



Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio addressing the people of Nagaland on Covid-19 precautionary measures and awareness at Chief Minister's Official Residence, Kohima on 23rd March 2020.

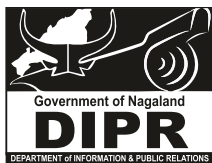




Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS addressing the review meeting of the Nodal Officers on Covid-19 for Nagaland at the Secretariat Conference hall, Kohima on 23rd March 2020.



Indian Air force C-130 J loaded with Covid-19 medical equipments/hygiene aids arrives at Dimapur Airport on 30th March 2020 (Ababe Ezung)



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DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP GETS NEW HoD

Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in a notification informed that Chiden Yaden, Additional Director has taken over charge as Head of the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, Kohima with effect from 02/03/2020. Henceforth, all D.O letters/ confidential and other correspondences maybe addressed to him by name till further orders.

The HoD's contact information is as follows:-

Office : 0370-2260702 (Telefax)
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SPITTING OF PAAN/TAMUL ETC BANNED IN PUBLIC PLACES

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the fore the importance of Hygiene and Cleanliness in both personal as well as public spheres and that it is of outmost need to impose restrictions on unhealthy habits that may potentially lead to spread of such viruses and other infections. The habit of public spitting poses a serious threat to the spread of such infections.

Therefore, in the interest of the Public Health and safety, the spitting of Paan/Tamul, Sputum etc in Public Places & Institutions has been BANNED with immediate effect.

Violators will be punished in accordance to relevant Laws. This was stated in a Notification issued by Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, I. Himato Zhimomi on 23rd March 2020.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In pursuance of the guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and in compliance to the judgement of the Supreme Court of India dated 24.10.2018, the Transport Department, Nagaland has notified that;

1. New Motor Vehicles conforming to emission standard Bharat Stage- IV manufactured before the 1st April 2020 shall not be sold or registered in the state w.e.f 1st April 2020.
2. New Motor Vehicles of "Category M"- a motor vehicle with atleast four wheels used for carrying passengers & "Category N"- a motor vehicle with atleast four wheels used for carrying goods which may also carry persons in addition to the goods and conforming to emission Standard Bharat Stage- IV manufactured before the 1st April 2020 and sold in the form of drive away chassis, shall not be sold or registered in the state w.e.f 1st April 2020.

The vehicle owners who do not register vehicles as stated above shall be penalized as per provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. This was stated in a notification issued by Kenilo Apon, Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department on 4th March 2020.

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PERSON LIABLE FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE NAGALAND GST ACT 2017

Office of the Commissioner of State Taxes has informed in a circular that the Nagaland Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017 has been implemented in the state of Nagaland since July 2017.

The Nagaland Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017 stipulates that every person making a taxable supply of goods or services or both in the State shall be liable for registration of the business under the Act, if the aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds 20 lakh rupees. (Refer Section 22 of the said Act)

Further, the Act also stipulates that every person making any inter-State taxable supply shall compulsorily be required to be registered under the Act irrespective of whether the aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds 20 lakh rupees or not. (For details refer Section 24 of the Act).

Under Section 2 (84) the Act, person, inter alia, includes;

- a. any corporation established by or under any Central Act, State Act or Provincial Act or a Government company as defined in clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- b. a co-operative society registered under any law relating to co-operative societies;
- c. a local authority;
- d. Central Government or a State Government;

All concerned have been impressed upon to comply with the provisions of the Act. The District Tax Offices may be contacted for any assistance and support for GST compliance. You may visit nagalandtax.nic.in or/and send mail to cotgon@rediffmail.com for queries.

OFFICIAL ORDERS ETC WITH REGARD TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PUBLIC NOTICE:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the under mentioned Authorized Authority hereby issue the following directives in the interest of public service:

1. Samples for COVID-19 Test from suspected persons shall be collected only at the designated Sample Collection site(s).
2. All suspected persons conforming to case definition issued by the Government from time to time shall be transported to designated Sample Collection site(s) only by designated ambulances and shall be kept in Mandatory Designated Quarantine places(s) till such time the test results are available.
3. Only authorised vehicles shall be permitted to cross the Quarantine Security Gate.
4. Unauthorised persons shall not be permitted to cross the Quarantine Security Gate.
Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

This was stated in a Public Notice issued by Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie on 21st March 2020.

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NOTIFICATION:

In view of the prevailing Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic and the necessity to take urgent measures for prevention and control of the disease, all Medical Officers, Nurses and staff under Health & Family Welfare Department are directed to remain in their respective place of posting.

All Chief Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent are directed to submit weekly attendance report of all the Officers & staff of their district to the Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family for necessary action.

Further, no leave of any kind will be entertained by the Department except on medical ground. This was stated in a Notification issued by Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Wezope Kenye on 21st March 2020.

ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, all persons who have entered Nagaland after 6th March 2020 irrespective of been screened at various check points shall Self Declare and Report to the designated Helpline numbers given in the Annexure: 1 and shall be subjected to compulsory Home Quarantine.

Further, those who are put on Home Quarantine and the family members or persons in contact with such persons conforming to the case definition of "Contact" defined below are hereby directed:-

1. to strictly follow the Guidelines for Home Quarantine issued by the Government from time to time, and
2. to extend full cooperation to Health Personnel and Authorities.

Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

NB: The Guidelines for Home Quarantine issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division) is enclosed as Annexure: 1.

Those on compulsory home quarantine shall be followed up and monitored regularly for 14 days by the respective District Surveillance Unit. All are therefore, directed to contact District Surveillance Unit Helpline given in the Annexure.

The Order, issued by the Principal Director, H&FW on 21st March 2020 also issued the following guidelines:

GUIDELINES FOR HOME QUARANTINE

A. Definition of Contact:

A contact is defined as a healthy person that has been in such association with an infected person or a contaminated environment as to have exposed and is therefore at a higher risk of developing disease.

A contact in the context of COVID-19 is:

- A person living in the same household as a COVID-19 case;
- A person having had direct physical contact with a COVID-19 case or his/her infectious secretions without recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) or with a possible breach of PPE;
- A person who was in a closed environment or had face to face contact with a COVID-19 case at a distance of within 1 metre including air travel;

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The epidemiological link may have occurred within a 14 day period before the onset of illness in the case under consideration.

B. Instructions for contacts being home quarantined:

The home quarantined person should:

1. Stay in a well-ventilated single-room preferably with an attached/separate toilet. If another family member needs to stay in the same room, it's advisable to maintain a distance of at least 1 meter between the two.
2. Needs to stay away from elderly people, pregnant women, children and persons with co-morbidities within the household.
3. Restrict his/her movement within the house.
4. Under no circumstances attend any social/religious gathering e.g. wedding, condolences, etc.
5. He should also follow the under mentioned public health measures at all times:
 - a) Wash hand as often thoroughly with soap and water or with alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - b) Avoid sharing household items e.g. dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with other people at home.
 - c) Wear a surgical mask at all the time. The mask should be changed every 6-8 hours and disposed off. Disposable masks are never to be reused.
 - d) Masks used by patients / care givers/ close contacts during home care should be disinfected using ordinary bleach solution (5%) or sodium hypochlorite solution (1%) and then disposed of either by burning or deep burial.
 - e) Used mask should be considered as potentially infected.
 - f) If symptoms appear (cough/fever/difficulty in breathing), he/she should immediately:
 - Ø Inform the nearest health centre or
 - Ø Call Helpline:
 - 011-23978046.
 - 7005415243
 - 9856071745
 - 7005539653
 - Ø Call Toll Free:
 - 1075
 - 102
 - Ø Email: nlssu.idsp@nic.in

C. Instructions for the family members of persons being home quarantined:

1. Only an assigned family member should be tasked with taking care of the such person.
2. Avoid shaking the soiled linen or direct contact with skin.
3. Use disposable gloves when cleaning the surfaces or handling soiled linen.
4. Wash hands after removing gloves.
5. Visitors should not be allowed.
6. In case the person being quarantined becomes symptomatic, all his close contacts will be home quarantined (for 14 days) and followed up for an additional 14days or till the report of such case turns out negative on lab testing.

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D. Environmental sanitation:

1. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the quarantined person's room (e.g. bed frames, tables etc) daily with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution.
2. Clean and disinfect toilet surfaces daily with regular household bleach solution/ phenolic disinfectants.
3. Clean the clothes and other linen used by the person separately using common household detergent and dry.

E. Duration of home quarantine:

1. The home quarantine period is for 14 days from contact with a confirmed case or earlier if a suspect case (of whom the index person is a contact) turns out negative on laboratory testing.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the under mentioned Authorized Authority hereby issue the following advisories in the interest of public service:

Every citizen of the State are advised to watch for development of acute onset of following signs and symptoms:- **Fever, Cough and Shortness of breath or Difficulty in breathing with (a). Travel history to affected areas or (b). History of Contact with positive COVID-19 cases.**

If any of the said signs/ symptoms are observed, visit the nearest health facility for further advice and treatment or call Helpline (011-23978046 / 9856071745 / 7005539653) or Toll Free (1075 / 102) and respective **District Helpline Numbers** or Email: nlssu.idsp@nic.in.

Any persons with such symptoms/ signs shall follow the under mentioned Safe Practices:

1. Stay at Home and maintain Social Distancing.
2. Use Mask at all times.
3. Practice Hand Hygiene by frequently washing with soap and water.
4. Practice Respiratory Hygiene by using handkerchief while coughing & sneezing and avoid random spitting.
5. All contaminated items such as used masks, tissue papers etc should be disposed off safely.
6. Adopt healthy lifestyle- proper diet, adequate sleep, exercise and avoid social physical contact instead use electronic means to contact other family and friends as well as avoid smoking, consumption of alcohol and other addictive substances.
7. Maintain cleanliness at Home including disinfection of frequently Touched Surfaces and Toilets with standard disinfectants/ detergents.
8. Extend full cooperation to Health Personnel and Authorities.
9. Senior citizens (60+ years), children and persons with underlying conditions like Hypertension, Diabetes, Respiratory Diseases, Pregnant Women, Heart & Kidney Diseases, Immunocompromised Patients or those Patients under steroids and immunosuppressants medications are advised to remain at home and avoid crowded areas or places.
10. Avoid spreading rumors, stay calm and do not panic.
11. Avoid non-essential travels, crowded places, social gatherings etc.

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12. Avoid social visits to hospitals and patients. Furthermore, the public are advised not to go to hospitals except for emergencies.
13. Avoid congestion in public places, offices, hospitals and maintain social distancing etc.
14. Avoid random spitting at home and public places.
15. Do not stigmatize and discriminate suspected COVID-19 case. Support each other, support your neighbours.
16. If you are healthy, No need to wear mask.
17. **No Test for COVID-19 will be done on Demand except for those fulfilling the Case Definition issued by Government from time to time. Suspected persons will be kept in Mandatory Designated Quarantine place(s) till the test results are available.**

Let every citizen pledge to abide by the above advisories. This was stated in a Public Notice issued by Principal Director, H&FW on 21st March 2020.

ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the under mentioned Authorized Authority hereby direct all operators of Ambulances (private and NGOs) to submit the details of the ambulance (vehicle registration number, type, capacity, name and contact number of driver and support staff) to the respective Chief Medical Officer by 26th March 2020 positively.

2. The operator shall ensure the ambulance is kept in running condition.
3. To send the ambulance personnel for training as and when intimated by the respective Chief Medical Officer.

Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

This order is subject to change with evolving situation. This was stated in an Order issued by Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie on 23rd March 2020.

ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the under mentioned Authorized Authority hereby issue the following directives to be undertaken by all hospitals both government and private irrespective of system of medicine with immediate effect:-

In order to decongest OPD and other crowded areas in the Hospitals,

- a) Organize registration counter in a spacious and easily accessible place or alternately in case of space constraints, separate/ multiple registration counter(s) for patients exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- b) The registration counter to identify upon enquiry patients exhibiting flu-like symptoms or any referred cases with such signs/ symptoms, and will direct such patients to the dedicated OPD.
- c) Organize separate/ dedicated OPD for examination of any patients exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- d) Display adequate Signage for information and convenience of all Users of the services.
- e) Restrict visitors to inpatients as well as number of patient's attendants to 1 (one) only in wards. NB: Visitors/ Attendants are prohibited in Isolation ward for COVID-19 cases.

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- f) To impose no entry and parking of private/commercial/nonessential vehicles in the vicinity of the hospital.
- g) Except for pharmacies, all nonessential shops and eateries in the vicinity of hospital to be shut down.
- h) To restrict non-urgent hospitalization/ admission of stable patients, to postpone/ minimize non-essential elective surgeries and to discharge stable patients as early as possible.
2. Install portable washbasins for the purpose of hand hygiene in strategic places.

Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897. This order is subject to change with evolving situation. This was stated in an Order issued by Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie on 23rd March 2020.

ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the under mentioned Authorized Authority hereby issue the following directive to all private hospitals irrespective of system of medicine for necessary actions:

1. Not to deny/refuse care to any patients exhibiting flu-like symptoms, suspected COVID-19 and pneumonia patients.

NB:- It is mandatory to NOTIFY any such patients to respective District Surveillance Unit immediately.

2. To provide treatment free of cost to any medical personnel who pick up infection while treating patients.
3. To mandatorily set apart and prepare for creating isolation facilities for use in case of any eventualities. Details of preparedness to be submitted to respective Chief Medical Officer by 26th March 2020 positively.
4. To ensure adequate training of all health personnel of the hospital on COVID-19 management and Infection Prevention and Control measures.
5. To stock adequate supplies including masks and PPEs.
6. Shall educate patients and their attendants on safe practices such as respiratory hygiene, proper use of mask, Do's and Don'ts, etc.
7. Not to grant leave of any kinds except under emergency and unavoidable circumstances to all categories of staff.
8. To furnish contact details of the hospital to respective Chief Medical Officer by 26th March 2020 positively.

Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

This order is subject to change with evolving situation. This was stated in an Order issued by Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie on 23rd March 2020.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the Order issued by Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food and public Distribution, Government of India Vide.No.S.0.1207(E) New Delhi the 24th March 2020 in regard to fixation of ceiling price of 3(Three) ply surgical mask to the rate of R.s.16/-, the temporary ceiling rate for sale of the aforesaid product issued in order by this authority vide. No. No. DI1&FW- 13/DC/26n-COV-19/2020-21/1095-1102 /Dated: Kohima, the 18th March 2020 is hereby stand cancelled.

