



# REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF REMNA NI 2023

# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM



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#### **REPORT OF THE CELEBRATION OF REMNA NI 2023**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Remna Ni is celebrated on June 30 every year to honour the signing of the Mizoram Peace Accord. On June 30, 2023, Mizoram celebrated the 37th anniversary of the signing of the Mizoram Peace Accord. The accord was a historic agreement between the Government of India and the Mizo National Front (MNF), which ended two decades of insurgency in the state.

In 1959, Mizoram experienced a devastating famine known as 'mautam'. This is an ecological phenomenon that occurs every 48 years and it is caused by the flowering of the bamboo species Melocanna baccifera. When the bamboo flowers, it produces a large number of seeds, which attract black rats. The rats then feast on the seeds, which leads to a boom in their population. When the bamboo seeds run out, the rats start eating stored grain, which causes widespread famine.

Elderly Mizos who had an experience of the 'mautam' of 1911 tried to warn the government of Assam, but their warnings were neglected and considered as superstitions. The Central Government and Assam Government were unable or unwilling to provide relief, so a Mizo activist Pu Laldenga founded the Mizo National Famine Front to help the affected communities. The Mizo National Famine Front soon transformed into a political party, the Mizo National Front (MNF). In 1966, the MNF declared independence from India and started an armed uprising.

The Indian Government quickly suppressed the revolt, but the MNF continued to fight for independence for another 20 years. The 'mautam' famine and the MNF insurgency were both caused by the same underlying problem: the lack of political representation for the Mizos. The Mizos had long felt that they were being neglected by the Indian government, and the 'mautam' famine only inflamed these feelings. The MNF insurgency was an attempt to gain greater autonomy for the Mizos, and it ultimately succeeded in 1986, when the Indian government signed a peace agreement with the MNF.

The accord was signed on June 30, 1986, in New Delhi by the Home Secretary, Government of India, Pu Lalkhama, Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram and the leader of the MNF, Laldenga. The accord stipulated that the MNF would surrender its arms and ammunition, and cut its ties with other insurgent organizations.

The signing of the Mizoram Peace Accord was a major turning point in the State's history. It brought an end to the violence and bloodshed that had plagued Mizoram for two decades, and it paved the way for the state's eventual development and progress.

The Mizoram Accord reads: "With a view to restoring peace and normalcy in Mizoram, the MNF Party, in their part undertake within the agreed time-frame, to bring out all underground personnel of the MNF with their arms, ammunitions, and equipments, to ensure their return to civil life, to abjure violence and generally to help in the process of restoration of normalcy."

"The modalities of bringing out all underground personnel and the deposit of arms, ammunitions and equipments will be as worked out. The implementation of the foregoing will be under the supervision of the Central Government," it added.



The Mizoram Peace Accord has been credited with bringing peace and stability to Mizoram. The state has since enjoyed a period of sustained economic growth and development. The accord has also served as a model for other peace processes in India and other parts of the world.

# 2. CONSTITUTION OF STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE & DISTRICT LEVEL FOR CELEBRATION OF REMNA NI 2023

General Administration Department vide No.F.20016/11/2014-GAD/354 dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 constituted State Level & District Level Committee for Celebration of Remna Ni 2023 with the following formation:

#### 2.1 State Level Committee:

Chairman Vice Chairman Members		Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department Principal Secretary, Finance Department Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department Commissioner & Secretary, Home Department Director General of Police Secretary, School Education Department Secretary, Planning & Programme Implementation Department Secretary, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department Secretary, Local Administration Department Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department Secretary, Art & Culture Department Municipal Commissioner, Aizawl Municipal Corporation Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District Director, Higher & Technical Education Department Director, School Education Department Director, Information & Public Relations Department Director, Information & Public Relations Department Director, Local Administration Department Director, Jurban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department
Member Secretary	:	Joint Secretary, General Administration Department

# 2.2 District Level Committee:

Chairman	:	Deputy Commissioner
Members	:	All Heads of District Level Officers/Senior most Officer in each
		Department posted in the District
		Representatives of Local Bodies (Municipalities/VC)
		Representatives of NGOs
Member Secretary	:	Sub Divisional Officer (Sadar)



#### 3. MEETINGS OF THE STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE:

#### 3.1 First Meeting

The first meeting of the State Level Committee was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 under the chairmanship of Dr Renu Sharma, Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram. The following decisions and responsibilities were made:

**1. Observation of Remna Ni**: Remna Ni will be observed in the State and the Districts Headquarters on 30.06.2023 (Friday). Details of the programme at the State level will be chalked out by GAD and the Deputy Commissioners in their respective districts.

(Action: GAD/All DCs)

**2. Health Camps**: Free health camps will be organized at the State level as well as in all the Districts on 30.06.2023.

(Action: Health & Family Welfare Deptt.)

**3. Digital Flyer & Short video making Competition**: Digital Flyer & Short video making Competition on the theme 'Cleanliness for Peace and Prosperity' will be organized and prize distribution for the competitions will be held on Remna Ni during the main programme.

(Action: UD & PA Deptt.)

**4. Cleanliness Drive:** Cleanliness Drive on the theme 'Clean Mizoram for Peace & Prosperity' will be organized by UD & PA Department on Remna Ni i.e., 30.06.2023. The department is requested to ensure maximum community participation including women and children

(Action: UD & PA Deptt.)

**5. Peace Walk**: Peace Walk at the State level will be organized by Yuva Tourism Club on Remna Ni. Similarly, all DCs may also organize Peace Walk in their respective District headquarters

(Action: Tourism Department/All DCs)

**6. Blood Donation**: To mark the 37<sup>th</sup> year of Remna Ni, Mizoram Police will donate 37 units of blood from each district.

(Action: Mizoram Police)

**7. Blood Donation Camp**: Blood Donation camp may be held on Remna Ni in consultation with Central YMA and Association for Voluntary Blood Donation (AVBD)

(Action: GAD/YMA/AVBD)

**8. Band Display**: Display of Mizoram Police Band Party at public places will be organized in celebration of Remna Ni on 30.06.2023.

(Action: Mizoram Police)



**9. Tree Plantation:** EF & CC Department will provide saplings for plantation of trees in observation of Remna Ni.

(Action: EF&CC Department.)

**10.Painting Competition & Photography Contest:** Painting competition on the motifs of peace and photography competition will be organized by I & PR Department. Prize distribution for the competitions will be held on Remna Ni during the main function.

(Action: I & PR Department)

**11.Quiz and essay competition:** School Education Department will organize Inter-School Quiz Competition and Essay competition particularly on the topic of the history of Mizoram leading up to the signing of Peace Accord in 1986. The Competition may be organized for Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools at the District level all the Districts. Prize distribution for the competitions will be held on Remna Ni during the main function both at the State Level and also at the District Level

(Action: All DCs/School Education Department)

**12.MUP**: MUP is requested to perform one special item in the main function to be held on 30.06.2023.

(Action:MUP)

**13.YMA Chhang**: In order to maximize participation at the community level, activities for YMA Chhang may be chalked out in consultation with Central YMA.

(Action: GAD/YMA)

# 3.2 Second Meeting (District Level Committees)

The Second Meeting was chaired by Pu K Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department on hybrid mode with Deputy Commissioners of the District joining the meeting through Video Conference. The Chairman welcomed the members and apprised them of the urgency of the meeting as several activities will be conducted on the run up to Remna Ni. The members were sensitized on the activities to be held at the state level which are expected to be replicated at the district level according to their convenience. It was reiterated that the departments involved are to align prevailing schemes/activities under their department with activities for Remna Ni.

Following are the points which may be taken up at the district level in connection with Remna Ni:

**1. Health Camps:** Free health camps will be organized by Health &Family Welfare Department in all the Districts on 30.06.2023 preferably in the suburbs of the district headquarters and targeting the less privileged sections of the society. Deputy Commissioners are requested to facilitate the health camps in their respective districts.

**2. Digital Flyer & Short video making Competition**: Digital Flyer & Short video making Competition on the theme 'Cleanliness for Peace and Prosperity' will be organized by



UD & PA Department. The same may be organized at the district level in consultation with the respective DUDO.

**3. Cleanliness Drive**: Cleanliness Drive on the theme 'Clean Mizoram for Peace & Prosperity' will also be organized by UD & PA Department during the run-up to Remna Ni i.e., 30.06.2023. All DCs are requested to ensure maximum community participation including women and children at the district level.

**4. Peace Walk**: Peace Walk at the State level will be organized by Yuva Tourism Club on Remna Ni. Similarly, all DCs may also organize Peace Walk in their respective District headquarters in coordination with other departments including Sports & Youth Services and School Education Department.

