



SDG Spectrum Newsletter



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

The **Sustainable Development Goals (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.

Acknowledgement from Shri Neiba Kronu, Hon'ble Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Nagaland

On behalf of the people of Nagaland, it gives me immense pleasure to present to you all, the first issue of SDG Spectrum Newsletter. This newsletter has been prepared by SDGCC, Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland and I hope it will go a long way in generating awareness and action towards the SDGs. The 'SDG Vision 2030' Document of Nagaland is also in the process and I am certain it will chart the way ahead for achieving the SDGs by 2030.

The Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland is the nodal department for the SDGs and we have partnered with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for technical assistance to help us plan for and better develop local capacities to contribute more effectively to the SDGs.

This newsletter will bring to you all the developments on the SDGs, plans and actions being undertaken as well as associated publications that have been released and / or are in the pipeline to be released. I 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

Welcome to the First Edition of the Nagaland SDG Newsletter

*By J. Alam, Addl. Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner,
Government of Nagaland and John Borgoyary, Regional Head,
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*Thank you and we hope you will enjoy reading SDG
Spectrum!*

Dear Readers,

We would like to welcome you to the First Issue of 'SDG Spectrum', that will focus on the SDGs in Nagaland. We hope you will find this newsletter useful to understand more about the SDGs especially in the context of the challenges and opportunities that the state of Nagaland presents. The key objective of this newsletter is to keep you updated and aware of the humble steps that are being undertaken for contributing towards the SDGs. In each newsletter, we have also included an 'In the spotlight' section where we zoom into one SDG through an initiative being undertaken in the state.

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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Preparedness to contributing towards the SDGs

-By Nosazol Charles, Addl. Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland

To contribute to the SDGs through localisation and integration of the SDGs across the state of Nagaland, the Government of Nagaland has established the SDGCC under the Planning & Coordination Department in partnership with UNDP.

Developments so far: With dedicated human resources engaged for furthering the mission, the status of implementation of SDGs through SDGCC so far are as follows:

- Capacity building workshop and consultations held at the state level for taking forward the SDGs.
- Departmental SDG Cells in all relevant departments created with Nodal officers.
- High Level Steering Committee constituted, headed by Chief Secretary.

- Mapped all flagship schemes, state schemes and projects to the SDGs.
- Finalized the State Indicator Framework (SIF) and District Indicator Framework (DIF) aligned to National Indicator Framework to track and monitor the progress of SDGs at state level.
- Established database of all SIF indicators with baseline, source and short, medium and long term targets.
- Drafted SDG 2030 Vision Plan for Nagaland (To be released).
- Drafted District Manual for SDG localisation and integration (To be released).
- Published SDG brochure for localisation: 'Building Stewardship on Agenda 2030 in North East India'.

Status of Nagaland as per NITI Aayog SDG Index 2.0

-By SDGCC Nagaland

Recognition: The SDG India Index 2.0 has recognised the positive contribution of Nagaland as follows:

- **Overall score:** Nagaland has achieved a score of **57** as compared to the **average national score of 60**.
- Top performing State for Goal 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Front-runner for Goal 2: Zero Hunger with a score of 70% above the national average of 35%.
- With regards to percentage of anaemia among children aged 6 – 59 months, Nagaland has already crossed the national target of reducing anaemia among children to 14% until 2030 by achieving 8%.
- The lowest rate of crime among women is Nagaland with a record at about 7%.
- Front-runner for Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation with a score of 75%, Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy with a score of 70%, Goal 15: Life on Land with a score of 94% and Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions with a score of 84%.
- Of the 239 wildlife crime cases reported in India between 2017 and 2018, Nagaland registered only one such case.
- Nagaland has not reported any incident of human trafficking.

Response to COVID-19

- By SDGCC Nagaland

The COVID-19 outbreak is a global public health crisis which has created uncertainties and worries in our day to day life. The Government of Nagaland is taking all necessary steps to ensure that we are prepared well to face the challenges and threat posed by the growing pandemic. The most important factor in preventing the spread locally is to empower citizens with the right information and taking precautions as per the advisories being issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland.