Therefore, all the retail pharmacy outlets within the state of Nagaland are hereby directed to adhere by the ceiling rate of Rs.16/- for the aforesaid product (3 ply surgical mask) and not otherwise, failure to comply to this directive shall invite stern administrative and legal action without further warning. This Order shall come into effect immediately till further order.

This was issued in an Order dated 27th March 2020 by Additional Drugs Controller, Controlling & Licensing Authority, Nagaland State Drugs Control Administration, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, W.H. Patton.

COMMUNIQUE:

A communiqué from the Office of the Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, informed that Dimapur Tourist Lodge is identified and designated as Quarantine Centre for the District, and the District Hospital is designated as COVID-19 Hospital. In Kohima, designated Quarantine Centres have been identified, and Chedema AYUSH Hospital as the COVID-19 Hospital. NHAK will also be converted to COVID-19 Hospital as and when the situation demands. COVID-19 Hospitals will exclusively examine and treat cases for Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and Influenza-like Infection (ILI). Till date, 1543 individuals are under home quarantine in the State and 8 (eight) samples in total has been sent for testing of which 5 are negative and 3 results are awaited. The Principal Director also clarified that there is no testing centre in the State due to lack of Bio-Safety level laboratory anywhere in the State both in Government and Private establishment. The Samples are collected in all the District Hospitals and sent in a special Viral Transport Medium (VTM) to the designated Lab, identified by Government of India. All the District Superintendent of Police have identified specific vehicles to transfer the samples to the Labs at the earliest. The Principal Director also appeals to the public not to spread rumours and to verify such news/ information with the concerned District authority.

“Together we can-Nagaland against COVID-19”

ORDER:

Nagaland Government has issued an order in exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 and in order to prepare the Naga Hospital Kohima (NHAK) as COVID-19 HOSPITAL.

The order issued by Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Nagaland, Menukhol John on 28th March 2020, stated that the following arrangements have been prepared for the convenience of patients.

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1. No new patient will be admitted in NHAK w.e.f. 27th March 2020, until further notice.
2. Shifting of existing in-patients requiring further hospitalization, provided they can be safely moved to any of the following hospitals:
 - a) Putuonuo Nursing Home (0370-2221857)
 - b) Oking Hospital (0370-2290080)
 - c) Bethel Medical Centre (0370- 2224202)
 - d) KP Bethesda Hospital (9485238298)
3. New patients seeking emergency healthcare in NHAK will be diverted to the above hospitals. Only emergency cases will be entertained till further orders.
4. Medical expenditure for in-patients who are shifted or new emergency patients who are referred will be worked out with the respective hospitals.
5. Any patients shifted or referred by NHAK to any of the above hospitals will carry an authorization order from Managing Director, NHAK.
6. The treating hospital will be empanelled under AB-PMJAY if not already empanelled. Free benefit will be provided to AB-PMJAY beneficiaries as per guideline.

For any queries, contact:

- a) State Control Room: 9099607609/7085444710/0370-2270459
- b) District Control Room: 8575563906/6909937493

CIRCULAR:

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and the need to support the wholistic well-being of a person particularly under Quarantine Facility and Home Observation, the All Nagaland Counsellors Association (ANCA) will render free telephonic counselling services.

As the lockdown has the potential to adversely affect the mental wellbeing of the general public, the facility will be opened to the public on a voluntary basis. The Department of Health and Family Welfare Nagaland will facilitate the people in quarantine or isolation or anyone requiring counselling service with ANCA. Therefore, any person requiring telephonic counselling service may send the following request message given below through WhatsApp to the number: 7005 25 1298, which will be passed on to ANCA to reach out to the clients:

1. Name: b. Age/ Gender: c. Place of calling: d. Presenting problem or reason in brief:
2. The timing for counselling will be as follows:
3. Clients at Quarantine Facility (CQF) b. Clients in Home Quarantine (CHQ) c. Anyone requiring Counselling : 10:00 am to 5:00 pm : 6:00 am to 9:00 pm : 6:00 am to 9:00 pm
4. The service is voluntary. Strict confidentiality of the client will be maintained.

This was stated in a Circular issued by Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Menukhol John on 30th March 2020.

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ORDER:

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH) is identified as COVID-19 HOSPITAL. Therefore, the following alternative arrangements are to prepare for the convenience of patients:

1. No new patients will be admitted in IMDI-I w.e.f. 6th April, 2020, until further notice.
2. The existing in-patients requiring further hospitalization will be shifted to Lenjem Hospital (contact: 0369 2225226), provided they can be safely moved.
3. New patients seeking emergency healthcare in IMDH will be diverted to Lenjem Hospital. Only emergency cases will be entertained.
4. Medical expenditure for in-patients who are shifted or new emergency patients who are referred will be worked out with the concerned hospital.
5. Any patient shifted or referred by IMDH to Lenjem hospital will carry an authorization order from MS, IMDH.
6. Free benefit will be provided to AB-PMJAY beneficiaries as per guideline. For any query, contact:
(a) State Control Room: 9099607609/ 7085444710
(b) District Control Room (Mokokchung): 7630007954 / 7628854582.

This was stated in an Order issued by Principal Secretary, H&FW, Menumkhoh John, 31st March 2020.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

Whereas, World Health Organisation declared Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak as a pandemic and reiterated the call for countries to take immediate actions and scale up response to treat, detect and reduce transmission to save people's lives;

AND WHEREAS, the Government has declared COVID-19 as a notified disaster and invoked the Epidemic Disease Act 1897 to enhance preparedness and containment of the virus;

Whereas, it is necessary to prepare necessary infrastructure to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and save lives; Accordingly, the Government has already issued orders to requisition Government buildings vide No: H&FW-27/B-30/nCoV2020(Pt)/ 897-903 Dt. 28th March 2020.

However, in some areas suitable Government buildings may not be available to use as Quarantine facility for COVID-19 or as a measure to enhance the preparedness capacity may require more Quarantine facilities.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, section 19 (vii) & (ix), the Government hereby accord approval to the District Administration to requisition building such as Hotels, Lodges, Guest Houses etc run by private or NGOs, if found suitable to use as Quarantine facilities. The requisition shall also include all existing services & facilities such as furnishing, amenities, catering services etc.

The District Task Force shall identify such private facilities as Quarantine facilities and to operationalize the facility as and when required in conformity with extant SOP and to intimate the same to the directorate of Health & Family Welfare.

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This was stated in an Office Memorandum dated 31st March 2020, issued by Principal Secretary, H&FW, Menukhol John.

APPEAL:

In this extraordinary time of COV ID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Welfare Nagaland would like to appeal to all the retired personnel of the medical fraternity such as medical doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, radiographers, pharmacists, etc; and also the medical students in the final year as well as PG students who are at home; to consider to volunteer and lend a helping hand in service of the people of Nagaland. This appeal was issued by the Principal Secretary, H&FW, Menukhol John on 31st March 2020.

The appeal further stated that members of the above mentioned medical fraternity who would like to volunteer to deliver humanitarian services may submit their WILLINGNESS details in the under mentioned format through WhatsApp to 9402 24 5812

1. Name :
2. Age/ Gender :
3. Technical Qualification(s) :
4. Present Address :

NSCW ORGANISES NIGHT WALK CAMPAIGN IN KOHIMA

As part of a nation-wide campaign for women's safety, women from different walks of life joined 'Night Walk' on 1st March 2020 from TCP gate junction to Razhü point at Kohima.

The event was organised by Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) which was supported by National Commission for Women.

Sano Vamuzo who was the first Chairperson of NSCW flagged off the Night Walk.

Khrienuo Tachü, Chairperson of the Nagaland Commission for Women said safety of women 24X7 in Public spaces is essential and important for wholesome growth of societies across the world.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

A Farewell programme in honour of Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS, outgoing Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department was held on the 29th February, 2020 at Hotel Japfü, Kohima.

Director Industries & Commerce, K. Hokishe Assumi congratulated the retiring officer for her services rendered towards the department. He also shared his experiences with the retiring officer whom he considered as tough but sincere and hardworking officer.

The programme was attended by Imnatiba, Advisor of Industries & Commerce, Department Officers, NCS Office bearers, Members from IDAN and Officers from all PSUs under the Department.

Retiring officer, L. Chishi in her farewell address, recalled her days when she first joined as a young officer and her experiences as a lady officer. She attributed all success in her career to God and support given by her husband. She also lauded the enthusiasm of young and dynamic officers in the



Retiring Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce, Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS speaking at her farewell programme at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 29th February 2020.

department for all the achievements made during her tenure. She also encouraged everyone to work together for progress of the department and the state as a whole. The program was chaired by Vitsutho Nyuthe, Joint Director, Industries & Commerce.

CSUD CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

Chakhesang Students' Union Delhi (CSUD) celebrated its Silver Jubilee under the theme "Rooted towards prospective prosperity" with Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Nagaland as the Guest of Honour and Kuzholuzo (Azo) Nienu, Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly as the Special Guest. The Speaker of Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and the President of Chakhesang Students' Union also were special

invitees of the programme which was hosted at Nagaland House, 29 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam road, New Delhi on 1st March 2020.

Neiba Kronu in his address lauded CSUD for 25 years of its existence. He reminded the students that they were fortunate to be studying in Delhi which is not only the capital but the centre of learning. Comparing the times to when he was a student, he stated that the generation today had ample opportunities just waiting to be grasped.



Minister Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu with MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu with officials of the Chakhesang Students' Union during the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the CSU, Delhi at Nagaland House, New Delhi on 1st March 2020.

Neiba advised the students that while technology has greatly revolutionized our lives and has made the world a global village, one has to be careful that technology does not control them. Taking the current employment scenario of Nagaland into context, he spoke about the alarming number of educated unemployed people, and he encouraged that one must not only look for government jobs but also explore several other avenues. Neiba also released the Jubilee Souvenir compiling the history, articles and a photo gallery of the Union and its activities throughout the years.

Azo in his address congratulated the CSUD

on having completed 25 years. He emphasized that the goal of the students was to pursue studies, and thereby he asked them to give their best efforts and put faith and confidence in God Almighty. Azo reminded the students that it was imperative that they remain focused on their actual purpose to ensure that they do not regret in future.

The Presidential Address was delivered by Lhoukute Venuh, President, Chakhesang Students' Union Delhi and Vote of Thanks was delivered by V. Reuben Thiessen Nyekha, General Secretary, Chakhesang Students' Union Delhi.

2nd BADMINTON TOURNAMENT OF NCSA HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural program of 2nd Badminton tournament of Nagaland Civil Service Association (NCSA) was held at the Indoor Stadium Kohima on 3rd March 2020 under the theme, "To Greater Heights".

Commissioner & Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, Motsuthung Lotha, NCS, also the patron of the tournament said that Badminton requires strength as well as mental capabilities. To play the

sports we need basic skills but to achieve all its benefits it requires a lot of practice, dedication and determination, he said. He also added that sports not only keep us in good health but also build our confidence and leadership.

The closing programme was held on 4th March graced by Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare, Sarah Ritse, Patron of the tournament. The overall championship was bagged by the officers

posted at the Secretariat and Directorates while the men's double was won by Chingmak and Sizin Rentah. Mixed doubles was won by W. Honje Konyak and Vikhweno. Altogether, 46 officers took part in the tournament. Hiazu Meru chaired the valedictory program while Convener,

Badminton committee Wonchio Odyuo read out the tournament report. Vote of thanks was delivered by Shaying Sheu. Altogether, 28 teams from all the districts participated in the two-day tournament : Men's double-22 teams and Mix double-6 teams.

DIGITAL SMART BOARD FOR SMART CLASSROOMS LAUNCHED

Organised by the Department of Higher Education, a state wide launching programme of interactive digital smart board for smart classroom was launched on 4th February 2020 at Kohima Science College (Autonomous) Jotsoma.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, launching the programme appreciated the efforts taken by Minister, Imna Along, the Department of Higher Education and Information & technology and all those associated with the project for making the dream of technology enabled education a reality in the classrooms, and hoped that it will go a long way in improving the quality of education in our State.

Rio stated that the initiative of Higher Education Department in introduction of Digital Smart Boards and Smart Classrooms is a step in the right direction that will make learning more interactive and engaging. The use of simple tools can be used by teachers and students to make learning joyful and interesting and teachers will be able to deliver technology enabled dynamic and interactive lessons in classroom.

The Chief Minister further expressed that Nagaland had been recognized as a top state in the National e-governance Service Delivery

Assessment, that was recently announced in National e-Governance Conference in Mumbai. According to the NeSDA report Nagaland topped the list of the Northeast & Hill states with the overall score of 0.47. Assam came second with 0.28 while Manipur stood at the third spot with a score of 0.23.

Additional Director & HoD, Higher Education Department, Apeni Lotha, in her welcome address said that the launching of Interactive Smart Board for Smart Classroom is to enhance the quality of education between the academic years 2020-2030. She said that there is a 100% National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assessment of all the colleges in Nagaland, particularly the government colleges and presently there are 9 (nine) government colleges assisted by NAAC.

Minister of Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along congratulated the departments and colleges involved in the launching of the first of its kind Interactive Digital Smart Boards for Smart Classrooms in Government colleges of Nagaland. He said that this was the first of its kind in the North East where the state government has taken initiative for students.

CM URGES NCSA FOR STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL ECONOMY

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio addressing the 45th General Conference of the Nagaland Civil Service Association on 5th March, 2020 at RCEMPA, Jotsoma stressed on the need for the civil service to identify in their area of administration the local economy potential by co-ordinating with the developmental departments and to make sure that developmental funds are utilised properly.

Rio said that the Nagas are going through a difficult time and is at a crossroad. He admitted that for the government and NGO's working at various capacities it is not an easy job to serve the people at this difficult time, particularly with the Naga issue he said the government and a service like NCS gets sandwiched between the Government of India and the Naga National Group, with both not able to fully trust the State government.