**5. Blood Donation Camp**: Blood Donation camp may be held as part of celebration of Remna Ni in coordination with NGOs. Actual date and detailed programme may be finalized at the District level depending on the availability of blood banks and other factors.

**6. Tree plantation:** Although Green Mizoram Day will be observed in the month of June, 2023, all DCs are requested to liaise with EF&CC Department and undertake tree plantation on the occasion of Remna Ni.

**7. Painting Competition & Photography Exhibition**: Painting competition on the motifs of peace and photography exhibition will be organized by 1&PR Department at the State level. The same may be explored by the DCs.

**8. Quiz and essay competition**: School Education Department will organize Quiz competition with primary focus on the political history of Mizoram. Similarly, essay organized for organized on the topic related to peace. The Competition may be organized on the topic related to peace. The competition may be organized for Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools at the District level. The main topic, language etc may be decided at the district level. All DCs are requested to facilitate the competition organized by the concerned Department.

The Chairman advised all the Deputy Commissioners to devise and customize activities suitable for their districts depending on their capacities and resources at their disposal.

All members are requested to plan the activities where competitions are involved so that prize distribution can be held during the main function at the district headquarters on Remna Ni i.e., 30.06.2023.

All districts are required to submit their respective Budget estimates for the conduct of Remna Ni by the evening of 15.05.2023 and latest by 16.05.2023 during the first hour.

#### 3.3 Third Meeting:

The third meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and it was presided over by Pu K. Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, GAD. The Chairman welcomed the members and explained that the meeting on Remna Ni is convened to chalk out the details of activities decided at the State Level meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the



Govt. of Mizoram. After discussions and deliberations the following points are decided by the meeting.

**1. Blood Donation Camp:** Blood Donation Camp will be jointly organized by Central YMÂ and Association for Voluntary Blood Donation (AVBD). The month of June, 2023 will be designated as 'Blood Donation Month for Aizawl city. An opening ceremony to flag off the programme will be held on 1st June, 2023 at Dawrpui Multipurpose Hall. Programme for the function will be prepared by AVBD and submit it to GAD at the earliest along with expenditure requirements. They will also make an appeal to all target groups like the Police, YMA, KTP, TKP, etc. to donate blood generously as part of celebration of Remna Ni within this period. GAD will notify the Blood Banks in advance about the programme. In the District Headquarters, the programme for blood donation camp will be organised by the respective Deputy Commissioners taking due consideration of factors like availability of blood banks and their capacity, normal requirement of blood in the hospitals, etc.

# (Action: GAD, All DC, Central YMA, AVBD)

**2. Band Display**: As decided in the meeting held on 08.05.2023, Mizoram Police will display band party at selected locations within Aizawl City on Remna Ni. It was also decided that Govt. Mizo High School band party be invited to perform on the occasion. All band parties will perform at the selected locations on Remna Ni starting at 1:00 PM as below:

**a)** 1st MAP will display their Brass band at Sikulpuikawn and will move to Millenium Centre.

**b)** 3rd MAP will display their Pipe band at Temple Square and will move to Thuampui.

**c)** Govt. Mizo High School band party will perform at Chanmari Kawn. Certificate of Appreciation will be given to all the participants by GAD.

(Action: GAD, Mizoram Police, School Education Department)

**3. Tree Plantation:** Tree Plantation Drive will be organized in the run up to Remna Ni/on Remna Ni itself both at the State Level as well as in all the District Headquarters. EF&CC Department is requested to set aside saplings to be planted on the occasion of Remna Ni. In this regard following decisions are made:

- **a)** GAD will submit the requisite number of saplings to EF&CC Department
- **b)** EF & CC Department will organize the plantation of tree saplings including site preparation at the State as well as the district level.
- **c)** GAD will liaise with the department for site selection.
- **d)** Refreshment and other requirements on the day of ceremonial plantation by the State dignitaries will be arranged by GAD.
- **e)** Deputy Commissioners will liaise with EF&CC Department at the District level in their respective District Headquarters for organizing tree plantation.

(Action: GAD, EF&CC Dept., All DCs)

**4. Painting Competition and Photography Exhibition:** Photography contest as decided in the previous meeting will be changed to Photography Exhibition on the convenience of the concerned department. The department was requested to make arrangement for exhibition of



Photographs at least 2 days prior to Remna Ni at Vanapa Hall which will be kept on display till 30.06.2023.

State Level Painting competition will be conducted as decided. All necessary expenditure will be borne by the department. District Level Committees may decide conducting of painting competition and photography exhibition at the District Level within their respective budgets.

#### (Action: I & PR Deptt, All DCs)

**5. Quiz and Essay Competition:** School Education Department reported that District Level Quiz and Essay Competition will be conducted for High Schools/Higher Secondary Schools in all the Districts. All expenses including Cash Prize and Certificates for the winners will be met from Community Mobilization Fund under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. Quiz competition will be conducted for Secondary School students. The theme for the competition will be the Political History of Mizoram: 1947 - 1987. Question bank will be prepared at the State and the competition for all the districts will be held at the same day and at the same time.

Essay Competition will be held for Higher Secondary School students and will be written on the spot. Details of essay competition are yet to be finalized

(Action: School Education Dept., All DCs)

**6. Peace Walk:** Tourism department reported that most of the Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges have Yuva Tourism Club. Details of the programme to be held on Remna Ni will be chalked out by the department with intimation to GAD. District Level Committees may also organize Peace Walk in their respective District Headquarters on Remna Ni.

(Action: Tourism Dept., All DCs)

**7. Programme**: The programme for the celebration of Remna Ni was discussed, and the following items are proposed for inclusion in the programme.

i. Chief Guest ii. Chairman	:	Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram
iii. Bible reading and Praye	er:	From Mizoram Kohhran Hruaitute Committee
iv. Welcome address	:	Chairman
v. Speech	:	Chief Guest
vi. Short Speech	:	1. Chairman, NGO Coordination Committee
		2. Chairman, MKHC
vii. Special items	:	1. MUP
		<ol><li>Opening Song -Central YMA Zaipawl (Ro min rel sak ang che)</li></ol>
		3. Solo - 2 top artistes to be identified/decided by GAD
		4. Cultural Item: Cheraw by Art & Culture Department
		5. Closing Song - Central YMA Zaipawl (Khuavel i la chhing ngei ang)
viii. Prize distribution	:	Display of prize winning video/flyers etc. through LED screen will be prepared by I & PR Department.



**a. Venue & Time**: The venue for the celebration of Remna Ni shall be at Vanapa Hall and the function will start at 11:00 AM on 30.06.2023.

**b. Compere**: Director, I & PR Department will designate two suitable MIS Officers for the smooth flow of the programme.

(Action:I & PR Dept.)

**c. Invitees**: The list of invitees may be confined as follows:

**1.** Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha), all Ministers, Ministers of State, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chief Whip, MLAs and Vice Chairman of various Boards, Chairmen and Members of various Commissions, statutory bodies, Boards and Corporations.

**2.** Government officials not below the rank of Deputy Secretary & equivalent may attend. All Administrative Heads and Head of Departments will be responsible for attendance of officers under their establishment. GAD will issue suitable instructions in this regard.

**3.** Mayor, Dy. Mayor and all Councilors and Chairman of Local Councils under Aizawl Municipal Corporation

**4**. Office bearers, General Secretaries and Secretaries of all political parties.

- **5.** Office bearers of NGOs such as CYMA, MUP, MHIP, MZP, MSU etc.
- 6. All members of Mizoram Journalist Association

7. Prominent citizens as well as Padma Shree Awardees

**8.** Judicial officers of the rank of CJM and above

9. Members of former Legislative Assembly Association

**10.** All Heads of Offices of Central Govt. offices in Aizawl

**11.** Prize winning participants with 30 students from each school.

**12.** Gorkha leaders, Hindu and Muslim leaders.

d. Reception & Ushering: Reception & Ushering will be arranged by GAD and DC, Aizawl.

(Action: GAD & DC Aizawl)

**e. Expenditure Estimates**: Budget estimates will be worked out by GAD for both the State as well as all the districts.

(Action: GAD)

**f. Media Coverage**: Director, I & PR Departmet shall arrange for media coverage of all the activities done on the occasion of Remna Ni and their wide publicity on all media platforms. She shall also make arrangement for live streaming of the main event to be held on 30.06.2023.

(Action: I & PR Deptt)

**g. Security**: S.P Security will be in charge of Security inside the venue for the day. He may arrange Anti-Sabotage checking and Door Frame Metal Detector as well as security personnel as may be required. Similarly, S.P Aizawl will be responsible for security arrangement around the venue.

