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On this occasion of the seventy-fourth Republic Day of India, I am privileged to extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all who have gathered here today, and to the people of Lunglei District. Today is a momentous day in the long and chequered history of India. It was on this day in 1950 that the venerable Constitution of India came into force.

As we look back with pride and a sense of achievement at the growth and progress of this country, let us offer our sincere gratitude, profound respect and humble homage to the founding fathers of the Nation, the great freedom fighters and to all those who toiled hard to give us the Constitution, which guarantees equal freedom and equal rights to each and every citizen of the country.

On this auspicious occasion, I am pleased to share the achievements of various departments within Lunglei District during the year 2022-2023:

1) **Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District** organized "Go to the People" campaign in Tawipui South and its surrounding villages on 16th September, 2022, wherein various government services and schemes were brought to the doorsteps of people by several government departments. Several projects were undertaken through Corporate Social Responsibility Funds of generous corporations. These include; installation of Effluent Treatment Plant (capacity 20 KLD) at Civil Hospital Lunglei, conduct of Free Medical Camp in Civil Hospital by renowned Cardiologists and Oncologists from Chennai and Silchar, ELF English Learning Programme in 60 primary schools to improve English fluency and communication skills of teachers and more than 2000 students, providing access to IBM Skillsbuild e-learning platform to college & school students. Two ambulances procured through CSR were donated to Chief Medical Officer and Sub-Headquarters YMA, Lunglei, while a 20KV Diesel Generator procured through CSR was also donated to Sub-District Hospital, Tlabung.

A total of 10,207 certificates, 12905 Aadhaar Enrolments and 1206 Inner Line Permits were issued in 2022. Assistance amounting to Rs. 53.88 lakhs was provided to 112 families/ victims of disaster incidents.

2) **Lunglei Police** – During 2022-2023, 205 (Two hundred and five) cases were registered in Lunglei District and charge sheets were submitted in 133 (one hundred thirty-three) cases. Convictions were earned in 79 cases and 46 cases were under trial. Utmost effort have been put for proper management and improvement of road traffic, with fines amounting to Rs 5,01,450/- (Rupees Five Lakh One thousand Four Hundred Fifty) realized from enforcement of The Motor Vehicle Act. Community Policing such as setting up of Family Counseling Centre, child friendly room and Women HelpDesk at each Police Station, conduct of regular patrolling in Crime prone areas have resulted in declining crime rate and higher case detection.

- 3) The **3 (NH) Bn. Assam Rifles** conducted various operations during the year 2022 and recovered 18 arms, ammunitions, 2739.14 kgs explosives and other illegal items along with Rs. 3.08 lakhs. The Battalion also conducted civic action and perception management activities including free medical camps, sports tournaments and blood donation camps. It also conducted several Awareness activities for locals in subjects ranging from Anti-Corruption, Human Rights, Pollution Control, Disaster Management and many more.
- 4) **DRDO** – Upto December, 2022, total fund of ₹ 6231.37 lakhs was received and 75 (seventy-five) days of employment provided to 32,716 Job Card Holders across the district. Under AwaasPlus, 266 beneficiaries have been awarded ₹ 1,30,000/- each for construction of houses. Livelihoods have also been provided to 15 beneficiaries in trades such as Hospitality Management and Retail Sales under DDU-GKY.
- 5) **Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department (UD&PA)**, Lunglei received two awards under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) viz. Clean City Award in North East India (*Population Category 50k – 1 lakh*) and Best Performing Award in Indian Swachhta League 2022 (*Population Category 50k – 1 lakh*). Funds have been released to 1335 beneficiaries for Individual Household Latrine construction. Solid Waste Management Centre is also under construction in Lunglei.
- 6) The **Land Revenue & Settlement Department** issued 335 LSCs and 86 House Passes, with 319 temporary passes renewed and 808 documents registered as per the Stamp & Registration Act, 1908. A total of Rs. 92.92 lakhs were collected from property registration, land tax revenue and non-tax revenue during the reporting period. Also, a combined Rs. 593.5 crores have been disbursed to 3,906 land owners as compensation under NH-54 and NH-302 widening and construction projects.
- 7) **H&FW Department** – The office of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) has recorded 100% first dose and 91% second dose for Covid-19 vaccination, with more than 2.4 lakh doses administered. It has also achieved 99% live births and 83% institutional deliveries during the reporting period. Routine Immunization is also being undertaken in the district with utmost effort.