While acknowledging the difficulties that the NCS go through, he hoped that through their hardships they would be able to identify with the struggles of the people that they are serving. With the NCS being the most qualified, to serve the people, Rio said, they should not only depend on the higher command for direction, but they need to be dynamic in

emergency situations, especially in far flung areas.

President NCSA, Honje Konyak in his Presidential Address highlighted the various hardships and problems faced by the NCS Officers in serving the people, while impressing upon the officers to be sincere, dedicated and efficient in their assigned task.

SO FAR NO CASE OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) REPORTED IN NAGALAND: CHIEF SECRETARY

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS held a video conference with all the District Commissioners and Commissioner Nagaland at the CS Office on 6th March 2020.

Toy said that the objective of the video conference was to ensure that the State was prepared to tackle the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19). He emphasized on the importance of precautionary measures through preventive action and the preparedness of the State in the event of detection of Covid-19. The CS directed all the Districts to form District Task Force to be headed by the Deputy Commissioner. The DCs will work in close coordination with the CMOs and all the other stakeholders including School Education and District Disaster Management Authority. The CS directed The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare to open an official twitter handle to provide official updates on the epidemic and avoid rumors. He furthermore stated that necessary action will be taken against those who spread rumors and fake news.

The CS directed the concerned Department

to ensure Personal Protective Equipment like N-95 masks and Thermal Scanner be made available to all the units. The CS affirmed that there will be no ban on foreign tourists since the concerned Department will be closely monitoring them.

Principal Secretary School Education, Menukhoh John speaking at the conference asked all the DCs to ensure that the Advisory issued be communicated to all the schools in their respective districts.

Principal Director, H &FW, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie informed that Kohima and Dimapur have already identified quarantine locations wherein 50 beds have been placed to be used in the event of detection. He mentioned that every district was prepared and added that more places will be identified as quarantine locations in the other districts. He also asked the villagers to report to the concerned authorities in the event of flu-like symptoms.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare gave a presentation on the various precautionary and preparative aspects of the virus at the meeting.

NU CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020

Nagaland University Kohima campus observed International Women's day 2020 with the theme 'I am Generation Equality: Securing Women's right #eachforequal' at ladies common room Kohima campus NU on 6th March 2020.

Pro VC Nagaland University Prof. M. Aleminla Ao delivering her message said that

international women's day is celebrated globally to provide opportunity to reinforce that everyone has a role to play in forging a more gender balanced world. She remarked that the day not only recognises the achievements of women who have excelled in their own fields but also marks a call of action for speeding gender equality.



President NUSU Rhilo Mero speaking on the theme for the International women's day being #EachForEqual said would not it be great to be in a world where we are no longer governed by the gender stereotyped laws or principles by the society, or would it not be even better if we could all pursue the same ambitions and



Professor M. Aleminla Ao along with lecturers and students celebrating International Women's Day at Kohima Campus NU on 6th March 2020.

dreams without any borders. He said that to make that happen each and every one of us must learn to treat each other as one and do our bit to bring about

gender equality, than only we can move forward to a more stable, healthier and a richer world as together we should stand as Each for Equal.

SHGs - DAY - NULM CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT KOHIMA

The Self Help Group - Day - NULM celebrated 'International Women's Day under the theme "Beti Bachao, Beti Pado" at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 7th March 2020. The programme was organised by the District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Kohima under the aegis of State Urban Development Agency.

On the occasion, ADC Kohima & DUDA Chairman, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa said that the day is being observed all over the world to honour women for their remarkable contributions to the society. She called upon the gathering to know their important role in the society and be committed towards accelerating women's equality to build a better generation.

She highlighted the PM-SYM and NPS-Traders Scheme, which is meant for their old age protection and social security welfare and encouraged them to avail the opportunity and get themselves enrolled under the scheme in order to enjoy the benefits in the later age of their life. Kevilhoubai Theünuo, Inspector from Labour Department highlighted on the PM-SYM and NPS-

Traders Scheme, said that it is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, where one has to contribute monthly as per their age from the date of joining till the age of 60 years while the Central Government will also give equal matching contribution in his/her pension account. And after attaining 60 years of age, the subscriber would receive a minimum assured pension of Rs. 3,000/- per month and if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension as family pension.

District Manager Common Service Centre (CSC), Nganuo Kielienny also enlightened on the CSCs located at various places to facilitate the people. She said that there are 59 centres under Kohima district with 41 centres in and around Kohima Town.

District Urban Officer, Kezhochole Rhetso chaired the programme. The day was marked by the SHGs taking pledge on gender equality under the theme "an equal world is an enabled world". I choose to fight stereotype and improve my socio-economic status", "Beti Bachao, Beti Pado".





BASIC CIVIC SENSE LACKING SPECIALLY IN REMOTE AREAS: CS NAGALAND

Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy IAS expressed that Solid Waste Management has not been given much attention and as per survey, Toy noted that it was shocking to learn about the lack of basic civic sense specially in the remote areas. He said this during his visit and inspection of the newly installed Hydraulic Bailing Press Machine and Material Recovery Facility Unit under Chumukedima Town Council on 7th March 2020.

Noting that Solid Waste Management and treatment of sewage has become a big issue, Temjen Toy observed that it was not just the job of the Government but felt an urgent need for the people to learn about civic sense. "Time has come to be more responsible and for which Urban and Municipal department would be initiating a number of actions to be taken up," he mentioned. He lauded the Chumukedima Town Council for taking the leadership where in waste are being segregated and bailed from the Material Recovery Facility Center and encouraged them to continue in their effort. He expressed satisfaction with the initiative of Chumukedima and based on that, he assured that Material Recovery Facility would be established in all the district headquarters. Assuring to address the problems faced by the Karamcharis, he appreciated the role of the Karamcharis for working with dedication despite the health hazards they go through and said that their working conditions and

welfare in the form of insurance, health and housing would be addressed.

Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Himato Zhimomi emphasized on the urgent need for recycling of bio medical waste. Informing that the department has submitted a concept paper for making Chumukedima a model waste recycling unit in Nagaland, Himato said that once the concept note is passed by the Government, Chumukedima would be a model town for all the other towns to emulate.

It may be noted that installation of Bailing press machines has been initiated by Swachhata Hi Seva Committee with Jt. Secretary Urban Development, Elizabeth Ngully as Convenor, Under Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal, Rongsenmenla as member Secretary and other officers from line departments as committee members. Altogether 11 bailing machines for all the districts have been bought and ULBs has been given assistance for construction of Material Recovery Facility. The initiative is being taken by the State in compliance to Free Plastic Movement and National Green Tribunal.

DC Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, IAS, EAC Chumukedima, officials from Urban Development department GBs and Chumukedima Town council members accompanied the Chief Secretary Nagaland during his visit.

PDA COMMEMORATES 2nd ANNIVERSARY

People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) commemorated the completion of 2 years of Peace, Progress and Development with thanksgiving on 9th March 2020 at Naithu Resort Chumukedima, Dimapur.

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio speaking on the occasion acknowledged the blessings of God and the mandate of the people for the opportunity given to PDA to run the government. "We are privileged and this privilege comes with a lot of responsibilities particularly our society, because

we have so many long pending issues, many issues to be resolved and also policies for the future for the well being of our people," Rio cited.

Rio re-iterated that PDA Government's top most priority is the Naga political issue wherein he informed that the core committee of the Joint Legislature Forum has been formed to approach the different Naga groups and also to talk to the mass based civil societies, NGOs and to appeal to them not to miss the opportunity of Naga settlement. Rio also talked on the issues of ILP, RIIN, relaxation



of land laws and assured to continue to take up all developmental activities.

Placing on record and expressing his gratefulness to all the officers led by the Chief Secretary Nagaland, Rio noted that Government frame policies and give ideas, but added that programmes and policies of the government are being implemented by the bureaucracy. Without them we could not achieve anything, Rio said.

Expressing concern on COVID 19 which has reached to almost all the world including N.E. Rio was hopeful that the virus would not invade our State. He said that all necessary measures are being taken and the Health and Family Welfare department are doing their best.

Marking the day, PDA achievement booklet was also released.

Deputy Chief Minister Nagaland, Y.Patton in his short speech congratulated the Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, stating that the PDA Government has successfully completed 2 years of office under his visionary leadership. He said that

PDA Government appreciates people's participation in delivering good governance in the State.

Co- Chairman, PDA, Minister Temjen Imna Along, who also spoke on the occasion, expressed optimism that PDA Alliance would complete the 5 years term as mandated by the people. Let us all be united for the other 3 years to come and be at the forefront for we want peace and prosperity, he appealed.

Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, noted that significant achievements has been made during the past 2 years in promoting tourism, sports, music, road sector and congratulated the PDA Government for keeping the commitment on which they came to power.

State Chaplain, Rev.T.W.Yamyap Konyak shared the message of God. Chairman PDA, Chingwang Konyak delivered the welcome note while outgoing chaplain, Rev. Kuzierang Thou invoked God's blessed and read the scripture. Nagaland Chamber Choir enthralled the gathering with a special rendition. Chief spokesperson BJP, Kuputo Shohe proposed the vote of thanks.

NAAC PEER TEAM VISITS SAO CHANG COLLEGE, TUENSANG

National Assessment And Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team Visited Sao Chang College, Tuensang on 11th March 2020 for two days led by Chairperson, NAAC Peer Team, Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, Member Coordinator NAAC Peer Team. Prof. Surajit Kumar Ghosh and Member, Fr. Donatus Kujur SJ.

The Peer Team was warmly welcomed by the faculty of the college, Students, Alumni of Sao Chang College, Advisory Board, University Representatives and NGOs and well wishers from the District.

While interacting with the College Principal, Dr.ANshoga thanked the NAAC Peer Team and also gave a power point presentation. Peer Team also



NAAC team led by Chairperson NAAC, Professor Bishnu Charan Barik arriving at Sao Chang College on 11th March 2020.

interacted with various departments in the College, directorate officials, representatives from students, parent teachers Association and faculty. They also visited the establishment and interacted with non-teaching staff which was followed by cultural programmes.



CS TEMJEN TOY LAUNCHES BIODIVERSITY PEACE CORRIDOR AT CHOKLANGAN VILLAGE

Launching programme of Biodiversity peace corridor at Choklangan Village under Noklak Sub-division was held on 9th March 2020. The programme was organized by Choklangan Village Council with Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy as the special guest.

In his speech the Chief Secretary said protection and preservation of the natural forest and wild life is a heart touching project which will not only benefit Choklangan village but will also set an example to all nagas to follow the steps. He expressed gratitude to the land donor and team of the project for making bio balance in the region.

Principal Secretary SCERT and School Education, Menukhol John highlighted the values and prospect in community participation in providing education by saying children are the greatest gift of God and the duty of parents is to mold the children by

contributing all possible efforts for better future living.

Short speech was delivered by Deputy commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramanikant, IAS where he stated that Choklangan villages has taken great step in bringing back the lost natural beauty of the forest and wild life. He thanked Noklu and his team of Biodiversity peace corridor for their selfless efforts in the upbringing of the project.

The names of the donated area are LEMSACHENLOK and ANYAH. Vote of thanks was delivered by Secretary, Horticulture, Tainiu.

The Chief Secretary also inaugurated the new school building under composite education model at Choklangan village in presence of special invitee, Principal Secretary, SCERT and School Education, Menukhol John and other dignitaries.

Cultural dances were presented by Choklangan and Wue village on the occasion.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL MSME AT KOHIMA

State Level Workshop on "Digital MSME" organised by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, Nagaland was conducted at AMK Hall, Kohima on 13th March 2020.

Presenting on Government Schemes for facilitation of MSME sector, Executive Engineer, Industries & Commerce, Asenla Walling highlighted the various ongoing and proposed schemes undertaken by the Department in the State.

Some of the Thrust areas for Industrial Development and Investment opportunities include Food and Processing Industry, Tourism, Agro-Based Industries, Handloom and Handicraft and Apparel and Garments Industry. Walling stated that two Common Facility Centres, Food Processing Cluster in Mokokchung and Wooden Furniture Cluster in Dimapur including an Industrial Estate in Tuli have been approved under the MSE-Cluster Development Programme.

She highlighted various schemes and programmes undertaken by the Centre for the

promotion of MSMEs in the Northeast region which can be accessed through the website link .

Assistant Director, MSME DI, Dimapur, Sabarigiri M, explained the various features and benefits of GeM (Government e Marketplace) portal for MSME segment. He said that GeM is a public procurement portal through which the Government is required to procure all its services and products subject only to availability. For further information, a Youtube link showing all the necessary information about GeM is available at website link GeM.gov.in.

Director-Incharge, MSME DI, Dimapur, Taliwati Longchar stated that through cloud computing, MSMEs use the internet to access common as well as tailor-made IT infrastructure for managing their business processes.

Assistant Manager CSCE- Governance Services India Limited, Alem Sangtam gave a brief detail on e-Management or ERP for MSME which is an application that helps the businesses in their daily management.



STRICT ADVISORY TO ALL ULBS IN THE WAKE OF THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

In view of the widespread outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) in India as precautionary measures, the Urban Development Department has issued advisory to all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for strict compliance in respective jurisdiction.

An Action Taken Report on the matter is to be submitted on or before 18th March 2020 positively.

1. All ULBS are directed to ensure maintenance of outmost Cleanliness and Hygiene in all the School/Public/Departmental transport systems.
2. Cleanliness and hygiene to be maintained in all Public toilets and amenities.
3. Ensure all Restaurants/Hotels/Eateries etc to maintain outmost cleanliness and hygiene.
4. No wild and live animals are to be sold in the market.
5. Fish, Poultry and meat are to be sold only at the designated shops/locations duly authorized by the respective ULBs.
6. Random butchers and meat shops to be strictly prohibited.
7. Rearing of pigs and poultry in close proximity to human in urban areas should be discouraged.
8. Ensure that all the Wards maintain proper sanitation within their jurisdiction. Also prohibit random disposal of garbage etc.
9. Hoarding/selling by exorbitant prices items such as hand Sanitizers/Hand wash/Mask etc to be prohibited.
10. Sanitary workers/Sweepers of each ULB to be properly sensitized and protective gears and safety measures to be observed compulsorily.
11. Fogging and sanitizing vulnerable areas may also be conducted in Coordination with the Health and family welfare Department.
12. Help lines for the public be established in all the wards in Co -ordination with the Health and family welfare Department.
13. All Administrators are to stay Vigil and action taken to be submitted to the Department of Urban Development Department by 18th March 2020 positively.