(Action: S.P Security/S.P, Aizawl)

**h. Traffic**: S.P Traffic will be in charge of traffic management in and around the venue.

(Action: S.P Traffic)



**i. Bouquet Presentation, Refreshment & Venue Decoration**: Bouquet presentation, Refreshment & Venue Decoration will be arranged by GAD

**j. Sanitation**: Director, UD & PA may ensure that the venue is swept clean before and after the event.

(Action: UD & PA Dept.)

(Action: GAD)

#### 4. BLOOD DONATION

#### 4.1 Inauguration of month long mega blood donation drive in Aizawl

The General Administration Department, Government of Mizoram, in collaboration with the Association for Voluntary Blood Donation (AVBD) and the Central YMA, conducted a monthlong mega blood donation drive in June 2023 to commemorate Remna Ni. The inaugural function was held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (Thursday) at Dawrpui Multipurpose Hall, with the presence of Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister of Mizoram as the Chief Guest.



In his inaugural address, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of the mega blood donation camp as an opportunity to be a blessing to those in need. He emphasized the significance of Remna Ni, which marks the day when the Mizoram Peace Accord was signed. The Chief Minister mentioned that during the period of insurgency, many young people made great sacrifices, giving up their lives for the cause. He acknowledged that the entire state of Mizoram endured immense suffering during that challenging time. The Chief Minister stated that the region, which was once the most tumultuous in the entire North East, has now become the most peaceful state. He expressed that the challenges Mizoram faced in the past have prepared its people to empathize with others who are going through difficulties, making them ever ready to extend help to those in need. He emphasized that it is fitting to celebrate Remna Ni and honour those who sacrificed their lives by donating blood to save the lives of others. The Chief Minister made a heartfelt appeal to the public to come forward and donate blood, highlighting the importance of this act of generosity and compassion.

Pu K. Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Departmenyt also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of Remna Ni and reflecting on the challenges faced by the people during the insurgency period. He highlighted the transformative journey towards development that began with the signing of the peace accord. He urged the



people to cherish, preserve and nurture peace, emphasizing its value and the need to safeguard it. The Secretary announced that the departments under the Govt. of Mizoram, in collaboration with affiliated associations and societies will celebrate Remna Ni by conducting a series of activities and events, during the month of June. The Mega Blood Donation Month is one of the significant events included in the celebration, he added.



Pu R. Lalngheta, President, Central YMA, appealed to the members of the YMA to actively take part in the blood donation drive and contribute to saving the lives of patients in need. Recognizing the importance of blood donation as a noble act, he emphasized that it is crucial for donors to be in good health and free from any substance addiction. He specifically focused on the issue of drug and alcohol addiction, urging young people and YMA members to stay away from such harmful substances and prioritize their well-being. He emphasized the significance of taking care of one's health and being able to contribute to society in meaningful ways, including through blood donation.

Pu C. Lalnunnema , AVBD President presided over the inaugural event, and high school students aged 18 and above initiated the blood donation camp by donating blood.

The month-long celebration of Remna Ni will include various activities such as district-level essay writing competition for Higher Secondary students, painting and photo exhibition by the I & PR Department, tree sapling planting by the Forests Department, cleanliness drives at all District Headquarters by UD & PA, digital flyer and short video competitions, and blood donation drives in all districts. **(Input from I & PR Department)** 

#### 4.2 Blood Donation Report

As decided in the State Level Meeting on Celebration of Remna Ni, 2023 held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 8th May, 2023 (Monday), blood donation as part of celebration of Remna Ni was organized in collaboration with Association for Blood Donation and Central YMA. The State Government sanctioned fund amounting to Rs. 2 lakhs for the said purpose.

The month of June, 2023 was declared as Blood Donation Month for Aizawl and an inaugural function of the designated month was held on 1st June, 2023 (Thursday) at Dawrpui Multipurpose Hall.P uZoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister graced the function as Chief Guest. Pu C.Lalnunnema, President, AVBD chaired the function and welcomed the invitees for the event. Pu K.Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department



and Pu R. Lalngheta, President, Central YMA addressed the gathering on the significance of Remna Ni and its deep-rooted importance in the history of Mizos. The detailed programme of the function is as follows:

Date & Time	: 1st June, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Venue	: Dawrpui Multipurpose Hall, Aizawl
Chief Guest	: Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister
Chairman	: Pu C. Lalnunnema, President, AVBD
Welcome Speech	: Chairman
Opening song	: One in Christ
Short speech	: PuR.Lalngheta
Special Item	: Jonathan Lianhna
Short speech	: Pu K. Lalthawmmawia, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, GAD
Special Item	: Jonathan Lianhna
Speech	: Chief Guest
Closing song	: One in Christ (Aw Nang kan Lal kan Pathian)

34 numbers of people donated blood at Civil Hospital, Aizawl to mark the commencement of Blood Donation Month after the official flag off programme was over.



Thereafter, blood donation was carried out in the three blood banks in Aizawl for a period of one month. Appeal to donate blood in observation and celebration of Remna Ni was sent to target groups including YMA branches, NSS, Youth groups etc by AVBD and Central YMA.

Voluntary Blood Donation Drive was also conducted by Health & Family Welfare Department in association with Association for Voluntary Blood Donation (AVBD) at the Mizoram Secretariat on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023(Thursday). 27 nos of males and 2 nos of females donated blood voluntarily during the blood donation drive at Mizoram Secretariat.

Below is the total number of blood donation during the Blood donation Month i.e., June, 2023 in commemoration of Remna Ni, 2023 in various Hospitals/Blood Banks:



Hospital/Blood Bank	Male	Female	Total
Civil Hospital, Aizawl	1191	201	1392
State Referral Hospital	173	27	200
Synod Hospital, Durtlang	245	35	280
Total	1598	260	1872

# 5. TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Pu Zoramthanga , Hon'ble Chief Minister led the ceremonial tree sapling plantation in Aizawl on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (Wednesday) to commemorate the signing of the historic Mizo Peace Accord. In a simple ceremony at an open gym in the Secretariat Complex, Hon'ble Chief Minister said the time-tested peace accord, signed between the Centre and the MNF on June 30, 1986, had brought peace and tranquility in the state, bringing an end to the State's troubled days.



Besides Dr Renu Sharma, the Chief Secretary, the occasion was also attended by Pu Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, EF & CC Department, Pu RK Singh, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Pu K. Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department as well as other important dignitaries and officials of the state.

In his commemorative speech, the Hon'ble Chief Minister re-iterated that the time-tested Peace Accord, signed between the Govt. of India and the MNF on 30th June, 1986, had brought bliss and tranquility in the state and that the troubled days of Mizoram had come to an end. Stating the fact that for 20 years before the signing of the Accord, Mizoram was the most troubled and unsettled state not only in the north-east India but the whole of South-East Asia, he added that the efforts put forward by both the Government of India and Mizo National Front (MNF) had been fruitful with Mizoram now having the distinction of being the most peaceful state in India and being exemplary in maintaining and restoring lasting peace.

Commending the EF & CC Department for selecting the Thlado tree sapling for plantation drive, he pointed out that the Thlado tree's flower is called 'Chawnpui' by the Mizos and was one of the main materials used for constructing houses by the forefathers, and was very befitting to plant the Thlado on the occasion of commemorating the abiding peace in Mizoram. He reaffirmed the need to combat climate change in the present world, where the most unfortunate incidents often occur as a result of environment deterioration and added that Mizoram also has a lot to play in protecting the environment. The Chief Guest also remarked that peace is the most precious commodity that Mizoram has to export to the world, which looked upon her with awe and



admiration for the simple yet happy and peaceful lifestyle practiced in Mizo society. He also touched upon the present refugees and internally displaced persons who saw Mizoram as a mental and physical haven and implored the gathering as well as the people of Mizoram to have humanitarian approach in dealing with them and beseeched them to do their best to preserve peace in Mizoram.



Dr. Renu Sharma, Chief Secretary and Pu K. Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department also delivered short speeches on the occasion.

Pu RK Singh, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest gifted a sapling each to the Chief Guest and Chief Secretary to congratulate them on the ceremonial tree planting. The Chief Guest also released 37 balloons to commemorate 37 years of peace and also planted the thlado saplings near the open gym MINECO along with other officials. **(Input from I & PR Department)** 

#### 6. PEACE WALK

Tourism Department, Government of Mizoram in association with Yuva Tourism Clubs in Mizoram conducted Peace Walk on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023(Friday) on the occasion of signing of Peace Accord to promote pece and prosperity amongst the minds of youngsters and instill the idea of patriotism and nationalism. Peace Walk organized by Tourism Department was graced by Pu Lalruatkima, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Pu TC Pachhunga, Vice Chairman, Tourism Development Board as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Pu V Lalengmawia, Joint Secretary chaired the function at Vanapa Hall where both directions merged.