Construction of Level III Trauma Care Facility building, and Renovation of Paediatric Hybrid I.C.U in Civil Hospital Lunglei were completed.

- 8) Under the **AH & Vety Department**, a total of 20,540 cases were collectively treated by Vety Hospital, Vety Dispensary and Rural Animal Health Centre in 2022, and 5,481 vaccines were administered to different animals. The total revenue collected stands at Rs. 2,42,380/-. Using Artificial insemination, 278 cows were impregnated and 115 calves were born.

In the **Integrated AH & Vety Training Institute**, Lungpuizawl, Calf Rearing farm, Cattle Demonstration Farm and Hatchery cum Broiler Poultry Farm are being carried out. Total Revenue collected and submitted to the Government stands at Rs. 5,43,990/- as on date.

- 9) The **District Transport Officer** registered 1650 vehicles and issued 4431 licences in 2022-2023. MST Buses have been servicing as Town Buses in Lunglei since 6th July 2022, bringing MST Bus earnings in the reported period to Rs. 11.67 lakhs.
- 10) Under **DCSO Lunglei**, there are 1,09,193 beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013. Under One Nation One Ration Card, 267.7 quintals and 31.80 quintals were lifted against Intra-District and Inter-District portability respectively. A total of 8715.69 quintals of fortified rice were distributed to Anganwadis, school students and welfare institutions under Mid-Day-Meal and Wheat-based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) schemes.
- 11) **PWD – PWD, Lunglei Road Division II** completed 15.35 km of Formation Cutting, 14.50 km of Flexible Pavement and 6.80 km of Paneled Concrete Pavement.
- 12) **Public Health Engineering Department – Rural WATSAN Division, Lunglei** constructed 53 units each of Community Compost pits and Community Soakpits under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The Department also completed 122 works under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- 13) **Irrigation & Water Resources Department** – Under PMKSY 1,2 and 3, PMKSY Ground Water and NABARD (RIDF XXVII), there are 10 ongoing Minor Irrigation Projects that will irrigate 501.70 Ha of land, with 272 families projected to have stable occupation in farming upon their completions.
- 14) The **Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department** completed 4155 works related to Land Reclamation, Soil and Water Conservation in 5 towns and villages.
- 15) Under **Lunglei Forest Division**, afforestation and maintenance of older plantation covering an area of 380 Hectares has been taken up. In efforts to curb illegal activities, 5 Nos. of offence cases have also been filed, involving 31 persons. National Wildlife Week was observed during 1st week of October, 2022 where massive awareness campaign on Wildlife protection was done in collaboration with Science & Environment Sub-Committee of YMA Sub-Hqrs., Lunglei.
- 16) The **District Agriculture Officer** earnestly undertook several schemes, including National Food Security Mission, SEDP, RKVY etc., covering an area over 8606 Ha. and approximately 7000 farmers. 80 nos. of Water Harvesting structures and secondary storage structures were constructed under PMKSY scheme.
- 17) **Fisheries Department** conducted successful breeding of different fish breeds at Government Fish Seed Farm, Zobawk. Under PMMSY, 40 beneficiaries were assisted for construction of New Rearing Ponds. Fish farmers are given fish

seeds at 75% subsidy under SEDP. Departmental farm at Phairuangkai has also been developed under HPC Lunglei funding.