HIGH LEVEL MEETING REVIEWS COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio convened a high-level meeting in view of the Covid-19 outbreak on 16th March 2020 at his Secretariat Office, Kohima. The Chief Minister expressed that the meeting was convened to bring out a collective decision for the best option in order to ensure the safety of the people. He urged the elected representatives to go to their respective districts and hold meeting with the District Task Force.

Expert views on the State's preparedness for Covid-19 was given by the Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy IAS and Principal Director, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie. The Chief Secretary stated that the two important aspects of the pandemic were Prevention and Preparedness. He stressed on the importance of personal

prevention. On the aspect of preparedness, he stated that video conference with all the concerned agencies at the Centre were being held regularly and all directions issued are followed. He stated that most cases of deaths from Covid-19 were caused by respiratory problem and stressed on the importance of procuring more ventilators for the State. He stated that in rural areas, the Department of Rural Development through the Self Help Groups will act as a network channel to assist and help the Department of H&FW in order to contain the pandemic.

Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie informed that the State till date had no reported or suspected case. He stated that the Department has initiated procurement of more Personal Protection

Equipments and Ventilators to meet the need of all the districts. He also stated that all districts have identified locations for quarantine which includes Military Hospitals, TB Hospitals, AYUSH Hospitals and some Government infrastructures like the DUDA Hostel in Kiphire.

After much deliberation, the high-level meeting came up with the following decisions.

1. Closure of all Educational Institutions and University in the State from 17th March to 12th April 2020. Exception for the ongoing CBSE, CISCE and other board examinations.
2. Ban on all tourist Entry (Foreign and domestic) into the State with effect from 18th March 2020 till further orders.
3. All entry points and check gates into the State to be manned and screened by manpower provided by the State Police forces. These manpower to be trained and provided with equipments by the Department of H&FW. Training to proceed immediately.
4. All persons, students as well as public,

entering into the State to contact Covid-19 helpline no: 7005435243, 9856071745, 7005539653 and Toll Free no: 1070 or Email: nlssu.idsp@nic.in

5. Formation of a core committee to deal with Covid-19 related matters "Special Action Group" drawn in from Line Departments including H&FW, IPR, NSDMA, School Education, NBSE, Rural Development, Police, Transport among others.
6. Ensure adherence by the citizens on the Advisory issued to avoid public gatherings.
7. To put on hold official functions and programmes involving big gatherings including mini hornbills.
8. Issue of new/fresh Inner Line Permits for Tourists (Domestic/Foreigners) and all other categories shall remain suspended with immediate effect until further orders.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Commissioner Nagaland, various AHODs and HODs.

HOME DEPARTMENT SUSPENDS MARKING OF BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE IN NAGALAND

Principal Secretary (Home) Abhijit Sinha, IAS through an official notification on 16th March 2020 suspended the marking of Biometric attendance based on Aadhar enabled biometric attendance system (AeBAS) with immediate effect in all States Government offices and Nagaland Civil Secretariat till further order. He further notified all AHODs/HODs to take immediate steps to ensure that employees mark their attendance in the attendance register as being done earlier during the suspended period of Biometric attendance system. In view of the need to take urgent measures for preventing and controlling the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the State, and as a matter of abundant caution, the Home department has issued the following advisory in public interest;

1. Public are advised to refrain from holding any social, cultural, sports, political, religious, academic and family functions / programmes which may see gathering of a large number of people.
2. Public are advised to avoid all forms of non essential travel outside the State.
3. All persons, including students studying outside Nagaland, who have entered the State on or after 1st of March 2020 from outside; are advised to contact the helpline numbers, 7005415243/9856071745/7005539653 or send email to nlssu.idsp@nic.in of the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Nagaland for guidance and for getting himself/herself screened.

GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES SPECIAL ACTION GROUP FOR CORONA VIRUS

In view of the evolving situation on account of the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), a Special Action Group is constituted as under to continuously monitor the situation, and to ensure that actions are taken in order to keep the State in readiness for any eventuality, apart from taking prompt measures for prevention and control of the spread of the virus:

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| 1. Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home | - Chairman |
| 2. Renchamo P. Kikon, ADGP (L&O) | - Member |
| 3. Shanavas C, IAS, Principal Director, School Education | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie, Principal Director, H&FW | - Member |
| 5. Imnukshila Jamir, Director, Rural Development | - Member |
| 6. Limawati Ao, Director, IPR | - Member |
| 7. Elizabeth Ngully, Jt Secretary, UD | - Member |
| 8. Imtinenla, Mission Director, NSRLM | - Member |
| 9. Jhonny Rongmei, OSD, NSDMA | - Member |

MEETING HELD TO PROMOTE “NATURALLY NAGALAND”

A meeting of AHoDs and HoDs of Agriculture and Allied Departments and Missions under the Agriculture Production Commission (APC) was held on 17th March 2020, in the conference hall of APC under the chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary & APC, Sentianger Imchen IAS to discuss matters relating to marketing of State products under the banner of “Naturally Nagaland”. The Chairman in his opening remark highlighted the concept of 'Naturally Nagaland' which is a marketing strategy to help the Farmers and entrepreneurs of the state to sell their produce outside the state through Nagaland Handloom and Handycraft Development Corporation, Emporiums in Kolkotta and New Delhi.

After thorough deliberation it was decided to register the trade name “Naturally Nagaland” under

the competent authority to enable easy and free market access of the State products. The main focus of the meeting was to standardise the packaging of products and maintain uniformity in the pricing of different products under different departments and missions like DUDA, Honey Mission, Women development etc.

It was decided to form a committee on pricing of finished products and also to advertise for designing of Naturally Nagaland logo, which is to be printed on all the package of the products under the stated marketing banner. The main aim and objective is to assist the remote rural farmers to sell their produce with sustainable margin so as to encourage them for more productivity and better livelihood.

SPECIAL ACTION GROUP REVIEWS COVID-19 RELATED STEPS UNDERTAKEN IN THE STATE

A meeting of the Special Action Group (SAG) on Covid-19 was held under the chairmanship of Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS to review the various activities in connection with the impending pandemic at his Office Chamber, on 18th March 2020.

Principal Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie gave a brief detail

of the Department's activities and co-ordination with the various line departments. He confirmed that training of the State Police Forces has been initiated and will be ready to start the screening process at the earliest. He also confirmed that the Department has procured more Ventilators and Personal Protection Equipments including N-95 masks and scanners to meet the requirements of the State.





The Home Commissioner directed the concerned department to collect information like contact details, address and travel history of all passengers arriving at Dimapur airport in order to monitor them constantly. He stated that altogether 11 road entry points into the State had been identified and the concerned Deputy Commissioners had been directed to start the screening process at the earliest. Besides screening, he directed the forces to collect information details of all persons entering the State to enable the monitoring process. He also directed all the DCs to send directives to all the Village Councils, ward authorities and Tribal Hohos to report entry of any person from outside since 1st March 2020. The

Home Commissioner also disclosed that all 49 foreign tourists who had entered Nagaland are being monitored by the concerned authorities.

The Rural Livelihood Mission under the Department of Rural Development informed the SAG that awareness Information in all local languages about Covid-19 would be disseminated by the Mission in coordination with the Department of H&FW to ensure reach to all rural and remote areas of the State. The State Disaster Management Authority would also be releasing advisories and information capsules on COVID-19 through advertisements in the local print media.

STATE CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE REVIEWS POSHAN ABHIYAAN IMPLEMENTATION

State Level Convergence Committee, Nagaland on implementation of Poshan Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission) reviewed the convergence action plans in the state for ensuring concentrated efforts on improving the nutrition of targeted groups through multi-sectoral convergent action in the entire state. The meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy in his official residence on 18th March 2020 decided to make greater efforts to facilitate focussed attention to core intervention from all the inter-sectoral action for reducing maternal and child malnutrition and anaemia.

Chief Secretary said that there should be clarity in the implementation of the Poshan Abhiyaan programmes. He said the State Convergence Committee need to have regular meeting to ensure that implementation is carried down to the grass root level. He also emphasised on better inter-sectoral convergence for better service delivery.

High officials from line departments actively participated in the discussions to ensure that the National Nutrition Mission is effectively implemented with a success. The National Nutrition Mission was launched in March, 2018 by the Prime Minister of India and would ensure malnutrition India by 2022.

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS ASKED TO SENSITIZE MEMBERS ON COVID-19

The Special Action Group on COVID-19 under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary and Home Commissioner Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS held an emergency meeting with various faith based organizations on 19th March 2020 at the New Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

The Home Commissioner briefed the meeting on the outbreak of COVID-19 and how it is affecting the world. He also explained on how the

infection is being spread across different Nation through carriers. He stated that COVID-19 is a new virus and there are no vaccines developed so far. The only weapon to fight the virus is containment and personal hygiene, he stated.

He apprised the gathering that there are no positive cases detected in Nagaland and all other North Eastern States so far and that the State Government is taking all precautionary measures to



control the pandemic. He called on the faith based organizations to play a role in disseminating information on creating awareness on personal hygiene and practicing respiratory etiquettes like coughing, sneezing, use of handkerchief, social distancing, to contact the COVID-19 helpline for further assistance and screening, etc.

Abhijit Sinha explained that the virus is highly infectious and could be easily spread at community gatherings and other crowded places and stated that the transmission chain needs to be broken. He advised all organizations to minimize or avoid any sort of mass gatherings for the time being until the outbreak has been contained

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vizolie

Suokhrie stated that the virus is very rapid mainly because of poor hygiene and called on the gathering to inform their members to be aware and maintain good hygienic practices. He also said that anyone with cough, cold or fever needs to self-isolate at home and should get screened at the earliest.

President of Kohima Town Baptist Pastors Fellowship, Rev. Kevichalie appreciated the State Government for taking positive steps towards containing the spread of the virus in the State. He also informed the meeting that the usually held Sunrise service at Kohima World War II Memorial during Easter Sunday has been cancelled due to outbreak of COVID-19.

IPR DEPARTMENT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19

Only visitors with genuine office relate work will be allowed to enter IPR Citadel, Kohima from 20th March 2020 during visiting hours (11:00 am to 2:00 pm). This was decided during the quarterly meeting of the Officers and Staff of Directorate of Information & Public Relations on 19th March 2020 held at the IPR Citadel Conference Hall. It was also decided to prohibit visitors from touching/handling office files and papers.

All visitors with official work or seeking appointment with Officers of DIPR have been requested to inform the reception at the main entrance.

The meeting also resolved to maintain personal hygiene amongst the staff and to keep their respective rooms, sections and corridors of the Office building sanitized as precautionary measures in the outbreak of COVID-19.

RD DEPARTMENT DIRECTS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In view of the urgent need to prevent the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the State, the Rural Development Department has informed all rural functionaries of the State, VDBs, and SHGs (NSRLM) to remain alert to the risk posed by COVID-19, and have been directed to ensure the following precautionary measures:

1. To immediately report to the District Administration about any causes of concern related to the

symptoms of COVID-19 among any of its citizens.

2. To restrict unnecessary entry/movement of its citizens and visitors to the villages.
3. To implement orders/advisories issued by the government from time to time, in particular the enclosed Govt. Order NO.GAB-1/COM/DEN-1/2020 dated Kohima the 16th March 2020 concerning public gatherings, unnecessary travel, etc.

NAGALAND POLICE TRACES ORIGINATOR OF FAKE NEWS/RUMOURS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS CASE DETECTION IN NAGALAND

Superintendent of Police (Crime) & PRO, Manoj kumar, IPS has informed that the originators of the fake news of Coronavirus case being detected

in Nagaland has been traced out by Nagaland Police. There has been two mediums to spread the fake news in social media – by text message and by



video. During the course of investigation, it has been found that many people had forwarded the said news through many social media platforms/groups without verifying its authenticity. As of now, more than 30 people who forwarded the fake news were summoned to Cyber Crime Police Station and their statements recorded.

The fake news had originated through text message in Whatsapp by one Ms. Lumchano Kithan, D/o Yisao Kithan, Village- Old Changsu, Wokha and presently residing at PWD Colony, Dimapur. She had composed the text message and sent the same to her friends which eventually went viral. Further, a minor person had created the video of Coronavirus case detection in Nagaland after

seeing the above stated fake news in Whatsapp.

It is being noticed that many unscrupulous elements are posting/forwarding fake news / rumours. This has caused panic/alarm to the public. Nagaland Police further warns that spreading of fake news/rumours is a criminal offence.

Nagaland Police further appealed to all individuals/institutions/organizations to avoid using print media/electronic media/social media for dissemination of any information regarding Covid-19/Coronavirus without ascertaining the facts and to rely on official press release or statements from the Department of Health & Family Welfare / Government of Nagaland.

VISITORS BARRED AT PHQ KOHIMA

In pursuance to Home Department order NO.GAB-1 /COM/GEN-1/2020 dated 19th March 2020, in order to prevent and contain the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and as a precautionary measure, Superintendent of Police (Crime) &

PRO, Manojkumar, IPS has informed that the entry of the visitors in Police Headquarters (PHQ) Office except the officials and staff have been barred with immediate effect till further orders.

CS NAGALAND ADDRESSES PRESS CONFERENCE

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS held a press conference at his residential office in connection to the Government Order issued earlier today, the 22nd March 2020.

Addressing the media, Toy stated that the Government had issued various restrictive orders in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. He said that although the orders may seem to be too stringent yet it was issued in the interest of the general public by the Government to ensure maximum prevention and public safety from the outbreak of COVID-19 in the State. He stated that the Government was open to constructive criticism but appealed to the people to fight the pandemic together and urged the public to coordinate and follow the orders responsibly. He also made an appeal to all the students who have arrived from other parts of the country to restrict their movements,

avoid socializing and to adhere to all the precautionary measures.