Members of Yuva Tourism Clubs started the walk from both direction from Chanmari Kawn and Sikulpuikawn and merged at Vanapa Hall. Peace Walk was flagged off at Chanmari Kawn by



Lalruatkima, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Sikulpuikawn by Pu Saitluanga, Director, Tourism Department.

Peace Walk was organized with great enthusiasm and students were chanting and hoisting placards, slogans depicting the importance of peace and harmony in the world.

Pu Lalruatkima, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development reminded participants of Peace Walk to honour total involvement of those people which gave an extraordinary momentum to the political process; as a result the State witnessed restoration of peace becoming the most peaceful state in India

Pu TC Pachhunga, Vice Chairman, Tourism Development Board also asked the participants to celebrate Remna Ni with all their hearts and to remember the struggles and sacrifices made by the Mizo people during the two long decades of insurgency between 1966 and 1986.

More than 1200 participants of Peace Walk were drawn from members of Yuva Tourism Clubs drawn from various colleges, higher secondary achools and high schools in the city. The following colleges and schools participated in Peace Walk:

- 1) Government Hrangbana College
- 2) Government Aizawl North College
- 3) Mizoram Christian College
- 4) Government Zirtiri Residential College
- 5) Government J Thankima College
- 6) IASE
- 7) Government Chaltlang Higher Secondary School
- 8) Government JL Higher Secondary School
- 9) Government Mizo Higher Secondary School
- 10) Government Central Higher Secondary School
- 11) Government Republic Higher Secondary School
- 12) Modern School
- 13) Government Mamawii Higher Secondary School
- 14) Government Hrangchhuana High School
- 15) Chanmari West High School
- 16) Government KM Higher Secondary School
- 17) Government KVM High School
- 18) ITI Veng High School
- 19) Royal Standard School
- 20) Women Polytechnic, Aizawl

Similar activity was also conducted in the districts by the District Administration

#### 7. PHOTO EXHIBITION

Photo Exhibition and Painting Competition was organized by Information & Public Relations Department on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Pu Lalruatkima, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Public Relations Department inaugurated the event at Vanapa Hall in Aizawl.



At the Photo Exhibition, a collection of over 100 photographs were on display with each image serving as remembrance of Mizoram's journey to peace. Photographs include significant milestones such as signing of historic peace accord, homecoming of Mizo National Front cadres, and visit of the then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi and his family a few days after signing of the Accord



# 8. STATE LEVEL FUNCTION

The State level function of the 37<sup>th</sup> Remna Ni was held at Vanapa Hall in Aizawl which was organized by General Administration Department. Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister graced the function as Chief Guest.

In his speech, Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister termed the peace accord as "the most timetested exemplary accord not only in the country but also in the world". He also stated that the successful Mizoram peace accord can serve as a "model of peace" for "many neighbouring states and countries".

Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister also greeted the people of the state on the occasion of the 37th anniversary of the signing Mizoram peace accord.



The Chief Guest started his speech with the history of Mizo national movement due to indifferent treatment of the then Assam Government which had led many into starvation due to mautam famine. He said that Mizoram had been part of the British Empire since 1870. Post-independence, it was made a part of Assam, and in 1952 a subsidiary government called the Lushai Hills District



was created under Assam, which basically covered the later Mizoram. But many opposed this, as the Mizo people were also spread in Manipur and Burma. They demanded freedom or to join Burma. The feeling of alienation seeped in by 1959 when Mizoram was facing a famine, and authorities in Assam and the Indian authorities, in general, seemed negligent.

A local social organization was then set up in 1960 for relief works, which later became the Mizo National Front (MNF). It turned into a full-fledged political party in 1961 with Laldenga as President. Their goal was to create a separate independent state that would encompass all the Mizo tribes in the territories of Tripura, Manipur and Cachar districts of Assam under a single political government. The MNF created its armed wing, the Mizo National Army and launched Operation Jericho, under which it declared independence from India on 1 March 1966.

The government, in turn, declared Lushai Hills District as a disturbed area, banned MNF as a terror organization under the Defence of India Rule and deployed the Indian Army. In 1967, AFSPA was applied to the state.

Lauding the contributions made by Mizo people, NGOs, Churches and Civil Societies, Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the historic Mizoram Peace Accord signed in 1986 was the most time-tested exemplary accord not only in the country but also in the world, which have lasted till date; since then, Mizoram accord has become an exemplary peace accord. Many neighbouring states and countries also take it as a model of peace.

He further said that 'Today, I implore my fellow Mizos to take pride in this gift of God we received, and to preserve it for generations to come. Only through PEACE can we have real and stable growth and development".

Dr Renu Sharma, Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram who was the chairman for the function also focused on the significance of Remna Ni which is celebrated every year on June 30 to remind the people of Mizoram of the struggles and sacrifices made by the Mizo people during the two long decades of insurgency between 1966 and 1986.

She further added that as Mizoram celebrates the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Peace Agreement, the Mizoram Peace Accord has been cited internationally as a model, because of its determination to address the root causes of the conflict and its central focus on the rights and dignity of the indigenous people. All parts of the agreement in the Peace Accord have been implemented by the successive governments, as they are interrelated and thus necessary to achieve the goals.

The Peace Accord signed in 1986 between the Government of India and the Mizo National Front brought peace and tranquility here. It was a historic moment when the new State was inaugurated on February 20, 1987.

She conveyed her sincere appreciation and gratitude to the people of Mizoram for making a sacrifice which has enabled the Peace Accord to become a reality. The sustenance of peace in Mizoram was due to social administrative system of the Mizos which was largely shaped by civil society organizations that the agreement was possible only because of the people of Mizoram

She also reminded the youngsters to remember the total involvement of those people which gave an extra-ordinary momentum to the political process, as a result of which the State



witnessed the restoration of peace and order and ultimately becoming the most peaceful state in India. So, this is a tribute to the people of Mizoram who made sacrifices with determination to march ahead in the fields of socio-economic development as we are today along with the rest of the country.

# 9. STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS:

In order to celebrate Remna Ni 2023 on a befitting manner, the State Government organized various competitions such as Short Video Making Competition and Digital Flyer Making Competition by Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department; Painting Competition for Middle School, High School and Open Category by Information & Public Relations Department; State Level High School Quiz Competition and Essay Writing Competition for students of Higher Secondary Schools by School Education Department. Similar competitions were also held in all the Districts.



The Prize Winners of various Competitions are as under:

# 9.1. UD & PA Department

#### 9.1.1 Short Video making

- 1<sup>st</sup> D Harmonies, Durtlang Leian South
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lalremruati, Champhai Vengsang
- 3<sup>rd</sup> V. Lalzamliani, Dawrpui

#### 9.1.2 Digital flyer Making

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lalbiakngheta, Venghlui
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lalramsanga, Tuikual South
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marcus Saihmingliana, Zonuam



# 9.2 I & PR Department

# 9.2.1 Painting Competition

#### 9.2.2 Middle School Category:

$1^{st}$	-	Joseph Lallawmzuala, Class VIII, Home Mission School
$2^{nd}$	-	Malsawmkimi Pachuau, Class VII, Gospel Centenary School
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3<sup>rd</sup> - Mary Vanlalruati, Class VI, Gospel Centenary School

#### 9.2.3 High School Category:

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Hmangaihzuala Chawnghlut, Class IX, Kid Care School

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Malsawmtluangi, Class IX, PES School, Durtlang Leitan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> F Vanlalpekhlui, Class X, Home Mission School

# 9.2.4 Open Category:

1st - H.D Laltha	nzuala, Bawngkawn
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- 2nd Samuel V.L. Awmpuia, New Serchhip
- 3rd H. Lalchhandama, Ramhlun 'S'

# 9.3 School Education Department

# 9.3.1 State Level High School Quiz Competition

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Vanlalchhanhimi & Vanlalrova, PES Khawzawl, Khawzawl
$2^{nd}$	-	H.Lalengmawia & Malsawmzuali Ralte, Baptist HSS, Serkawn, Lunglei
$3^{rd}$	-	Lalhlimpuii & Laldinzuala, Govt. J.M High School, Serchhip

#### 9.3.2 Essay writing Competition

1 <sup>st</sup> -		Lalchhanchhuahi, Govt. Central Higher Secondary School, Aizawl District
$2^{nd}$	-	Lalkhawngaihsanga, Ardee Diamond Higher Secondary School, Siaha District
$3^{rd}$	-	Lalremruatpuii, Kawlkulh Higher Secondary School, KhawzawlDistrict

#### **10. PEACE FOOTBALL EXHIBITION MATCH**

In the afternoon, Football Exhibition match was played by Venghnuai Branch YMA Football Team, the champion team of Branch YMA Football Tournament which was held recently and All Mizoram Professional Football Association. The function was graced by Pu Zoramthanga, Hon'ble Chief Minister. This Football Exhibition match was organized by Sports & Youth Services Department in association with Mizoram Football Association

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that various activities on the occasion of 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing of Peace Accord in Mizoram were held during the run-up of the occasion





Pu Lalnunhlua, Director, Sports & Youth Services Department chaired the small event of the Peace Football Match. The Department put Charity Box at Lammual for Internally Displaced People from Manipur and Rs. 28,543 was collected from the public.

