



SDG Spectrum Newsletter



Sharing our journey to contributing towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

The **SDGs** are a set of **17 ambitious global goals** and **169 targets** which tackle some of the most critical challenges of the 21st century. By endorsing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs in 2015, the world community reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development. Through this Agenda, **193 member states** pledged to ensure sustained and inclusive economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection, fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies through a new global partnership.

Welcome to the Second Edition of SDG Spectrum Newsletter

- By J. Alam, IAS.

Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland

Dear Readers,

We would like to welcome you to the Second Issue of 'SDG Spectrum' that focuses on the SDGs in Nagaland. We hope you will find this newsletter useful to understand more about the SDGs in a state-specific context and what steps we are taking in order to accelerate the achievement of the Goals. In order to share an example of the SDGs in action, we have included an 'In the spotlight' section where we zoom into one SDG through an initiative being undertaken in the state.

In this issue, we bring to you, all the developments on the SDGs happening across the state, the plans and actions being undertaken as well as associated publications that have been released. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Planning & Coordination Department and the SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) for taking the initiative and all the authors of the various articles in this newsletter for putting in their time and effort towards the release of the second issue.

Thank you and we hope you will enjoy reading SDG Spectrum!



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Neiphiu Rio speaking during the launching of 'Nagaland SDG Vision 2030: Leaving No One Behind' in Kohima on August 17, 2021.

If you would like an initiative being undertaken by your department to be included as part of our 'In the spotlight' section or you may like to share any feedback about the newsletter, please write to us on:

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Hon'ble Minister of Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Neiba Kronu launched the 'District SDG Localisation & Integration Manual' in Kohima on August 17, 2021, for taking forward the SDG localisation and integration in the State.

Development so far, towards contributing to the SDGs

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Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Nagaland

To contribute to the SDGs through localisation and integration of the SDGs, the Government of Nagaland has established the SDGCC under the Planning & Coordination Department in technical partnership with UNDP. Some of the key works done so far through SDGCC are as follows:

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- The 'District SDG Localisation and Integration Manual' was also launched in August 2021 to help identify, examine and apply relevant on-ground solutions and pathways for SDG localisation and integration.
- Finalised State Indicator Framework (SIF) and District Indicator Framework (DIF) to track and monitor the

Nagaland for Green Christmas Campaign

- By T. Akyuba Sangtam

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The second edition of the 'Nagaland for Green Christmas' campaign will continue this year. The Campaign focuses on mobilising all the residents of Nagaland to celebrate a sustainable and environment-friendly Christmas. The key objective of this campaign is to align the Christmas festival celebration to the SDGs dissemination and spark action for making this Christmas and beyond, sustainable. This campaign involves a **'Green Christmas Contest 2021'** which will be taking applications from December 1-10, 2021. The theme for this year's contest is 'Minimalism'- involving celebrations to the maximum by using minimum and locally available resources. Three winners will be awarded INR 10,000 each.

To participate in the contest, log on to: <https://bit.ly/greenchristmascontest2021>

- Developed publicity material - creative posters, flyers, and a pocket handbook as well as the promotional SDG videos for SDG localisation.
- The 'District Level SDGs Workshops on Building Capacities for Taking Forward the SDGs' was undertaken as part of SDG localisation in all the 12 districts of Nagaland, from August 31- September 22, 2021.
- In order to encourage sustainable Christmas celebrations in Nagaland, 'Green Christmas Campaign' was launched last year which included Green Christmas Pledge and Green Christmas Contest.
- In September 2020 and May-June 2021, conducted two series of online quizzes on SDGs and COVID19 to generate awareness on the SDGs and precautionary measures for COVID19 among residents of Nagaland.
- The 'SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative' was launched in August 2021. There are three ongoing projects under this Programme.
- SDG Monitoring Dashboard is in the process of going live for realtime reporting, analysing, monitoring and evaluating the performance of the State in the implementation of SDGs.

