatives, along with the recommended actions, will contribute to a brighter and more prosperous future for the state's residents.