# **11. DISPLAY OF PIPE BAND**

Mizoram Police displayed pipe bands to commemorate the 37<sup>th</sup> Remna Ni at various locations in Aizawl City. The 1st Bn MAP Brass Band displayed Sikulpuikawn, Millennium Centre and the 3rd Bn MAP Pipe Band performed in Temple Square and Thuampui

The spectators were enthralled by a fiery display and routine of the Pipe Band of the Mizoram Police. The school children were also energized and motivated by witnessing such an event. Government Mizo High School also performed display of Pipe Band at the Peace Football Exhibition Match on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Lammual

#### **12. DISTRICT REPORTS**

#### **12.1 LUNGLEI DISTRICT**

The 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Remna Ni, 2023 was celebrated with much sincerity in Lunglei District on 30.06.2023 where the main function was held at Convention Centre, Lunglei. Peace walk, cleanliness drive, blood donation drive, free medical camps, and various competitions were held across Lunglei District to mark the auspicious day. The details of the various activities of Remna Ni, 2023 in Lunglei District are as follows:

**1. Observation of Remna Ni:** Remna Ni was observed in Lunglei District at Convention Centre, Lunglei on 30.06.2023 (Friday). All Head of Offices, Lunglei Municipal Council councilors, NGOs, MJA members and members of various Political Parties attended the programme. Details of the programme are chalked out as below:

Venue : Convention Centre, Lunglei Date : 30.06.2023 (Friday) Time : 11:00 AM

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• Chief Guest

Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng Vice Chairman, Lunglei High Powered Committee



•	Chairman	:	Pi Ramdinliani, Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei
•	Bible Reading & Prayer :		Rev. H. Lallianzara, Administrative Secretary, Synod Office, Lunglei
٠	Welcome Address	:	Chairman
٠	Opening Song	:	"Ro Min Rel Sak Ang Che" Sub Hqs YMA, Lunglei
٠	Speech	:	"Peace for Prosperity" Prof. J Zorema
٠	Special item	:	MUP Hqs. Lunglei
٠	Prize Distribution	:	Chief Guest
٠	Special Item	:	Rahsi Veng Branch YMA
٠	Speech	:	Chief Guest
٠	Solo	:	Lalenkawli Pautu
	No untoward incident happen	ned dur	ing the Programme.

**2. Health Camps**: Free health camps on the occasion of Remna Ni, 2023 was organized in Lunglei at various hospitals. A total of 320 patients were examined and consultation charges were made free of cost for all the patients at the following hospitals:

- 1. Civil Hospital, Lunglei
- 2. Christian Hospital, Serkawn
- 3. Faith Hospital
- 4. John Williams Hospital
- 5. Hope Hospital

**3. Short Video Making Competition**: Short video making (not more than 1min) making competition on the theme *"Clean Mizoram for Peace & Prosperity"* was organized by DIPRO. The winners of the competition are as follows:

#### SHORT VIDEO MAKING COMPETITION:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	-	Lalruatdika, Venghlun
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	-	C. Lalramngaiha, RahsiVeng
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	-	Nursing School, Lunglei
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	-	Lalthuthlunga, Venghlun

**4. Cleanliness Drive:** Cleanliness Drive on the theme *"Clean Mizoram for Peace & Prosperity"* was organized by DUDO, Lunglei on 29.06.2023 (Thursday) within Lunglei Municipal Council area. Participants included members of Clean Lunglei, students of Baptist Higher Secondary School, Govt Higher Secondary School, Govt. Liantawna High School and UD & PA staffs. , YMA members, 20 BN BSF and 3 NH BN Assam Rifles. Three spots were identified for the cleanliness drive namely Pukpui Centenary Park, Lunglei Park Chanmari and 3 Gate Lunglawn. Apart from cleaning these three places, participants also took a pledge to orient awareness on cleanliness in Lunglei, commit themselves towards a cleaner Mizoram and to contribute their best towards the cleanliness of their surroundings.

**5. Peace Walk:** Peace Walk was organized on 30.06.2023 (Friday) at 7:00 AM. The walk was led by Pu Donny Lalruatsanga, Additional DC (E) Lunglei from Kikawn and by Pu Liansangzuala Chhakchhuak, Additional DC (P), Lunglei from AOC Veng. The participants included members of YMA, 3NH Bn Assam Rifles as well as Head of Offices. A small function



was held at the meeting point in MIZOFED Venglai, Lunglei which was chaired by Pi Ramdinliani, Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei. She elaborated on the importance of the Peace Accord signed in 1986 and also led the participants of the Peace Walk in taking a pledge to maintain peace and prosperity in Mizoram.



**6. Blood Donation:** Blood donation drive was organized at Christian Hospital, Serkawn and Civil Hospital, Lunglei on Remna Ni (30.06.2023). A total of 24 units were donated by Lunglei District Executive Force, 10 units by 3NH Assam Rifles and 3 units by Staffs of John William Hospital.



**7. Art Competition & Photography Contest:** Art competition and photography competition on the theme "*Peaceful & Prosperous Mizoram*" was organized by DIPRO, Lunglei and prizes for the same was distributed on Remna Ni during the main function for the following winners:

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Lalduhzuala Sailo, Electric Veng
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize T.Lalruatsanga, Farm Veng
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Lalrinchhana, Rualalung

#### **PAINTING COMPETITION:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ngurthansangi, Venglai
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Vanlaltanpuia Colney, Lunglawn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ramdinthari, Lunglawn



**8. Quiz and Essay Competition:** DEO, Lunglei organized Inter - School Quiz Competition and Essay competition on *"History of Mizoram leading up to the signing of peace accord in 1986".* The winners of the competition are as follows:

# INTER HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION:

- 1st Lalrohlua GHSS Lunglei
- 2nd VL Hmangaihzuali Bazar Veng Higher Sec School
- 3rd R. Lalchhanchhuaha CEC, Chanmari

#### **INTER HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION:**

- 1st BHSS
- 2nd Sacred Heart HSS Team A
- 3rd Sacred Heart HSS Team B

# **12.2 SAIHA DISTRICT**

In pursuance of the resolution of the meeting for celebration of Remna Ni 2023 under the chairmanship of Pu K Lalthawmmawia, Commissioner & Secretary, General Administration Department on 16.05.2023, Siaha District had organized a grand celebration of Remna Ni 2023 in various ways. Activities undertaken for the celebration and commemoration of the crucial day i.e June 30 on which a significant accord was signed between the Government of India and Mizo National Front back in 1986 to bring the 20-year long insurgency in Mizoram to an end are given below –

**1.** A meeting was held on 1st June, 2023 to chalk out tentative programme and course of actions to make sure that celebration of Remna Ni was truly worthwhile and remarkable. The meeting saw the overwhelming attendance of Head of Departments/Offices and other stakeholders which could be taken as a proof of enthusiasm and keenness amongst the officials and the public.



**2.** Another round of meeting was held on 21st June, 2023 to oversee the preparatory activities undertaken and to see if changes and modification had been required in the course of organizing the event. In the meeting, decision of the government was highlighted that Pu Robert Romawia Royte, Hon'ble Minister of State for S&YS and DC&MA, etc had been scheduled to grace



the function as chief guest. In order to make the programme meaningful and fruitful, the following activities had been undertaken at the District headquarters –

- (i) Health camp and blood donation
- (ii) Tree plantation
- (iii) Quiz and essay writing competition
- (iv) Peace walk
- (v) Cleanliness drive

**3. Health Camp and Blood donation** – Health& Family Welfare Department organized Health Camp at Meisavaih Health & Wellness Centre, Siaha. As many as 336 patients had been checked with a total of 155 screenings performed for diagnosing non-communication diseases. The vitals of 77 people were tested through laboratory. A team of six (6) doctors and other 18 medical professionals looked after the camp.

Blood donation camp was made a part of celebration. Health & Family Welfare Department, Superintendent of Police and Association of Voluntary Blood Donation (AVBD), Siaha Branch jointly organized the camp on 26th June, 2023 at SP Conference Hall, Siaha. On 28th June, 2023, under the joint campaign and efforts of various disciplines of District Sports Committee and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), came another round of blood donation at District Hospital, Siaha. A total of 30 units of blood had been donated during the camp.