He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Kohima Science College and Fazl Ali College Mokokchung as they have been making hand sanitizers and distributing free of cost. Toy also informed that the absence of a Corona Testing Centre in the state was highlighted during the video conference hosted by the Cabinet Secretary, GOI with all the state Chief Secretaries. However, the Cabinet Secretary assured that the samples collected from the State would be given priority at the nearest three Testing Centres i.e. Imphal, Dibrugarh and Guwahati, Toy said. He also informed that he had raised the issue of racial profiling faced by our people staying outside due to the outbreak and requested his counterparts to be cautious about the matter.

Highlighting on some of the steps taken by the Government, he stated that the Medical Department had procured Ventilators, PPEs, N-95 mask and more orders have been placed. He stated that a designated location at Chedema will soon be named Corona Hospital. He highlighted that the Government is also in contact with the private and army hospitals to use

their services if need arises.

Speaking on the Janata Curfew, Toy stated that so far it has been very successful although it was self-imposed. He expressed his optimism in the fight against COVID-19 if such discipline was maintained by the people. Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS, and ADGP, Renchamo Kikon, IPS, also attended the press conference.

CM NEPHIU RIO ADDRESSES PEOPLE OF THE STATE ON COVID-19 AWARENESS

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphu Rio addressed the people of Nagaland on Covid-19 at Chief Minister's Secretariat, Kohima on 23rd March 2020.

In his address, the Chief Minister stated that the Novel Coronavirus pandemic is sweeping the whole world. Till now, the state of Nagaland does not have any confirmed case of anyone being infected by the virus. However, there is no reason to be complacent or to lower our guard. He sought the co-operation and support of each and every citizen of the state in adhering to all the steps and preventive measures being taken by the state government to prevent and contain the spread of the virus.

The Medical Department and all the health personnel have been working day in and day out in taking measures to prevent the spread of the virus. The Department is fully prepared for providing care and the requisite medical assistance to anyone in the event of any eventuality. The state government has issued many instructions and is adopting various steps like restricting public movement, closure of public places and other such containment measures for preventing the spread of the virus. Rio also extended his appreciation over the enthusiasm of the public in cooperating with the government and sought continued cooperation in order to defeat the threat posed by the Novel Coronavirus.

He urged the people of Nagaland to adopt the best practises of personal hygiene and social distancing as recommended by the health authorities. Rio urged to maintain vigil and help the authorities in preventing rumours and fake news from being spread. Rio. He also appealed to all sections across the country to be sensitive to all communities and refrain from ostracisation, racial profiling and discrimination at this juncture.

Rio appealed to all the people particularly students coming from outside the state to first stay in the private areas or buildings for quarantine. In order to cater them, Niathu Resort, Dimapur and Cricket Academy, Sovima have been kept ready for utility.

There is no need to panic but have to be alert and cautious to ensure that we are not infected. He also mentioned that the next few weeks are very crucial in our fight to defeat Covid-19. However, he expressed hope that with the active participation of each and everyone, we can together overcome these difficult times.

These are extraordinary times and we need to unite in order to face the challenge under a spirit of oneness. Every citizen is a member of team Nagaland and together we will overcome the hurdles that lie ahead, Rio stated.

CM HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT TASK FORCES

Chief Minister Neiphu Rio had a video conference on COVID-19 with all the District Task Forces at the Chief Secretary's Office chamber on

23rd March 2020.

Rio said that till now no case of infection in Nagaland has been reported. However, he said that





we should not lower our guards and be complacent. He appealed the people for cooperation and urged them to adhere to the steps taken by the state government to prevent and contain the spread of the virus.

The CM reminded the citizens that the government has issued orders like restriction of public movement, closure of public places, offices etc as measures to prevent the spread of the virus. He appealed to all the citizens to adopt various practices of personal hygiene and social distancing as recommended by the health authorities and urged the people to be vigil and help the authorities in preventing the spread of fake news.

Rio also appealed to all the section across the country to be sensitive to all communities and refrain from racial profiling and discrimination as India must move forward as one nation. He also called upon the people of the state not to panic but to be cautious to ensure that we and our dear ones do not catch the infection.

Rio stressed that the next few weeks will be crucial in our fight to defeat COVID -19 and with the active cooperation and support of everyone the state can overcome these difficult times. He directed the District Task Force lead by their respective DCs to

play a crucial role in disseminating information and monitoring the situation without any complacence.

Updating the CM about the progress in their districts, all the DCs confirmed that the District Task Force and Sub-Divisional Task Forces are actively functioning and following all the orders issued by the Government. The DCs also updated on the preparation of ICUs, isolation ward and quarantine location in their respective districts. However, all the DCs expressed the need for more Ambulance, PPEs, Ventilators, N-95 Mask and Hand Sanitizers to which CM assured to be looked into by the Government. The DCs assured that there was no shortage of essential commodities in all their respective districts and urged the public not to panic. However, some of the DCs expressed concern over price hike from the source i.e., Assam and requested the CM to take up the matter with the Assam government. The DCs of districts having international borders confirmed that the borders have been sealed and are being manned vigorously by the Village Guards.

Chief Secretary Temjen Toy, IAS also commenting during the video conference said that all inputs shared by the District Task Force have been noted and necessary action will be taken.

CENTER'S NODAL OFFICER ON COVID-19 BRIEFED ON STATE'S PREPAREDNESS

A review meeting with of the various steps and measures taken up by the State Government of Nagaland on the spread of CODIV-19 with Nodal Officer for Nagaland for effective coordination and management by the Government of India, Sanjay Kumar, IAS was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd March 2020.

Sanjay Kumar stated that the Government of India is taking very serious and is taking all measures to control the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country. He said that the Country was passing through a challenging time and called on the Government of Nagaland to be fully prepared for any eventualities and to follow the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol from time to time. He also assured that as a Nodal Officer

he will act as a link between the Center and the State in COVID-19 management.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS informed the meeting that Nagaland was one of the first States in the Country to take steps and follow the guidelines issued by the Gol and that the State Government has been monitoring the developments closely.

He also highlighted the Nodal Officer on the preparative measures taken up by the State Government. Toy stated that the State Government has placed more orders for procurement of PPE, ventilators and other medical equipments and requested the Nodal Officer to intervene into the matter for timely delivery of all such equipments.

Temjen Toy also informed that there is no shortage of essential commodities including fuel and



LPGs in the State of Nagaland as there is no restrictions on vehicular movements carrying essential commodities. He also expressed concern

over adulterated hand sanitizers in the market and called on the District Administration to keep a check on such items.

HEALTH MINISTER VISITS DIMAPUR COVID-19 CONTROL ROOM

To take stock of the preparedness and preventive measures taken up for possible case of COVID-19 in the district, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangyu Phom visited COVID-19 Control Room at District Hospital Dimapur after which he inspected the isolation ward and ventilation rooms which has been kept for possible case of COVID-19 in the district. During the visit medical Officials briefed him about the various steps taken up in the district.

Minister also inspected Dimapur Railway

station where medical Officials have been posted to screen the passengers and also interacted with the Railway officials. Minister also inspected Nagaland Gate and Dilai Gate and interacted with the medical and police personnel who were Manning the gate.

Advisor for Information & Public Relations, Toshi Wungtung, who also accompanied the Minister stated that in order to curb the fake news and rumours circulated in social media often, IPR officials will collect the facts from all the necessary points and report on daily basis.

HEALTH MINISTER VISITS MILITARY AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS

With the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 as pandemic and also as notified disaster, Nagaland Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Pangyu Phom accompanied by Advisor IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung visited the Military hospital at Rangapahar, Eden Hospital, CIHSR (Referral Hospital) and Dimapur Airport on Tuesday 24th March 2020, to take stock of the preparedness and preventive measures kept in place for possible case of COVID-19 in the district.

Minister Pangyu expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made at the Rangapahar Military hospital, with 9 isolation beds and 8 beds in ICU with 1 ventilator and 2 transport ventilators exclusively for COVID-19 cases.

During a brief interaction with Minister and his entourage, AVSM, SM, VSM, GOC Spear Corps, Lt. Gen. RP Kalita, informed that in case of extreme Emergency they have prepared a team of 100 people to work in shifts in any of the isolation zones. Underscoring the importance of social distancing at this juncture, GOC said that leave has been extended to those soldiers already on leave and those who have returned from leave for

unavoidable reasons have been quarantined. As far as borders are concerned, Lt. Gen. Kalita informed that all borders including Myanmar and Longwa are completely sealed. He further said troops have been deployed to prevent movement of people not only in Nagaland but Manipur and Mizoram.

At Eden Hospital, Minister Pangyu and team held a brief meeting with the Nagaland Private Doctors Association (NPDA). Pangyu expressed gratitude to the private doctors for showing their concern in times like this. President NPDA, assured to collaborate with the Government and work together in one voice.

Airport Director, Zhimomi briefed the visiting team on the preventive measures taken up in the Airport.

At CIHSR (Referral Hospital) Medical Superintendent, Dr. Clement while highlighting on the preparedness level said that 10 beds general has been set up, trained around 120 staffs and separate Rapid Response Team exclusively for COVID-19 cases has been put in place. He however expressed concern on the limited ventilators and said only 2 to 3 ventilators could be





spared even in case of sudden outbreak of COVID-19. Further he expressed concern that the hospital is attending to several dialysis and cancer patients and therefore would be able to take patients in small scale. Further Dr. Clement

apprised the Minister about the shortage of protective gowns and N95 masks for the health workers, informing that presently the hospital has only 25 gowns which will be over in 1 day for 3 shifts if emergency situation arises.

UNION HEALTH MINISTER APPRAISED ON THE STATE'S PREPAREDNESS THROUGH VC

Minister Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom along with senior government officials through video conferencing apprised the Union Health Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan about the status and preparedness of the state for Novel Coronavirus during the video conferencing of all state health ministers and other senior officials at NIC Secretariat on 26th March 2020.

While interacting, the Minister said that the state has been actively continuing surveillance for contact tracing and imposition of strict home quarantine. So far, 2192 individuals who have entered Nagaland in the last 2-3 weeks are presently under surveillance. He mentioned that dedicated hospitals have established at Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung and isolation wards have also established in the remaining 8 district hospitals.

Designated quarantine facilities have established in all districts with provision for expansion if situation demands, he said.

Phom also mentioned that 8 samples have already sent for testing out of which 5 were tested negative and results of 3 are still awaited. He also stated that there is no designated laboratory on Nagaland for Covid-19 testing. As such, he urged the Minister to support Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima (NHAK) laboratory at the earliest for testing. The Minister also said that the consignment in regard to PPE, N-95 Mask and other logistics are stuck up at various places like Delhi border, Haryana, Chennai and Maharashtra which needs to be facilitated immediately since there is acute shortage of these items in the state during the video conferencing.

LEGISLATORS IN-CHARGE OF MONITORING KOHIMA COVID 19 SITUATION MEETS WITH KOHIMA DTF

Minister Housing, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire the legislators in-charge of monitoring the Covid 19 situation in Kohima District held a review meeting with the Kohima Covid 19 District Task Force on 26th March 2020 at DPDB Conference Hall Kohima.

Chairman of the Kohima District Task Force and DC Kohima Gregory Thejawelie gave a detailed and updated report on the precautionary measures undertaken and the system set in place to tackle any outbreak of the dreaded Covid 19 in the district.

CMO Kohima who is also a member of the District Task Force further briefed the house on the preparations and medical facilities that have been set up by the Medical department to facilitate proper quarantine of suspected cases and proper isolated treatment wards in case of any positive Covid 19 cases.

The house also discussed in detail various related issues such as law and order situation in the district during the 21 day lockdown and also took stock of the availability of essential commodities in the market.



NEIBA KRONU BRIEFS ON THE STATUS OF COVID-19

The spokespersons for State Government of Nagaland, Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning and Coordination, and Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, held a briefing on the preparedness of the State Government on Corona Virus in Nagaland and stated that the State Government is closely monitoring the situation.

Till now **2192** people have been put under home quarantine and are being closely monitored. The State Govt has identified COVID-19 hospitals in Kohima, Dimapur & Mokochung and separate places for quarantine have also been identified in Kohima and Dimapur. Similar arrangements have also been made in all the other Districts. Out of 11 samples that were sent for testing, results for 5 are negative and the remaining results are awaited as of 5:00 PM today.

Strict vigil is being maintained by the District Administration on the availability of essential commodities and all the Districts have reported that the situation is comfortable.

The Deputy Commissioners of those districts bordering the state of Assam have been further advised to remain in close contact with their counterparts so that any issue or problem arising in the inter-state supply chain is addressed promptly.

A review meeting was also held with the

District Task Force headed by the Deputy Commissioners and other senior officials of all Districts with the Chief Minister through video conferencing to ascertain the updated status of the medical facilities in the districts, the status on availability of essential goods, commodities and also regarding the adherence to the prohibitory measures by the people.

The Chief Minister released an amount of **Rs. 38.00 lakhs** from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for exigency expenses to combat the disease. Out of this, an amount of **Rs. 2 lakhs** each was given to Naga Students Union, Bangalore, DRC Nagaland House, Delhi Kolkata and Guwahati.

Fervent appeal was made to the people of the State to strictly abide by the containment measures and advisories issued by the Government for enforcing COVID-19 lockdown. All the citizens of the State were requested to remain in their own homes and to come out only when absolutely unavoidable for the purposes of buying essential goods and commodities. Social distancing should be maintained.

Cooperation and support was sought to enforce the lockdown as this is the only way of effectively containing the spread of this dreaded virus.

**NAGALAND CM WRITES TO ALL CMs OF INDIA
IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in a letter addressed to his counter parts in other States made an appeal for the safety and protection of people from Nagaland stranded in other States. Rio stated that the 21 days lockdown of the country was drastic but a welcome step in the direction of fighting the COVID-19 together as a nation.

However, the CM raised concern over the safety and protection of Nagas stranded elsewhere. The CM assured that steps are being taken to ensure that people from other States residing in or visiting Nagaland are safe and protected. Likewise, Rio

requested his counter parts to take care of people from Nagaland who may be stranded in their respective States and could be in need of food, accommodation or medical assistance. The CM also appealed to his counter parts the need to guard against any instances of discrimination or profiling on account of race, religion or region.

Principal Director, School Education Shanavas IAS (Contact no: 8732893116) has been assigned for necessary monitoring and coordination with other States. The CM's office will also be available for any further assistance in this regard.



