**JOINT MOCK DRILL ON EARTHQUAKE & FIRE SAFETY AT DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS, NAGALAND**

Under Disaster Management Section, Joint Mock Drill on Earthquake and Fire Safety was conducted at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland on 22nd July 2022 by Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) with the support of Home Guard (HG), Civil Defence & SDRF and Fire & Emergency Services. The mock drill was first of its kind at the Directorate level in the state. It was conducted to create awareness, preparedness, to ensure safety of employees and to effectively respond in the event of any disaster.

Shri Neidilhou Angami, Director, Economics & Statistics in his opening remarks urged the staff to take the drill as an opportunity to learn and experience a new lesson to tackle real life disaster situation. He also urged the staff to take the exercise seriously.

The mock drill began with the sounding of siren. During the Mock Drill, Fire safety was demonstrated by Fire & Emergency Services personnel while First Aid demonstration was presented by SDRF personnel. Evacuation plan was executed and search & rescue mission was conducted by SDRF personnel where injured and others in different medical conditions were retrieved from different levels of the building. High-rise building rescue mission was also demonstrated. The mock drill exercise was conducted simulating an earthquake scenario. During the Drill, self help during calamities such as Drop cover and hold, finding appropriate place for protection, evacuating to a safety place, how to check for injuries and treat, how to remain calm and self assured and help others who are distressed, to be alert, quick and responsible were taught and demonstrated.

Earlier on 18th July, coordination meeting was held at the DES, Conference Hall where Smti. Khrolou Koza Lohe, Assistant Manager Training & Education gave power point presentation and Shri Victor Yhome, DPA briefed the Department Officers and Staff on 21st July 2022.

The inaugural programme was led by Smti. Theyieneinuo Belho, Deputy Director. The drill concluded with remarks from Shri.Kezhalelhou Solo,Deputy Director,Shri Nzanbemo Kithan,Sr.IOS and Debriefing from Smti. Keren Rose, Assistant Manager & PRO, NSDMA.