**4. Tree Plantation** – In order to mark and commemorate the 37th anniversary of Remna Ni, a ceremonial tree planting was held within the complex of Govt. Saiha College on 30th June, 2023 with ten (10) dignitaries; namely Pu KT Rokhaw, Hon'ble MLA ;Pu M Laikaw, Chief Executive Member, MADC; Pu S Lalremthanga, Executive Member, MADC; Pu Beirahmo Syhly, Executive Member, MADC; Pu Tiahlei Syuhlo, Executive Member, MADC; Pu T Seido, Executive Member, MADC; Pu HC Lalmalsawma Zasai, MDC, MADC; Pu Lalhmunsanga Hnamte, Deputy Commissioner; Pu VL Lura Hauzel, Superintendent of Police and Pu K Chhihrau, Executive Secretary, MADC. Saplings were arranged by Environment, Forest& Climate Change Department, MADC.

**5. Cleanliness Drive** – All Village Councils numbering 25 within Siaha Town had been instructed to organize a mass voluntary work for cleaning their respective localities. The turn-out was exemplary and noteworthy that public infrastructures like main road, gorges, side-drain, public toilet were thoroughly cleared and cleaned. Approximately, each Village Council contributed 250 volunteers to carry out the drive in commemoration of Remna Ni.



**6. Quiz and Essay Writing Competition** – With a theme – Political History of Mizoram 1947 – 1987, Quiz Competition was organized for students of High School. The theme was also used for competition of essay writing at High Secondary School level. Following is the result of the competitions –

Quiz Competition						
Name of students winning prizes Name of School Position						
Joseph Rohlupuia & HC Jenesia	New Colony High School	1 <sup>st</sup>				
K Beirakhithie & N Kypacharili	Springfield English School	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Norma Jawhly & NgohluChozah	Maraland English Academy	3 <sup>rd</sup>				
Essay Writing Competition						
Lalkhawngaihsanga	ARDEE Diamond School	1 <sup>st</sup>				
T Elkana	Govt. HSS	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
S Lyrili	Foxall HSS	3 <sup>rd</sup>				

The prize winners had been honoured and felicitated with handsome cash award along with citations; such as `30,000/- for 1st prize; `20,000/- for 2nd prize and `10,000/- for 3rd prize. It may also be mentioned that Mr.Lalkhawngaihsanga, a student of ARDEE Diamond High School representing Siaha District, has won 2nd prize in the state level essay writing competition.

**7. Peace Walk** – Under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner's office and District Sports Committee, various offices and schools with a good number of participants conducted peace walk along the main road in the heart of Siaha town.

**8. Official Function of Remna Ni Celebration** – This had come out successfully on the day itself at 1:00 PM despite unavoidable cancellation of the scheduled chief guest at the eleventh hour due to the bad weather for which chopper service was cancelled. The function was held at the newly constructed Seminar Hall of Government Siaha College with Pu M Laikaw, Hon'ble Chief Executive Member, MADC and Pu KT Rokhaw, Hon'ble MLA of Palak A/C as Special Guests.

The event was also marked by paper presentation of retired professor Chawngkhuma Chawngthu in which the signing of peace accord in 1986 between the underground MNF and Government of India and its outcome had been extensively and skilfully elaborated and the lasting peaceful coexistence between the two signing parties was also reflected therein.

Another item in the function that rightly deserves to be put on record is distribution of interactive panelsfor smart class rooms to 12 High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools.

Mara Autonomous District Council showed tremendous cooperation in making the celebration a huge success. Their openness and readiness to assist and coordinate with the District Administration should also be placed on record. As a part of celebration, Pu M Laikaw, Hon'ble Chief Executive Member hosted a grand dinner for all the District Level officials and community leaders at his official residence.



#### **12.3 HNAHTHIAL DISTRICT**

In preparation for the celebration of Remna Ni 2023, the Deputy Commissioners Office Hnahthial called a meeting on 23rd May 2023 comprising of Superintendent of Police, Hnahthial, all Heads of Office, Hnahthial District, leaders of NGOs and President of Hnahthial District VC Association. The meeting chalked out different ways Remna Ni would be celebrated within the District.

As a part of celebration of Remna Ni, Hnahthial District Remna Ni Celebration Committee and Samagra Siksha- School Education Department, Hnahthial District collaborated in organizing a Remna Ni Quiz and Essay Competition.

The Quiz Competition was organized for High School students on the topic "Political History of Mizoram - 1947 (Post Independence) – 1987 (Statehood)". The Essay Competition for Higher Secondary students was also organized on the same topic - "Political History of Mizoram- 1947 (Post Independence) – 1987 (Statehood)".

Free Health Camp was organized in District Hospital Hnahthial during 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to commemorate Remna Ni 2023 in Hnahthial District. Several well known and accomplished doctors from Aizawl came to be a part of this Free Health Camp. The Free Health Camp was opened by Pi Esther Lalruatkimi, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department. Over 1000 patients benefitted from the free health camp.



Celebration of Remna Ni was also undertaken by UD & PA Department, Hnahthial. In line with the decision taken by UD & PA Department, Cleanliness Drive was organized in various localities within Hnahthial town. Members of youth groups and NGOs turned up for the Cleanliness Drive. After a Cleanliness pledge was read out by the people, Pu Lalbiakfela, DUDO Hnahthial gave a short speech related to the celebration of Remna Ni after which work was started.

The celebration of Remna Ni on the actual day of 30th June 2023 was organized by the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hnahthial District at Horeb Conference Hall, Electric Veng. Dr. R Lalthangliana, Hon'ble Minister H&FW, etc Department was the Chief Guest. A jubilant celebratory program was observed with speeches, songs and prize distribution as a part of the program.



# **12.4 SAITUAL DISTRICT**

Remna Ni was celebrated in Saitual district as per the programmes laid out by the State Government. This year, the whole month of June was utilised for taking up activities related to Remna Ni.

**1. Mass Tree Plantation**: on 09.06.2023 (Friday) was observed as the day for mass tree plantation. On this day, different Departments within Saitual District were allocated plantation area between Keifang and Tuirini River. As many as 640 saplings were planted on this day on the sides of NH 06. The arrangement for saplings and the site preparation was done by EF & CC Department.

**2. Blood Donation**: On 22/6/23 (Wednesday) voluntary blood donation camp was held in collaboration with Saitual Sub headquarters YMA at Keifang Community Hall. The donation campaign kicked off with the DC and SP being the first donors. A total of 163 units were donated (Male 129 & Female 34)

**3. Peace Walk:** On the morning of 28.06.2023 (Wednesday) Peace walk was organised to commemorate Remna Ni 2023. The walk was flagged off from DC Complex, Saitual after Pu Lallawmawma, Addl DC and Pu Lalremmawia Sailo, President District MUP delivered speech on the value of peace. Heads of Offices of various departments and students from various schools participated in the Peace walk which was concluded at Keifang Centenary Park with speech from Pi Lalsangkimi, Vice President, Sub Headquarters MHIP.



**4. Essay & Quiz Competition**: To mark Remna Ni 2023 District level Essay and Quiz Competition was organised under the aegis of District Education Office.

# High School Level Quiz Result :

<u>Position</u>	Name	Name of School
First	1) Lalrammuanpuii	PES, Keifang
	2) Lalruatpuii	PES, Keifang
Second	1) K Lalremruati	Saitual H/S – II
	2) Nickson Lalduhawma	Saitual H/S – II
Thrid	1) Malsawmzuali	Govt. H/S, Rulchawm
	2) K Lallawmawma	Govt. H/S, Rulchawm



# Higher Scondary School Level Essay Result :

<u>Position</u>	Name	Name of School
First	Evelyn Malsawmtluangi	Phuaibuang HSS
Second	TC Vanlalhriati	Phuaibuang HSS
Thrid	C Lalremruati	Phullen HSS

**7. Remna Ni Main Celebration**: The main celebration was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at Govt. Saitual College Auditorium. Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, Hon'ble Minister, School Education Department etc graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest delivered a moving speech, stressing that Remna Ni belongs to all Mizos and not to any particular group and must be appreciated, valued and preserved by all. People from all walks of life participated in the programme. A ceremonial tree plantation was also organised in the college campus.

**6. Events not organised**: Digital Flyer & Video Short making Competition at the District level was not conducted as it was conducted at the state level.

**7. Medical Health Camp at Saitual**: As Health Camp could not be held on Remna Ni, it is slated to be held on an appropriate date in collaboration with Aizawl Civil Hospital.