KOHIMA AO BAPTIST CHURCH DONATES TO FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

The Kohima Ao Baptist Church in a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary Temjen Toy IAS on 27th March 2020 has stated that they will be donating Rs. 3 Lakhs to the Government of Nagaland for procuring Personal Protective Equipments for better protection of the

mainline workers.

Besides the monetary donation, the Church expressed its heartfelt prayer for God to intervene and aid all the mainline workers who are putting their lives at risk for the safety and healing of the citizens.

CM LAUNCHES SELF DECLARATION COVID -19 NAGALAND APP

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched the official app of the Department of Health and Family Welfare called the SELF DECLARATION COVID-19 Nagaland App at his residential office on 28th March 2020.

The Health Department, taking a step further to tackle the threat posed by the growing pandemic of COVID -19, launched the app which will be will be crucial in tracking and surveillance of high-risk cases thus preventing spread

in the community. The smartphone app aim to track registered individuals using their phone's GPS to track and offer alert notification specific to user location. The department will track the users and keep a close surveillance through the app in order to curb the community spread.

SELF DECLARATION APP is compulsorily for any person who has entered the State of Nagaland after 6th March 2020. Students or travellers must register in the app immediately even if one had called the state / district helpline and registered earlier as non-compliance is a punishable offence under Epidemic disease act 1897.



Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio launching the official app of the Department of Health & Family Welfare called the "SELF DECLARATION COVID-19" Nagaland app at his official residence on 28th March 2020.

The department further added that the android users can download the nCOVID-19 App from the app store from <https://naKalandhealthproiect.on> and IOS users can use the link (<https://www.nagalandhealthproject.org/covid/login-user.php>). The department further appeals to the family members and others to extend help to those members who may not be well versed in using smartphones / app as the individual had to sign up individually using their respective phone numbers. The users may also call up the State Helpline: 7005415243/ 9856071745/ 7005536953 for any technical difficulties while using the app.

**REGISTERED BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
TO GET SUSTENANCE FUND**

Labour Commissioner, Er. S.L. Wati Aier in a press release has stated that as per the directives issued by the Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment (independent charge) Santosh Kumar Gangwar to transfer adequate funds to the bank accounts of all Building and Other Construction workers registered under the State/UT Welfare Boards for them to sustain during the COVID-19 lockdown, the Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio has approved for the transfer of Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand only) each to the bank accounts of all such registered beneficiaries in the State.

Altogether, 24457 beneficiaries who are already registered with the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board will benefit from this. The Department of Labour Nagaland has worked out all technical details of the beneficiaries and transfer of the amount has started successfully through Direct Benefit Transfer. A total expenditure of Rs. 4,89,14,000/- (Rupees Four Crores, Eighty Nine Lakh, Fourteen Thousand only) is expected to be invested towards this noble initiative which will be debited from the Cess Fund.

C130 OF IAF DELIVERS ESSENTIALS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AT DIMAPUR AIRPORT

The much awaited critical medical equipment related with Covid 19 was airlifted from Delhi to Dimapur airport Monday 30th March 2020, to meet the State Health and Family Welfare Department and NSDMA requirements. Equipments including ventilators, PPE, Mask, Gloves, Sanitizer etc carrying approx 8 tons of medical load was airdropped. The task was undertaken by C130 J super Hercules of 77 squadron (special Air operations) based in Hindon Air base, which is used as a tactical airlift aircraft and was inducted in 2011. It has capabilities for quick deployment of special forces and airdrop in semi and unprepared runways and can operate at pitch dark in all weather conditions.

In addition to the Nagaland state medical load, the aircraft further routed to Imphal airport to drop Manipur Government requirements of approx 5 tons.

The airlift support operation was possible because of the close coordination by State Government officials, Dimapur based project office



Indian Air Force C-130 J with Covid-19 medical equipments/hygiene aids landed at Dimapur Airport on 30th March 2020.

(IAF), HQ EAC Shillong, Air Hq (VB), MoD and DRC, Nagaland house, N Delhi.

The State Government extended its gratitude to the IAF, for carrying out the tasking as requested during the critical hour. IAF has always been pro active contributing immensely towards State disaster management relief, support missions and in aid of civil administration for Nagaland state in the past also. The Air support missions have saved many public lives in remote areas of the State and has contributed immensely to the people.





KOHIMA SMART CITY HANDS OVER SMART AMBULANCES TO NHAK



Advisor Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire handing over the keys of the two Smart Ambulances to NHAK for emergency Covid-19 operation at KMC/KSCDL Office Complex, Kohima on 30th March 2020.

Kohima Smart City Development Limited (KSCDL) handed over two Smart Ambulances to Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima for emergency COVID-19 operation at the KMC/KSCDL Office Complex Kohima on 30th March 2020.

Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. N. Nicky Kire in his brief address said, the two smart ambulances handed over by the KSCDL to NHAK was a 'blessing in disguise' as such an ambulance was in need as it has separate compartments for the patients and the drivers especially during such times of the COVID 19 pandemic. He also added that it was the right time for such ambulances to be utilized if there was any case of outbreak of COVID 19 in the State. Dr. Kire also mentioned that he has visited the different hospitals around Kohima and informed that a lot of preparation has been done to tackle this pandemic and the people are also aware and concerned about the COVID 19.

Advisor, Dr. N. Nicky Kire handed over the keys of the two smart Ambulances to MD NHAK, Dr. Thorsie.

Principal Secretary, Urban Development & DMA, Himato Zhimomi who also spoke during the program said what our state government is doing is absolutely into it and assured that not a moment goes away without thinking of its citizens. He also

thanked all the doctors, nurses and the paramedics and he called them true messengers of God.

CEO, KSCDL Kovi Meyase in his short introduction said, the Kohima Smart City had procured these two Smart Ambulances with the intention to provide Emergency Health Service to the citizens. He said in view of the prevailing circumstances in the state, UDD & DMA Advisor Dr. Nicky Kire and the committee had taken the decision to hand over the ambulances to the Naga Hospital Authority to be utilized during this outbreak of CoVID-19.

The ambulances are equipped with Oxygen Cylinders b type/bulk type, Ventilator, ECG, Suction, Foot Suction, Monitor, Laryngoscope, 5 KVA online UPS, Portable Stretcher, Surgical Disposals, Syringe pump, Defibrillator and AC Built in. Operation Manual

MD, NHAK, Dr. Thorsie in his short speech thanked the Kohima Smart City for the two Smart Ambulances handed over to NHAK and said that they were desperately in need of such ambulance, and assured that they will make the best use of these hi-tech ambulances for the patients which is safe for both the patients, the drivers and the attendants. Dedication prayer was proposed Pastor UBC, Rev. Dr. Rachulie Vihienuo.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY HOME REITERATES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING

Principal Secretary Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS while briefing on Covid-19 for Nagaland as on 30th March 2020 at NSDMA State Level Control Centre, Kezieke, Kohima said that a special flight arranged by Indian Air Force (IAF) carrying a consignment of essential medical equipment weighing about 8 tonnes, including PPE, ventilators, N95 masks, sanitizers and other medical equipment from Delhi landed at 3 pm in Dimapur Airport.

Nagaland Governor, R. N. Ravi carried out a detailed review to assess the evolving situation in the State on account of the Covid-19 pandemic with DGP, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare and other officers. He provided some valuable suggestions for improving the preparedness level of the Health Department, keeping the morale of the health workers high, looking after the welfare of the citizens stranded outside the state, feeding of daily wage earners and many other important issues.

Sinha said that a total of 4096 people including students who have returned from outside the state from 6th March 2020 onwards have self

reported to the respective District Surveillance Teams. Out of which, 3594 are presently under home quarantine and 502 have already completed home quarantine period.

He also mentioned that a total of 2364 persons have self registered in the ncovid-19 Nagaland App with completed details. However, 1099 persons have not completed their full details. He asked those who have entered the state after 6th march 2020 to self register in the App with full details.

He informed that 22 samples have been sent for testing by the department and the results for all have been received and all the results are negative. On availability of essential goods and commodities, it continues to remain comfortable across the state, he said. He also thanked each and everyone for their continued adherence to the measures imposed for enforcing lock down and also urged everyone to stay at home except for buying food and other essential commodities. Maintaining "Social Distancing" is the need of the hour, Sinha reiterated.

KRONU APPEALS TO CITIZENS TO CONTINUE STRICT ADHERENCE TO LOCKDOWN MEASURES

State Spokesperson for Covid-19 and Minister Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu while briefing on Covid-19 for Nagaland at NSDMA State Level Control Room, Kezieke, Kohima on 31st March 2020, stated that 25 samples have been sent for testing, out of which 22 were negative and 3 samples results are awaited. A total of 4704 people including students who have returned from outside the state from 6th March 2020 onwards have self reported to the respective District Surveillance Teams and have been home quarantined, out of which 876 have completed quarantine period.

Kronu said another batch of medical equipment in the form of PPE Kits, hand gloves, hand sanitizer, N95 mask, portable ventilator, ICU ventilator, full face mask etc for

Nagaland has been dispatched from Delhi to Guwahati, which will be transported by road to the state tomorrow. He also mentioned that 5000 litres of Sodium Hypo Chloride, Gloves and Sanitizers have also been received from Guwahati.

Through ncovid-19 Nagaland App, a total of 3905 persons have self-registered in the app with all the required information duly filled in while 1165 persons have not completed their full details. Therefore, the Spokesperson appealed to all those who have entered the state after 6th March 2020 to self-register in the App with full details.

The total number of persons screened in the state till now is 36494. A total of 32121 phone calls have also been received through health helpline numbers, he mentioned.



Kronu also stated that the availability of food grains, POL and other kind of essential commodities in the state continue to be normal. Further, the District Level Price Monitoring Committees have also been instructed to constantly monitor the price situation and fix the prices of essential commodities along with the stakeholders such as, the Chamber of Commerce & Industries and business associations.

Kronu appealed to the citizens to continue strict adherence to the lockdown measures in force and to stay at home. Further, he urged people to

strictly adhere to social distancing measures while shopping. He also informed that all kinds of gatherings are barred, including religious congregations during the lock down period as mass gatherings have the potential of easily allowing the spreading of the virus, thereby putting the lives of many people in serious danger. Therefore, all the faith based organisations are advised to completely refrain from holding any congregation of any kind which may see gathering of a large number of people during the lock down.

NSDMA CONTROL ROOM AT WORK TO TACKLE COVID-19



NSDMA officials along with the Administrative officers on duty at NSDMA State Level Control Room Kezieke, Kohima on 31st March 2020.

The Nagaland State Management Disaster Authority has set up a State Control room at Kohima since the State initiated the lock down to tackle COVID – 19. The NSDMA along with NCS officials, Home Guards and DIPR are at work to address the grievances of the public including the far flung areas of the districts and the State by promptly getting into action for any untoward incidents.

The State Control room has been collecting, documenting and officially corresponding (Global/National/State) through whatsapp, email and any other source on COVID-19. Further the daily situation reports of the state are sent to the Central Ministry for necessary actions to be taken up.

The control room has also been addressing the complaints and reports from various districts for pandemic preparation and responding to emergency support in the state and informed that for any assistance the toll free no. 1070 can be contacted 24/7 or mail to [sdma.nagaland@gmail](mailto:sdma.nagaland@gmail.com), [seoc.nsdma@gmail](mailto:seoc.nsdma@gmail.com). Collectively, around 60 officials are manning the State Control room.

The Kohima Lotha Hoho contributed towards the fight against COVID-19 in the State by permitting the NSDMA to utilize its Conference Hall at Kezieke along with the furniture and other facilities for the present State-wide lockdown period.



Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio launching the Interactive Digital Smart Board for Smart Classroom at Kohima Science College (Autonomous) Jotsoma on 4th March 2020.



Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS holding a Press Conference with media personnel at his Residential Office, Kohima on 22nd March 2020.



Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio convening a high level review meeting on Covid-19 at Chief Minister's Secretariat, Kohima on 16th March 2020.



Minister Planning & Coordination and State Spokesperson for Covid-19, Neiba Kronu briefing on Covid-19 Status in Nagaland at NSDMA State Level Control Room Keziekie, Kohima on 27th March 2020.



Legislators In-charge of Kohima Covid-19, Minister, Tongpang Ozukum, Advisors, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and Er. Zale Neikha along with Kohima DTF team led by DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie visiting Quarantine Centers at Meriema, Khuzama T. B. Hospital, Chedema Ayush Hospital and Inter State Khuzama Check Gate on 28th March 2020.



Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton donating protective gears to the Department of Health & Family Welfare and Police Headquarters at his Official Residence, Kohima on 31st March 2020.



Kohima District Administration distributing relief ration to daily wage earners at relief Camp set up at Kohima Local Ground on 31st March 2020.



DC Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS distributing essential commodities to labourers and daily wage earners at Kiphire during the Lockdown period.

DEPUTY CM DONATES MASKS, HAND SANITIZERS TO THE POLICE AND H&FW DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief Minister incharge of Home and Road & Bridges, Y. Patton donated protective gears comprising 7000 masks and 1400 hand sanitizers each to the Department of Health and Family Welfare and to the Police Head quarter on 31st March 2020, at his official residence, Kohima.

A brief distribution programme was held before handing over the personal gears. Patton appreciated the security forces and health workers for their tireless effort and sacrifices to the citizens of the state which, adding that both departments are doing excellent job in combating Covid-19.

Principal Director, Dr. Vizolie Z. Suokhrie and

Nagaland DGP, John Longkumer IPS, thanked the Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton for his humanitarian gesture and his special attention to the frontline workers. The distribution programme was attended by the Minister incharge for Health & Family Welfare, Pangyu Phom, Minister for PHED Jacob Zhimomi, Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Kashiho Sangtam and host of Advisors, Home commissioner, Special Secretary (Home) ADG Law & order, Secretary Health & Family welfare and other officials from Health & Family Welfare and Home Department and media persons.

MLAs TO CONTRIBUTE ONE MONTH'S SALARY TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Extending support to the efforts of the Government in mobilizing resources to prevent the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic in the State, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat has informed that all MLAs, cutting across party affiliations, have decided to contribute their one month's salary to the Medical Department, Government of Nagaland.