- 18) The **Social Welfare Department** disbursed National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to 5689 beneficiaries in Lunglei District. It provided scholarships to 162 handicapped, pre-matric students and also disbursed Disability pension to 27 PwDs in the District.
- 19) Under **District Child Protection Unit**, 16 children were placed under the Foster Care programme and 3 children from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) were placed in After Care Home after attaining 18 years of age. A total of 80 children were selected to receive sponsorship of Rs. 4,000 per month to cater to their health, education and nutrition expenses. 46 children were restored back to their families from CCIs.
- 20) Under **Integrated Child Development Services, Lunglei Project**, 10 (ten) children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were identified during Poshan Maah in September 2022, and are being looked after under Operation SAM. District awards were given to 5 (five) Anganwadi Centres with good Nutri Gardens.
- 21) The **District Industries Centre, Lunglei** processed 139 PMEGP loans amounting to Rs. 1555 lakhs. A total of 931 beneficiaries in Manufacturing and Servicing sectors are registered under DIC Lunglei.
- 22) Under **Mizoram KVI Board, Lunglei**, 12 nos. of projects were sanctioned under PMEGP scheme involving Rs. 144.50 lakhs with Rs. 50.575 lakhs as subsidy.
- 23) Currently, there are 205 **Cooperative Societies** registered and functioning under the Mizoram Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2017 in Lunglei District. Under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY), the Department set up 27 new Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Clusters (VDVKC) in addition to the existing 6 VDVKCs.
- 24) **LESDE** – Under Mizoram Building and Other Construction Welfare Act 2008, a total of Rs. 3.08 crores were collected as Labour Welfare Cess in 2022. The amount is used to provide Rs. 1.88 lakhs in assistance and benefits to Welfare Board members, which numbers 3200 as on date. 3210 job seekers are currently registered in the Employment Exchange. Under Craftsmen Training Scheme, vocational trainings are conducted in 6 (six) trades at ITI, Lunglei.
- 25) **SIRD & PR Extension Training Centre, Pukpui** conducted 16 training programmes for 486 participants in 2022-23.
- 26) Under **Mizoram Board of School Education**, Regional Office, Lunglei, 1025 and 937 students respectively passed HSLC and HSSLC examinations. Mizoram Teacher Eligibility Test (MTET) Exam was also conducted on 14th July, 2022.
- 27) **SDEO South** – Two Middle schools and one Primary school were newly constructed, while repairs of three Middle schools and seven Primary schools were completed during the reporting period.

- 28) In **Mizoram Polytechnic Lunglei**, 15 KWP Solar Rooftop Plant and 65,000 litres Water Reservoir funded by AICTE were installed. For reducing energy uses, 395 LED devices were installed. The institution also hosted celebration of Green Mizoram Day, 2022 where more than 400 trees were planted in the campus.
- 29) In 2022, the **Account & Treasuries Department** settled 605 cases of pensions. The financial achievement during the year was Rs. 155.55 crores.
- 30) The office of the **Deputy Commissioner of State Tax** collected a total of Rs. 787.62 lakhs under GST, Professional Tax, Mizoram Value Added Tax and Entertainment Tax combined.
- 31) The **Commerce & Industries Department** completed construction of Super Market Annex and Rahsi Veng market in 2022. Demolition and reconstruction of Lunglei Market & Trade Centre (Super Market) has been approved.
- 32) The **Printing & Stationery Department** took up printing works of government departments and private individuals. Amount received from sale of stationery items and printing charges in 2022 stands at Rs. 2,24,231/-.
- 33) **Tourism Department** successfully trained and certified 4 Tour Guide/Tour Operator under family-oriented SEDP. It is managing 6 tourist facilities in Lunglei District and tourist footfalls in the district was 8692.
- 34) **Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Lunglei** conducted trainings in 30 villages across the district, formed Jal Samvad and prepared awareness video for Catch the Rain phase 2.0. It conducted Cleanliness Drives in 25 villages under Clean India 2.0 and organized trainings on Personality Development for college students and YMA members.

I congratulate all the Departments for their hard work and achievements.

I urge all the citizens of Lunglei District to remember the noble visions of the founding fathers of the Indian Republic, and the four main ideals of Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity as enshrined in the preamble of our Constitution. Let us celebrate the rich and varied heritage of India, a country where unity in diversity is celebrated.

On this Republic Day 2023, let us rededicate ourselves and strive to become better citizens of this great Nation. Let us spread the message of peace, tolerance and communal harmony among our fellow citizens.

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