# 12.5 KOLASIB DISTRICT

In compliance of minutes of the meeting on celebration of Remna Ni 2023 held on 08.05.2023 at 2:30 AM at Secretariat Conference Hall, MINECO, a meeting was held on 26th May, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Pu John L.T Sanga, Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District and chalked out various activities to be undertaken and responsibilities were given to different Head of offices. The following activities were undertaken as a run up to Remna Ni/on Remna Ni:

**1. FREE CLINIC**: It was organized by the Office of Chief Medical Officer, Kolasib District, H&FW Department on Remna Ni at Govt. Diakkawn P/S-II and Govt. Diakkawn M/S-II. Photos are attached in soft copy at Annexure.

# 2. DISTRICT LEVEL ESSAY WRITING AND PAINTING COMPETITION:

District Level Painting competition was organized by the District Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Kolasib District, and School Education Department on 20th June, 2023. All interested Middle School and High School students were requested to participate in the competition. The competition carries prize money along with certificate. The following students won the prize:

Winner	K.Lalmuansangi, Class IX "A" St.John's Hihger Sec. School
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Laldinpuii, Class IX HT High School, Kolasib
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Johny Lalruatfela, Class VII Shalom UPS Khuangpuilam

District Level Essay writing competition on the theme "The History of Mizoram leading up to the signing of peace accord in 1986" was organized by the District Project Coordinator,



Samagra Shiksha, Kolasib District on 21st June, 2023. All interested Higher Secondary School students were requested to participate in the competition. The following students won the prize:

Winners	Joel R. Zonunsanga, Cl-XII "B", St.John's Higher Sec. School
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Johan Laldinpuia, Cl –XII, Bairabi Higher Secondary School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	J.Lalhruaitluanga, Cl-XII, St.John's Higher Sec. School

**2. TREE PLANTATION**: It was organized by the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Kolasib Forest Division, EF & CC Department on 29th June, 2023 under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District.

**4. PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**: It was organized by the Office of District Information and Public Relation Officer. The competition carries prize money along with certificate. The competition was categorized in to two – Digital Camera Competition and Mobile Phone camera competition. The following persons won the prize:

#### DIGITAL CAMERA COMPETITION

Position	Name
Winner	Carter Lalchhuanawma
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Saithangpuia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	C.Zonunfela

#### MOBILE PHONE CAMERA COMPETITION

Position	Name
Winner	Laldinpuia Khiangte
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Lallawmsanga
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	C.Zonunfela

**5. PEACE WALK**: On the occasion of Remna Ni 2023, Peace walk was organized by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District in collaboration with MZP Headquarters and MSU District Headquarters on 30.06.2023 at 7:00AM. Many school students have participated in the programme.





# 6. MAIN CELEBRATION OF REMNA NI, 2023 IN KOLASIB

The main event for the celebration of REMNA NI, 2023 was organized at Diakkawn YMA Hall on 30.06.2023 at 11:00 AM. Hon'ble Minister Pu K.Lalrinliana, FCS&CA etc. was the chief guest for the Programme.

### 12.6 KHAWZAWL DISTRICT

Khawzawl District organized Remna Ni 2023 in a befitting manner to instill patriotism and nationalism in the minds of youngsters. Meetings on Remna Ni 2023 were held twice on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 under the chairmanship of Pu K Lalrohlua, Deputy Commissioner, Khawzawl District. In the run-up of celebration of Remna Ni 2023, the following activities were taken up by the District Administration.

**1. Blood Donation Camp**: It was organized on 28.06.2023, 41 unit of Blood was donated for the celebration of Remna Ni, 2023

**2. Peace Walk**: Peace Walk was organized on 30.06.2023 at 7:00 am. Representatives from Sub-Hqrs YMA, Sub-Hqrs MHIP, District MUP, Village Councils within Khawzawl Town and all registered sports discipline under Mizoram State Sports Council participated in the Peace Walk.

**3. Cleanliness Drive:** It was organized through the district. Every Village Council called one day 'Runthlak Hnatlang' for the Celebration of Remna Ni, 2023.

**4.** All departments within Khawzawl Town and all NGOs planted trees for the celebration.

**5.** Quiz competition for High School and Essay writing competition is organized for the celebration.

**6.** Free Health Clinic was organized at District Hospital, Khawzawl on 06.06.2023 attended by 635 patients, Chawngtlai on 05.06.2023 attended by 128 patients and Biate on 04.07.2023 attended by 90 patients for the celebration of Remna Ni, 2023.





**8.** The main event of Remna Ni 2023 was observed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Zaingen Branch YMA Hall. Pu Tawnluia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Programme of the function is as under:

Venue	:	Zaingen Branch YMA Hall
Date & Time	:	Ni 30.06.2023 @ 11:00 AM
Chief Guest	:	Pu Tawnluia
		Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Chairman	:	Pu K. Lalrohlua, Deputy Commissioner
Hlado	:	District MUP
Opening song	:	Govt. Khawzawl H/S. 'Ro min relsak ang che'
Hunserh	:	Rev. James Lalremmawia, Counsellor, FG&CC
Welcome address	:	Chairman
Opening Act	:	Khawzawl District Amateur Taekwando Association
Solo	:	Lalhunthari, 'Kan Zoramah Lal Krista Kraws'
Zaipawl	:	Sialhawk North Branch YMA
Thusawi Tawi	:	Pu PC. Rosiama, President, Sub-Hqrs YMA
Solo	:	Lalhunthari, 'Khaw khawm Hla'
Thusawi & Prize	:	Pu Tawnluia, Chief Guest
Distribution		
Group Singing	:	MZI, Khawzawl
Zirna a hlawhtling	:	Pu Tawnluia, Chief Guest
Chawimawina hun		
Cultural items	:	1) PES, Khawzawl
		2) Sub-Hqrs YMA, Khawzawl
		3) PES, Khawzawl Vengthar Pastorate
Vote of Thanks	:	Chairman

Khawzawl District also organized Essay Writing Competition for Higher Secondary School students and Quiz Competition for High School students by Samagra Shiksha, Khawzawl District. The following is the winners of the competition

Inter Higher Sec. School Essay Writing Competition 2023					
Sl.No	Sl.No Name of Student Name of School Position Prize				
1	Lalremruatpuii	Kawlkulh HSS	1 <sup>st</sup>	30000+Certificate	
2	Isaak Malsawmdawngkima	Khawzawl HSS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	20000+Certificate	
3	Lalthanpuii	Kawlkulh HSS	3rd	10000+Certificate	

	Inter High School Quiz Competition 2023					
Sl.No	Name of School	Name of Student	Position	Prize		
1	P.E.S Khawzawl	Vanlalchhanhimi	– 1st	30000		
1		Vanlalrova		+Certificate		
2	Govt. Khawzawl H/S	K Lalnunfeli	- 2nd	20000		
		Lalhriatpuii		+Certificate		
3	Model High School	B Lalremruati		10000		
		Lalhmangaihsangi	3rd	+Certificate		



#### 12.7 MAMIT DISTRICT

**1.** District Level Quiz & Essay Writing Competition was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at High School & Higher Secondary School Level. District Level Painting and Photography Competition were also organized through DIPRO, Mamit. Prize Distribution was held during the main function of Remna Ni at Chhim Veng YMA Hall.

# **RESULT OF QUIZ COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Position	Name	School	Prize	
1 <sup>st</sup> Position	Malsawmdawngkima Pachuau	Presbyterian English	Rs. 30,000 + Certificate	
	Lalnuntluangi	School, Mamit	Certificate	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	Jonathan Lalngaihsaka	Govt. Rawpuichhip High	Rs. 20,000 +	
2 <sup>nd</sup> POSICIOII	VL Malsawmtluanga	School	Certificate	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	T. Lalhmangaihsanga	Mamit High School – II	Rs. 10,000 +	
5 <sup>rd</sup> POSICIOII	Vanlalhmachhuani	Mannit High School – II	Certificate	

#### **RESULT OF ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION FOR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Position	Name	School	Prize
1 <sup>st</sup> Position	H. Lalrintluanga	Govt. Mamit Higher Sec.	Rs. 30,000 +
		School	Certificate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	Digo Lalhruaizela Ralte	Govt. Kawrthah Higher Sec.	Rs. 20,000 +
		School	Certificate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	Lalmuanpuii	Govt. Kawrthah Higher Sec.	Rs. 10,000 +
		School	Certificate

**2.** Planting of saplings was organized on 29.06.2023. 60 nos. of saplings were planted on the roadside of Mamit – Aizawl.



**3.** Cleanliness Drive was held on 29.06.2023 @6:00 AM within Mamit Town with participation of all NGOs, V/C's and UD & PA Department.

**4.** Peace Walk was organized on 30.06.2023 @ 6:30 AM where all Head of Office/staffs, NGOs and Students participated.



**5.** Free Health Camp and Blood Donation Camp was organized on 30.06.2023. Hon'ble MLA, Er. H Lalzirliana donated Rs. 1,00,000.00 (Rupees one lakh) for free distribution of medicines.