Going forward, the Government of Nagaland aims to develop a strong path forward for the state to forge ahead with an aim to create an inclusive, just, and sustainable future for all. Nagaland with its diverse bio-diversity needs to harness its economic growth potential, keeping intact its rich resources and heritage, while ensuring access to all services, especially for the ones who have been left behind.



SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative

- By Augustine M. Yanthan

Joint Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland

The initiative was conceived in early 2021 with the aim to promote a platform for the general public to ideate locally relevant innovative solutions which will contribute towards the achievement of priority SDGs. The most innovative solutions were given financial support for implementing the solutions by the selected individuals/organisations under the guidance and supervision of the SDGCC Nagaland.

The initiative aspires to mobilise individuals, institutions and agencies to take action for the achievement of the SDGs, whilst building coalitions across communities and societies at the local level, and creating a variety of solutions for the six priority goals.

'SDG One Stop Destination' at Hornbill Festival 2021

- By SDGCC, Planning & Coordination Department

We will be having the 'SDG One Stop Destination', during the Hornbill Festival from December 1-10, 2021. The dedicated destination will be organised with activities aligning to SDGs such as quizzes, games, drawing competition, short film screening, pledge, and much more on different days during the festival. In addition to this, there will be a 'Green Christmas Corner' with interactive activities to encourage action on celebrating Christmas in an eco-friendly and sustainable way. Participants in the various activities stand a chance to win sustainable goodies bag.



In the Spotlight: SDG 11 SusDesi Project

- By SDGCC, Planning & Co-ordination Department, Government of Nagaland

Every Newsletter, we bring to you, 'In the spotlight' section which covers one initiative that is being implemented which contributes primarily to one SDG. This issue, we are covering the **SusDesi Project** efforts being undertaken by Living For Environment (LiFE) supported by the SDGCC, Planning & Co-ordination Department, Government of Nagaland, under the 'SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative', that contributes primarily to SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Background: Waste management is a rising concern in the State. The traditional methods of disposal, viz., burning, burying, or dumping is not viable. Additionally, the existing waste rules, specifically the mother legislation, i.e., the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended in 2018), mandates for a system that begins with 'segregation-at-source'. However, waste management being a new concept for us, segregation is a herculean task.

SusDesi, the project, was devised to create sustainable ways of tackling the waste disposal dilemma with community participation. Which will then pave the way for other innovative solutions catered to the needs of the people and situation. SusDesi aims at building a sustainable community for a better future with collaboration from the community.

Intervention: To address the problem, the community was directly involved. The following steps were involved:

- Collection of demographics and waste generation data from the Colony
- Door-to-door sensitization on waste management and segregation
- Setting up a unit for waste processing for utilizing the potential value of waste
- Sensitizing the Council on adopting bye-law/rule and its execution
- Train labors for waste collection and segregation
- Usher in a waste management system where the collection routine is systematic

Outcomes and achievements: The results of the intervention in brief:

- **Accurate data** on population, households, commercial establishments and map
- **Awareness** on waste management and segregation.
- **Door-to-door waste collection** with a systematic routine has been introduced on a trial basis
- **Material Recovery Facility** has been set up to store non-recyclable waste and rejects
- **Vermi- compose practices** in certain households
- **Employment** opportunities to unemployed youths from the Colony

These interventions have created a sensitized community that knows the collection schedule and can dispose waste directly from the comfort of their residence.

Beneficiary quotes

"Offering door-to-door collection has benefited us a lot. We were unable to bear the smell from the waste kept in the house for 2-3 days or 1 week at times and it was worse with the community receptacles. On top of the stench, people would throw the waste near the receptacles instead of throwing it inside the receptacles because they are lazy. Then, the animals would scavenge the waste making the roadside very dirty and messy. After you guys started this system, it is much better now and also, it has changed the unhygienic environment to a hygienic one. What I want to say is that you should continue with this work and if you keep continuing it, people will be more understanding, which is what I feel."

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