Important initiatives taken by Government of Nagaland in response to COVID 19:

- Constituted High Powered Committee on COVID-19.
- Setting up of COVID-19 war room .
- Setting up of state-level control room with State Emergency Operation Centre with toll free number: 1800 345 0019.
- Constituted Strategic Committee for Economic Affairs .
- Constituted Core Group for Economic Roadmap.
- Setting up of BSL-3 and BSL-2.
- Started Tele/Online Education Programme.
- Launched self-declaration COVID-19 app.
- Launched 'I Am Stranded' website: (<https://iamstranded.nagaland.gov.in/>)
- Use of Drone-assisted messaging on do's and don'ts for COVID-19.
- The Nagaland COVID-19 self-declaration application for tracking high risk COVID-19 cases was launched.
- Launched job portal; <http://joblinks.nagaland.gov.in>.



Looking ahead – Contributing towards the SDGs

- By Augustine M. Yanthan, Deputy Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland.

In this article, you will find more details about the steps that we are planning to take to streamline our efforts towards contributing to the SDGs. The key focus of our actions in the coming months will be on generating greater awareness about the SDGs to ensure that 'no one is left behind'.

We are planning the following actions:

• **Release of the Nagaland SDG Vision Document 2030:** This document serves as a strategic development plan for all government departments to work coherently towards the achievement of the SDGs in the state.

• **District SDG Integration and Localisation Manual:** This document is closely aligned to the Nagaland SDG Vision Document 2030 contextualizing the global goals to local needs.

• **Updated website of the Planning & Coordination Department:** The website of the Planning & Coordination Department will be updated to include information about the SDGs, the actions being taken by the Government of Nagaland to contribute towards the SDGs and key publications as well.

• **Release of SDG Publicity Material:** Publicity material through creative posters, flyers and a pocket handbook would focus on building awareness about all the SDGs.

• **Release of short video clip and radio jingle on SDGs:** The video clip and radio jingle would also be focused on generating awareness on the SDGs in the state.

• **Online Quiz on SDGs and COVID 19:** To generate awareness among general public in the state.

In the next issue, we will share more updates on the above actions.

In the Spotlight: SDG 15

Amur Falcon Conservation: Achieving 'Zero Hunting'

By Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Nagaland.

In every Newsletter, we bring to you an 'In the spotlight' section which covers one initiative that is being implemented that contributes primarily to one SDG. In this issue, we are covering the Amur Falcon Conservation efforts being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Nagaland that contributes primarily to SDG 15 – Life on Land.

Background: The Amur Falcon is a species from the Siberian region which migrates to the African region for wintering covering a long distance of 22,000 km and completing an elliptical loop. While migrating, it stops at several places in Northeast India with the main roosting site being Doyang catchment area in Nagaland before taking off again. In 2012, NGO 'Conservation India' came out with a report of mass killing of the birds in the Doyang catchment area, mostly in Pangti village which triggered conservation efforts being undertaken which have continued ever since.

Intervention: The Department has undertaken the following actions:

- Deployment of frontline staff at roosting sites to control the killing, trapping and selling of the birds.
- A Sub-committee consisting of all the territorial Divisional Forest Officers and Wildlife Warden was constituted to supervise at the field level.
- Awareness programmes on Amur Falcon Conservation.
- Distribution of IEC to generate widespread public awareness about Amur Falcon.
- Constituted District Level Co-ordination Committee for controlling wildlife crime.
- Notified policy of zero tolerance to the hunting, killing and trapping of Amur Falcons in the State.

Outcomes and achievements:

- **Conservation Action Plan of Amur Falcon** which includes involvement in protection work, eco-tourism, habitat improvement and research.
- **Enhanced awareness** on conservation issues among general public.
- **Full protection** of Amur Falcon which has also been extended for other species too.
- **'Zero Hunting'** zone and named as the **'Amur Falcon Capital of the World'** by UNEP.

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