**6.** Attendance of Group A & B Officers was exceptional at the Remna Ni function on 30.06.2023 held at Chhim Veng YMA Hall, Mamit.

# **12.8 CHAMPHAI DISTRICT**

**1.** Quiz & Essay Writing Competition: Quiz & Essay Writing Competition was conducted among High School and Higher Secondary School under the guidance of DPC, Champhai District (Samagra Shiksha). In this competition, prize money was distributed for the first three positions.

**2.** Painting Competition & Photography Exhibition: Painting Competition and Short Video making were also conducted and prize money were given to first three positions respectively.

**3.** Health Camp: Free Health Camp was organized in Ngur Village on 30.06.2023.

**4.** Blood Donation Camp: Blood Donation Camp was organized on 29.06.2023 at the District Hospital, Champhai.

**5.** Digital Flyer making Competition: Digital Flyer making competition was organized by the Sub-Committee.



**6.** Peace Walk: On 30.6.2023 at 7:00 AM, Peace Walk was conducted from CHANEM Building to Circuit House. In this Peace Walk, about 200 persons were participated from Govt. Officials, NCC, Assam Rifles, Ex-Servicemen etc.

**7.** Planting of Trees: After having peace walk, 37 trees were planted near National Highway beyond Khankawn Police Check Gate.

**8.** Celebration Function: Remna Ni Celebration function was organized at Kahrawt Community Hall under the Chief Guest of Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, Hon'ble Minister, Law & Judicial, Transport etc. The meeting was chaired by Pu James Lalrinchhana, Deputy Commissioner.



#### **12.9 SERCHHIP DISTRICT**

The preparation for Remna Ni, 2023 was initiated by a meeting held on 19.05.2023 (Friday) which was chaired by Pi Nazuk Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip District. As per the decisions taken at the state level meeting on 15.05.2023, the activities for Remna Ni were discussed and duties were also allotted to various offices. A second meeting was held on 19.06.2023 to review the status of activities needed to be undertaken as assigned by the previous meeting.

The following is a list of activities that were undertaken for celebration of Remna Ni, 2023 within Serchhip District:

A free health camp was organized by Health & Family Welfare Department on 30.06.2023 at Buangpui Village in which 6 doctors and 4 nurses from JN Hospital, Serchhip provided medical treatment to the local people. Around 100 people were given free health checkup.

A cleanliness drive was organized on the morning of Remna Ni at every locality in collaboration with the Village Councils, Sub-Headquarters YMA and UD & PA Department successfully through active participation of the people.

A Peace Walk was organized on the morning of Remna Ni at 7:00 AM which started from DC Office and ended at DUDO Office, New Serchhip. School children from New Serchhip High School & Brighter Higher Secondary School along with two representatives each from different sports associations participated in the walk.



Blood Donation Camp was organized between 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at the District Hospital during which 78 blood donors from private volunteers, associations, Mizoram Police, BSF and Assam Rifles were recorded.

Tree plantation on the day of Remna Ni was organized in collaboration with EF & CC Department, Joint Village Council & Sub-Headquarters YMA, Serchhip at Theihai Lui kam during the cleanliness drive which was held on the morning of Remna Ni.

District Level High School Quiz Competition and Higher Secondary Essay Competition for celebration of Remna Ni was organized by District Education Officer, Serchhip. The Quiz Competition was held on 21.06.2023 at Lalro Digital Studio in which Govt. JM High School, Serchhip won. They eventually represented Serchhip District in the state level quiz competition



and won third prize. The winner of the Higher Secondary Essay Competition was N. Vanlaiphai HSS.

District Level Higher Secondary Essay Competition		
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	N. Vanlaiphai HSS	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Govt. HSS, Serchhip	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Eklavya Model Residential School, Serchhip	
	Total Participants – 8	

District Level High School Quiz Competition		
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Govt. JM HS, Serchhip	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Govt. Chhiahtlang HS	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Presbyterian English School, Serchhip	
	Total Participants - 12	

The main celebration was held at DCs Conference Hall, Serchhip at 11:00 AM on 30.06.2023. Er Lalrinawma, Hon'ble Minister for Excise & Narcotics etc. was the Chief Guest. Head of Offices within Serchhip Town, representatives from NGO CO-ordination, Joint Village Councils and PAMRA attended the event. Presentation on history & significance of Remna Ni, solo, choir etc. were the highlight of the programme. Essay & Quiz competition prizes were distributed on this day. Apart from this, schools achieving 100% pass percentage in HSLC & HSSLC exams were also felicitated. Police Department also gave out prizes of essay competition organized by them. The programme was attended by around 250 people.

# **12.10 LAWNGTLAI DISTRICT**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1986, a "Peace Accord" was signed between the Government of India and the then militant group Mizo National Front (MNF). To honor this eventful day, every year, on 30<sup>th</sup> June, an occasion known as 'Remna Ni' (signifying the day the Peace Accord was signed) is celebrated by the State Government. On this year too, at Lawngtlai District, 'Remna Ni' was observed at Central Young Lai Association (CYLA) Hall, Lawngtlai, Mizoram with the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Pu H Biakzauva as Chief Guest.



The Chief Guest, Pu H Biakzauva, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker pay tribute to the martyrs who gave their lives for the peace and prosperity of Mizoram, and handing over condolences to the family of the martyrs. 'With a patriotic heart and the love for their homeland in their mind, we the people of the state must cherish and pay our respect to those who fought for the freedom and



dignity of every Mizos, as their deeds are indeed a great milestone in the development of the State as it is now' said the Deputy Speaker. He also stated that after fighting through thick and thin, with tears and blood flowing, for a dreadful long 20 years, the freedom they sought for (a separate nation) may not be what they get, but they still got us a very promising and optimistic 'accord' from the Central Government, which should be cherished by the people. The Peace accord assured that people of the state are safeguarded from atrocities and assimilation by the masses through a great barrier called Inner Line Permit, whose values we are yet to discover more and more in the years to come.

The Deputy Speaker stated that 'Peace' we acquired was the collective effort of the people wanting the same objective and fighting for it, also conveying to the people to remember how significant 'peace' is. Signing the Peace Accord is an incremental step in developing the state, preserving the belief and faith (Christianity) of the people, and the instrument that help us in providing or receiving assistance from our brothers and sisters residing outside the state in times of need. After signing the accord, it is a prideful matter for the state government and the people that peace prevails without any conflict within and without the state till date, and the fact that Mizoram is the most peaceful state confirm this without a doubt, and it is our rightful duty to carry on this legacy said the Deputy Speaker.

On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner of the District Pu Abraham Beirazi Khithie delivered a welcome speech to all the attendees, and he also mentioned the various activities done within the District to commemorate 'Remna Ni' 2023. Rev. K Zalawma, a Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of India (PCI) Lawngtlai Pastorate started the event with a devotion, and a traditional folk recital (hunters' chant) rendered beautifully by the Mizoram Upa Pawl(MUP) Lawngtlai District Headquarters. A prize distribution programme follows, where participants and winners of Essay and Quiz competition organized by the School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha, Lawngtlai District. A traditional folk dance called 'Pawhlohtlawh' was performed by YLA Council Veng Branch, followed by a skit from students of Govt. Region Higher Sec. School (GRHSS) National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit. And a terrific solo performance was rendered by Vanlalzawmpuii Hrahsel and Latei Hringngen. The Project Director of the District Rural Development Office, Pi Marilyn Rualzakhumthangi ended the event with a vote of thanks.



On the 'Remna Ni' 2023 event observed this year, the Chief Executive Member of the LADC, Pu V Zirsanga graced us with his presence. Chairman Pu VL Hmuaka, LADC and other members of the LADC, officers and staffs of various offices within the district, students' organizations, NGOs, and representatives from various political parties and local dailies have attended the programme.



Laldinpuii, a student of Don Bosco School Lawngtlai was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Position in the essay writing competition. Lyna Hrongia, Harvard Higher Academy was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Vanlalhruaia, Don Bosco School Lawngtlai as 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. In the High School Level Quiz Competition, Downtown English School was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> position, Don Bosco School Lawngtlai 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Vista English School 3<sup>rd</sup> position respectively. A citation and prize money of Rs. 30,000/- was given to 1<sup>st</sup> position holders, Rs. 20,000/- to 2<sup>nd</sup> position holders and Rs. 10,000/- to 3<sup>rd</sup> position holders respectively.

Apart from the quiz and essay competition for schools, activities like planting of trees by various offices, Health Mela by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Peace Rally by the Education Department, Cleanliness Drive by the UD & PA, Voluntary Blood Donation by the 3<sup>rd</sup> IR Battalion with DC's Office Lawngtlai and the Central Young Lai Association, etc., was also organized.