This was done in response to the request made by the Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom to the Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer who took up the matter immediately with the respective Political parties whose leaders unanimously agreed to the Speaker's suggestion to contribute one month's salary from all their MLAs, to the fund being mobilized for fighting the pandemic.

ADVISORY ON CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

The Government of Nagaland has issued an advisory to curb religious congregation during the lockdown period. It stated that the State is presently under lockdown for 21 days due to the COVID19 outbreak, during which all kinds of gatherings are barred including religious congregation since it has the potential of easily allowing the virus to spread thereby putting the lives of many at risk.

However, reports of some Churches holding Sunday services involving congregation of big number of people have been received. The Home Department through the advisory issued once again strongly advised the Churches to completely refrain from holding any religious congregation involving large gatherings during the lockdown period in the interest of public health and safety.





DC KOHIMA NOTIFIES ON REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CHIECHAMA KOHIMA

DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie, NCS has notified that the land measuring 30351.423 sqmts/326700 sqfts/7.50 acres only at Chiechama, Kohima district is required for additional acquisition for setting up of Regional Response Centre (RCC) for Regional Emergency Management Training Centre (REMTI) under Fire & Emergency Services Nagaland.

In this regard, DC in exercise of the power

conferred by Section 9(2) of the Nagaland Land Requisition Act 1965, Acquisition Act 1884, authorised by the State Government as the Competent Authority has notified that if any person/party have any claim/objection over the said area, the same may be submitted to the Office of Deputy Commissioner Kohima within a period of 30 (thirty) days w.e.f the issue date of the notification (27th February 2020).

DIGITAL MINI SOIL TESTING LAB & SOIL HEALTH CARD LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng M. Shayung Phom officially launched the Digital Mini Soil Testing Lab & Soil Health Card at Longleng under the Department of Soil & Water Conservation on 29th February 2020 at DSCO office, Longleng.

In his inaugural speech, Shayung Phom who graced the occasion as the Special Invitee congratulated the department for providing the facilities of soil testing that would benefit the farmers of the district in a big way. He called upon the Agri. and Allied department to build a good team work

through coordination and caters to the needs of the farmers.

Lamenting that such facilities provided by the Government to the people were misused in the past, he urged the department officials to utilize the lab judiciously for the maximum benefit of the farmers in the district.

Earlier, in her keynote address, Ridila Sangtam, Soil Surveyor said that the main focus of the lab was to promote healthy soil for mass scale production of crops.

2nd EDITION OF BHANDARI SUB DIVISION INTER DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEET 2020

The 2nd edition of Bhandari sub division Inter Departmental Sports meet 2020, with the theme "Together we serve" in support of BBBP awareness campaign in collaboration with DLCW- MSK concluded on 29.2.2020 with Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha, NCS as special guest.

In his valedictory speech, DC congratulated the civil administration, Bhandari for taking the lead in

keeping the sub division active and vibrant and said that the district administration is in total support of the BBBP campaign to create awareness to educate and uplift the girls who are equal stake holders and partners for progressive and advanced society.

The three-day sporting event saw 7th NAP as the over-all champion followed by education department.

KIPHIRE DISTRICT CELEBRATES NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY

The Nagaland Science and Technology Council in coordination with Innovation Hub Nagaland Science Centre Dimapur conducted the second phase

of the "School level awareness program on Robotics & Artificial Intelligence" under the theme "Catch them Young" on 2nd March, 2020 under Kiphire district.



The training is intended to create among teachers and students at school level on the latest Robotics & AI technology with aim to take education technology to a new level, atleast two teachers and four students from each school were trained to assemble and code 'arduino robots'.

For Pungro Block the Robotics & AI training

and distribution was kicked off along with celebration of National Mathematics Day on 2nd March, 2020 with the special guest Abhinav Shivam IAS ADC Pungro, who gave away two robotic kits each along with certificates to all the participating schools. The first phase of the robotics training was conducted in November 2019.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS MEET CUM MEGA RALLY UNDER BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO AT JALUKIE

Inter- School sports meet cum mega rally was held at Jalukie on 4th March 2020 in support of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao with Additional Deputy Commissioner Jalukie, Dr. Tinojungshi Chang flagging off the rally. The rally was held from Jalukie Town traffic point till Govt. Hr. Sec School ground.

More than 800 students from three Govt. sector Schools took part in the rally.

ADC led in taking the pledge and students from three schools participated in activities including friendly football match , running race, high jump and musical chairs etc.

UDYAM SAMAGAM PROGRAMME HELD AT WOKHA

District Industries Centre, Wokha in collaboration with Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)-DI Dimapur & Imphal and Department of Industries & Commerce organized an essay writing and traditional Arts competition (handicrafts products) at town hall, Wokha on 3rd March 2020, with ADC Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao as the special guest.

Addressing the inaugural function the ADC called upon the students to give interest in taking part in such activities when the Government is trying to promote and encourage the students as well as the entrepreneurs.

Around 40 students from different schools under Wokha district took part in the competition. Prizes for the winners of various categories will be declared and given during the culmination programme which is scheduled to be held at the end of March 2020.

The essay competition was held on the theme "Entrepreneurship Scope and Challenges in my district". The function was chaired by Economic Investigator, DIC, Wokha Mhachan N. Kikon, while General Manager, DIC, Wokha, Nchumbemo Patton delivered the welcome address.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES ON COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

The monthly Dimapur District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of March was held on 5th March 2020, in the conference Hall of DC Dimapur. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS, who is also the Vice Chairman DPDB Dimapur.

In the meeting CMO Dimapur, Pangjung Sangtam while highlighting on the precautionary measures for COVID 19, explained that COVID 19

being primarily a respiratory virus, spreads through respiratory droplets and therefore advised for very strict respiratory hygiene. He also informed that that the District Task Force formed on 29th January was fully prepared with identification of isolated wards and enough ICUs in Referral Hospital, Military Hospitals and District Hospital. Rapid Response Team are also working in the Airport and screening of the passengers with Thermal scanner are done



in the Arrival terminal he informed.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, DC Dimapur reiterated on the presence of brick kilns and stone crushers and reminded that the concerned departments would be implementing the requisite guidelines. He also felt that the registered societies need to provide volunteers in times of need and emergencies to validate the purpose for the formation of societies to help different sections of people.

Commissioner Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo IPS, while stating that inconveniences may be felt by the commuters due to the ongoing road construction in Dimapur city however felt that one should have to obey National Highway Rules as recommended by the technical



DC Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, IAS holding a meeting on Covid-19 in the Conference Hall of DC Dimapur on 5th March 2020.

expert. He also cautioned people circulating videos that may infuse problems and reminded that it was punishable under the law.

As entrusted, Power and Nagaland State Cooperative Bank presented their departmental activities.

BEST SANITATION WORKER AWARD AT KIPHIRE

Award programme for best sanitation worker and plastic bank distribution to all eleven wards was held at DC's conference hall, Kiphire on 5th March 2020.

EAC Kiphire, Chumbenthung, in his short speech congratulated the awardees mentioning that sanitation work is challenging. He reiterated on the need to make use of the plastic banks for exclusively dumping plastic wastes and requested the ward Chairmen to

encourage the people to do the same even in the days to come.

Best sanitation workers award for four months was bagged by Kiphire Town council and individual award for the best sanitation workers were bagged by Thsipongchen (sanitation inspector), Thrilongse, Pitsali (sanitation worker) and Sepongba (sanitation worker). After the formal programme plastic banks were distributed to all the eleven wards.

BBBP PROGRAMME HELD AT NOKLAK

A one day programme organised by District Administration Noklak under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was conducted at Noklak on the 5th March 2020. The programme was chaired by Mongo Khamniungan EAC.

Delivering the keynote address, SDO Civil Noklak, C. Phuniang encouraged the adolescent girl students to prepare themselves to live an empowered life in the society by way of

equipping themselves with ample knowledge and information. The resource person of the program, Dr. Chongkoi MO, CHC, Noklak gave a talk on Adolescent girl health care and importance of hygiene living.

Essay writing on the topic of Women's Role and empowerment was also held. Gift hampers were presented to the participating students.

**INTER SCHOOLS SPORTS MEET CUM MEGA RALLY
HELD AT NGWALWA**

Inter Schools sports meet cum mega rally was held on 6th March 2020 at Ngwalwa Town in support of the child education programme 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' with Deputy Commissioner Peren, Sentiwapang Aier flagging off the rally. The rally was held from EAC HQ Ngwalwa to Ngwalwa local Ground.

More than a thousand students from 13 schools took part in the rally. EAC Ngwalwa administered the pledge for students who would be participating in musical chair, high jump, 100 metre race and balloon fight. Vote of thanks was delivered by

Heiriateile, Women Welfare Officer, DLCW-Peren.

Earlier, Adolescent Girls Club 2020 program under BBBP was launched at EAC HQ with EAC Ngwalwa and DC Peren.

DC Peren in his short speech appreciated both the students and teachers for their cooperation and thanked the WWO for taking up the initiative by launching a program. He also stressed on many issues being faced by the girl child. He said that proper training must be given to the girl child in order to make them understand the meaning of launching the club to create more awareness of being a girl.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tuensang DPDB monthly meeting for the month of March 2020 was held on 7th March 2020 in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The meeting started with reviewing the last meeting minutes which has already being forwarded to the Government for approval. Further new agenda such as registration of society was forwarded to the government for necessary action and the construction of welcome gate at Longkhim Town was forwarded to Chairman DPDB.

DC also discussed about Poshan Pakhwada to

sensitize the people on nutrition and health and asked all the stake holders to make it a success in the District.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner highlighted about the seriousness of Corona Virus (Covid-19) which is spreading rapidly across the globe. He said that the threat is real so we have to be ready for it and to tackle the situation and focus on prevention. He also asked to avoid gatherings, shaking hands and urged not to panic. In this connection, a District Task Force Committee was formed to chalk out the plan.

Tuensang District has been selected as the Top 25 District in the country for implementation of the BBBP programme.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, M. Shayung Phom on 6th March 2020 at DC's conference hall.

The DC highlighted various instructions and preventive measures issued by both the Centre and state Government after reports of Coronavirus infection in the country. Appealing to the members to

disseminate safety measures to their staff, family and community regarding prevention of Coronavirus. He requested the CMO to brief the house regarding the latest status of COVID-19 and the measures taken by the H&FW department and the District Hospital Longleng to tackle the virus.

CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla informed that on receiving the reports of the virus in the country, the department has initiated screening of



passengers in the airport but yet to be done in the railway & Bus stations. She asserted that isolation ward was reserved in the district hospital and other strategies like training of two nurses exclusively for that purpose was done. The Medical Superintendent of DHL, Dr. Lhouvizoto Belho also apprised the members and stated that there is no cure for the virus, as such only basic preventive measures is taken up in the hospital.

In connection with the frequent outbreak of fire incident in recent years and location of Fire Service station in the outskirt of the town, the senior citizens forum of Longleng has proposed for Emergency Fire Brigade in the heart of Longleng town for timely response to such incidents in the future. In this regard, the board decided to find a

suitable location in consultation with Administration, Police and civil societies of the district. The board also recommended for upgradation of PHC Yongnyah to CHC.

The Vice President Phom Peoples' Council (PPC) also proposed for immediate posting of Treasury Officer to Longleng, Celebration of Mini Hornbill Festival in the district, Enforcement of strict traffic regulation to stop random parking and Checking of inflow of banned consignments in the district by the Excise Department.

In his closing remark, Deputy Commissioner appealed to the members to be regular in DPDB meeting and actively participate in the discussion, give innovative ideas and suggestion and also to share their problems.

CAMPAIGN ON 'ELIMINATION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION: HIV AND SYPHILIS' HELD AT MELURI

Campaign on 'Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT): HIV and Syphilis' was held on 6th March 2020 at Village Council Hall, Meluri.

The campaign is sponsored by Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) and organised by District AIDS prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU) Phek.

This very campaign was organised to eliminate new transmission from mother to child by 2020 itself. EMTCT campaign focused mainly on

the womenfolk specially the pregnant women.

Resource persons from DAPCU Phek and Project AHANA shared the basics of HIV and means of eliminating new transmission and services available to the pregnant women and HIV patients.

Around 130 women and 30 men attended the campaign. Participants included young ladies, pregnant women, mothers, leaders from village council; women from various NGOs, Churches and students.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 9th March 2020 at DC's conference hall. Vice Chairman DPDB Wokha and Deputy Commissioner Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, the board recommended for registration of Old Changsu Union Wokha town. Construction of Lotha Customary Court, Wokha has been deferred for deliberation in the next meeting.

District Transport while presenting power point highlighted the status of the department

activities where he stated that Revenue Collected from April 2019 to January 2020 was Rs. 1,12,05,039/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Five Thousand and Thirty Nine only) and total Number of Driving License issued in the District was 17,933.

Medical Superintendent (MS), District Hospital, Wokha who also presented their department activities said, Community participation through NGOs, Offices, Banks, Some Colonies/Wards, Elae Hoho and interested individuals have been a strong support for the



Hospital till date. MS also informed the board about the immediate needs of the hospital.

DC also informed the members that all

preventive measures have been arranged in case of any detection about the outbreak of Corona virus in the district.

MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT BHANDARI

The monthly departmental coordination meeting of Bhandari sub division was held at the conference hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 11th March 2020.

ADC Bhandari, Tiameraen Chang, chairing the meeting thanked the officers for their cooperation for the successful conduct of the inter-departmental Sports meet which was held in the month of February in support of BBBP campaign.

The house also discussed on the need for construction of boundary wall, additional class

rooms and other upgraded infrastructures required at the GHSS, Bhandari and decided to highlight it to the DPDB, Wokha for further necessary action.

While discussing on matters relating to distribution of text books, uniforms and other materials under Sub divisional education officer, Bhandari (SDEO) it was further reiterated that systematic distribution process will be observed and procuring of goods and materials for schools by any individual would be done with authentic knowledge of head of concerned institutions.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

MON: International Women's Day was observed on 8th March 2020 at KNSK Office, Mon under the theme "I am Generation Equality - Realizing Women's Right".

Resource person on the occasion was Asst. Professor, Wangkhao Government College, SDO (C) Mon, Ilika Zhimomi presented the awards to the best performing ASHAs and AWWs (Angawadi Workers).

TENING: International Women's Day cum Baby Show and Flower Show was celebrated on 8th March, 2020 at Tening in Peren district, organised by Tening Town Welfare Organisation in collaboration with Tening Block Task Force on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP).

Dr. Neilasakuo Linyü, Medical Officer delivered a lecture on women and health. P. Azon, Women Secretary of Liangmai Baptist Aruang as the guest speaker shared about the responsibilities, rights and violence against women and asked them to avail the opportunity to build the society.

KIPHIRE: The Mahila Shakti Kendra in collaboration with the district administration and Sakhi one stop centre, Kiphire celebrated International women's day 2020 on 8th March.

Open marathon race was held at deluxe

point Kiphire and later in the day inter ward tug of war women competition was held at local ground Kiphire. Khiungsu Nurture SHG won the marathon. In the tug of war Kipongya ward was adjudged the winner whereas Limreh SHG bagged the runners up.

DIMAPUR: International Women's day 2020 jointly organised by Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland State Social Welfare Board, Mahila Shakti Kendra - State Resource Centre for women was celebrated on 9th March 2020 at Chumoukedima Town Hall with Addl Director, Department of Social Welfare Chubainla Jamir as Guest of honour.

The second session comprised of Awareness on women & child related schemes: Resource person Society Director, CPS Chubainla Jamir spoke on the topic Child Protection services (CPS). District coordinator, PMMVY Vizosuto Khanyo on Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). Research officer, SRCW Meneno V on Sakhi- One Stop Centre & Women Helpline-181 and Supervisor, NSSWB Juliana Medom on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao & Mahila Shakti Kendra.

LONGLENG: A week long International Women's Day i.e. from 1st-8th March, 2020 was celebrated at Longleng, organized by Sakhi-One-Stop Centre, in



collaboration with various departments and organizations.

The occasion started off with an awareness campaign on OSC to the Women union of Pongching and Mongtikang village under Longleng district.

The OSC also collaborated with Longleng Town Students Union and organized a street play based on the topic 'Silence hides Violence. Whom to be blamed?' The Deputy Commissioner M. Shayung Phom (NCS) was the special guest where he encouraged the women to voice out and fight for their rights.

The OSC team in collaboration with

NSRLM, RD, Longleng also visited Yaongyimchen and Yachem villages on the occasion of the same. The events conducted were awareness on OSC and later to mark the occasion livelier, amusements like singing, extempore speech competitions were also conducted and few games were played along with the women folk.

The weeklong celebrations concluded on 8th March, 2020 where the OSC team organized the International Women's Day at PSC Hall, Longleng. The program was graced by Yanithung Ezung SP, Longleng as the Guest of Honour and Caroline Nuklu as resource person.

ZELIANG NAGA CELEBRATES MLEINGYI FESTIVAL AT JALUKIE

The inaugural programme of Zeliang Naga Festival "Mleingyi" was celebrated with great enthusiasm at GHSS Ground, Jalukie on 10th March, 2020 with Deputy Commissioner Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, NCS as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the inaugural programme as special guest, DC Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in his short speech asserted Jalukie is a cosmopolitan town where mixed groups of people from different

tribes are existing. He encouraged the public attending the festival to set an exemplary life as well as live life in the right direction. He also urged the gathering to maintain peace and harmony and to love one another in order to flourish in life.

Other highlights of the day long festival celebration programme included traditional fire-making, mleingyi blessing, folk dance, traditional parade, leiso/liagum (Folk song) and sporting events.

EXPOSURE TRIP FOR PEREN COFFEE GROWERS

The department of Land Resources, Peren organized a one day field exposure trip to Tsiesema, Kohima for the coffee growers of Peren district on 11th March 2020. The team headed by DPO, Alemla Aier alongwith resource person DPO Kohima, Dr. Menuosietuo Tseikha visited the coffee plantation site, wherein technical inputs was deliberated on various stages of coffee plantation. Farmers were exposed to harvesting of coffee berries and various

processing techniques. In-depth knowledge on coffee was also delivered to the farmers through visual clippings and formal discussion.

Farmers were highly encouraged through the immense knowledge that they have gained through this exposure trip for which the Peren team extend their gratitude and appreciation towards the DPO Kohima and his team for their support and cooperation.

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER VISITS NOKLAK VILLAGE

On 13th March 2020 Deputy Chief Minister, Y.Patton along with Advisor Prison Printing and Stationery, H. Haiying visited Noklak village and declared it as a model village.

In his speech the Deputy CM said that Noklak village is the second in the State to be recognized as a model village and advised them to utilize the fund

sincerely. He assured to create two new Police stations at Nokhu and ITC Dan and also said that Noklak station would be upgraded to SDPO.

Short speech was delivered by Minister of Higher and Technical Educational & Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along where he said that changes will keep on coming if we are passionate about upliftment in every way.



MOKOKCHUNG DTF FOR NOVEL CORONA VIRUS HOLDS MEETING

The Mokokchung District Task Force for Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) convened a meeting at ADC Planning conference hall on 12th March 2020 to formulate an action plan on preventive measures against the threat of the Virus in the district.

Chairing the meeting, ADC Mokokchung, W. Manpai Phom in his opening remark maintain that no cases of Covid-19 infection has been reported from any part of the state till date but we needed to

put into place certain preventive measures in order to minimize the transmission risk of the infection into our district.

The Task Force decided to approach the Government for Thermal Sensory equipments to make it more convenient while scrutinizing travelers at Entry point. A Sub-committee was also set up during the meeting to identify suitable location with basic infrastructural amenities to be used as a quarantine centre in eventuality of infection cases in the district.

REVIEW MEETING OF KOHIMA DTF ON COVID-19

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held its review meeting on Novel Corona virus (COVID-19) in the Deputy Commissioner Office Chamber, Kohima on 12th March 2020 under the chairmanship of DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelle NCS.

Reviewing the district preparedness level on the issue, DC Kohima updated the status of surveillance of COVID-19 under Kohima district w.e.f 28th January 2020 till date and also the details of Naga, domestic and foreign travellers with travel history to the affected countries, who have been in Kohima. He informed that as per the directive, the district Surveillance Team has been closely monitoring the travellers as per the report where the travellers have been advised for 14 days home isolation and observation for 28 days, which majority of them have completed with no suspected or confirmed cases reported till date.

However in view of the sudden spike in number of cases and deaths from the affected countries, the meeting had a lengthy discussion on

various issues pertaining to the preparedness level and present scarcity of surgical masks and hand sanitizer in the district. The meeting has therefore decided to take up the following steps for preparedness: to reiterate on the restriction of domestic and foreign tourists in the district to the higher level; concerned departments to facilitate the identified Isolation wards with minimum required facilities; concerned department to take up the issue of scarcity of surgical masks and hand sanitizer with the concerned agencies for price regulation; to inspect the identified Hospitals for Isolation Ward, which include Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), Chedema Ayush Hospital, Jakhama Hospital and TB Hospital Khuzama and check the availability of basic requirement facilities put in place and also to create more awareness on the advisory of ministry of health and family welfare and WHO on hand hygiene and others through hoardings and All India Radio Kohima besides other print and electronic media.

KIPHIRE DPDB DWELLS ON IRREGULAR & ABSENTEE DISTRICT OFFICERS

Kiphire District Planning Development Board (DPDB) was held at DC Conference hall Kiphire, on 13th March 2020 under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman DPDB, Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS.

During the meeting DC lamented on the absentees and irregular heads of offices in the

district and also for not taking DPDB meetings seriously. She warned all the officers to be in the station and informed all the district heads to submit the election duty list by Monday. She also stated that the house listing and housing census will start from 1st May to 15th June 2020 and urged all the officers

to be in the station as sensitization training will be given to them.

ADC Pungro Abhinav Shivam IAS also shared his grievances on the negligence on duties of the officers in Pungro. He said that most of the offices are running without any officers, and even some of the officers are not performing their duties for more than

three to four months. He lamented that with this kind of officers district cannot go ahead and is a shame even to call Kiphire as an "Aspirational District".

MS, Kiphire briefed the house regarding the latest status about the Corona Virus (Covid-19). She highlighted about the seriousness of Covid -19 which is rapidly spreading across the globe.

PEREN DISTRICT DPDB MEETING

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13th March, 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, District Headquarter Peren. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor for Water Resource, Namri Nchang who is also the chairman of DPDB.

In the meeting, the board members resolved to forward the request for the registration of D. Haralu charitable trust.inc. to the higher ups for necessary action.

Discussion were also held on the review of nomenclature for construction of Mini Secretariat at Tening Hq., views and suggestions on the implementation of Iconic Projects under

LADP 2020, Mini Hornbill Festival Celebration and Posting of Headmaster/Asst. HM at GHS, Nsong.

A short presentation on CHILDLINE and CAB Peren was presented by CHILDLINE Peren Centre Coordinator Peren, Ibamsile Doson. A presentation on COVID-19 was also given by District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Kevi Meyase. For the next DPDB meeting, DC Peren directed Tourism department to prepare a powerpoint presentation on their departmental activities.

The Chairman asked the Divisional Forest Officer, Peren to look after illegal hunting or killing of wild animals, fishing and deforestation carried out in the District.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning & Development Board, (DPDB) Phek was held at DC's conference hall on 13th March 2020 under the chairmanship of ADC Phek, Tsuktimar Jamir, NCS. New members Imliakum Aier, Asstt. Engineer (CAWD), Phek and Neimenuo Sr. Labour Inspector, Phek were introduced to the house.

The agenda discussed included language (Khuzhale) training Institute, Pfutsero and District Specific Study Department, (Evaluation) Phek. Departmental activities were presented by Industry (DIC), Phek. The meeting asked Land Record Department to present their activities in the next meeting.

4th CHECKING AND CONFISCATION EXERCISE BY DTF CONDUCTED AT KOHIMA

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) carried out its fourth checking and confiscation exercise to enforce the total ban on all single use plastics in the State Capital on 13th March 2020. The Kohima DTF on total ban of all single use plastics have been conducting the checking and confiscation exercise at regular intervals to ensure that the ban on

the sale and use of single use plastic is properly enforced and thereby creating awareness and ensuring that the dream of a plastic pollution free Nagaland stays alive.

The Kohima DTF aided by various NGOs and Government Departments conducted the checking and confiscation exercise wherein the

members were divided into two teams, each team covering different locations, visited all the shops in and around the Kohima Main town from Razhu Point to BOC area to check the use and sale of all single use plastics including poly-propylene bags. A number of

shops were still caught using the banned plastic bags and also selling minerals water bottles below one litre. The erring shopkeepers were fined and the banned products were all confiscated which will later be disposed off by the Kohima Municipal Council.

KOHIMA DPDB RECOMMENDS KEZO TOWN FOR UP-GRADATION TO URBAN STATION

The monthly meeting of Kohima District Planning and Development Board was held on 16th March 2020 at the DPDB Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Gregory Thejawelie, NCS, DC Kohima and Vice Chairman, DPDB Kohima. The meeting began with a review of the previous meeting minutes and the progress of the projects undertaken under DPDB. The house also spent some time in discussing some pressing matters related to the ongoing pandemic of Corona virus (COVID-19) and the steps undertaken to prevent the spread of the virus in the state capital.

EAC Kezocha, Vineikho Tetso presented before the house an application requesting the up-gradation of Kezo town under Kezocha Circle to the status of an Urban Station. He also gave a brief

presentation on the need for the up-gradation and provided with proper data and statistics which proved the eligibility of Kezo Town to be considered for u-gradation to an Urban Station. The house after a brief discussion and review of the data and statistics provided decided to recommend the up-gradation of Kezo town for consideration to the Government of Nagaland.

The Department of PHED gave a detailed power point presentation of the various developmental projects undertaken by the department under Kohima District. The Department of PWD Roads and Bridges and the Department of Land Resources have been assinged to give power point presentation in the next DPDB meeting.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th March 2020 at DC Conference Hall Mon, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The board discussed on the financial assistance for 6th NAP Battalion Pipe Band and taking up S.K Wangsa farm as Mon District recreational park and meeting picnic spot. The board recommended creation of Pharmacist/Nurse post in District Jail and registration of Wangnao Welfare Society.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner

handed over the prize to the winner of Painting Competition held under the theme "Plastic Free Sensitization Campaign".

Chief Medical Officer, Mon Dr. Kechongol Sophie stressed on COVID- 19 and said that screening is going on in different gates and sensitization to all health workers, teachers and police are underway. He also declared that there is no suspected cases of COVID- 19 being screened entering Mon or traced till date. Home Guards and Civil Defence and District Sericulture Office, Mon presented their departmental activities.



ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD AT ASUTO TOWN

District Planning and Development Board meeting for Zunheboto district was held on 13th March 2020 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and vice chairman DPDB, Peter Lichamo at EAC office conference hall, Asuto town.

ADC Aghunato thanked the DC for holding the monthly DPDB meeting at Asuto town stating that it shows their concern for the people living in the area.

Agenda put forward by the Minister Agriculture, Kaito G Aye for building Deputy Commissioner Office Zunheboto at PHED reserved site was deliberated and approved for further process by the house. EE PHED gave the details of the land and also welcomed the proposal provided it adheres to certain minor technical requirements.

The house approved the proposal of District Specific Study 2020-21 under Evaluation Department.

The members also approved and forwarded some of the immediately requirements of the area including approach road to Asuto town, EAC quarter, PHC at Asuto and CDPO building at Asuto town.

Superintendent of Police, Uniel Kichu agreed to look into the matter regarding shortage of police personnel at Asuto town.

The meeting had a thorough discussion on some of the key issues like plantation of area soil friendly coffees, cardamom etc under Land Resources Department, water supply to households under PHED, grievances of high school, Asuto town and development of infrastructure at Government College Zunheboto.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Pughoboto Sub Division Planning and Development Board meeting was held under the SDPDB, Pughoboto Chairman and MLA Y. Vikheho Swu at the ADC Pughoboto office on 16th March 2020.

ADC Pughoboto, T. Moa Lemtor reviewed the last meeting minutes. The MLA directed all the Medical officers of Pughoboto to be in their respective posting place to take preparedness and preventive measure

on Covid 19. He also advised the doctors to inform the symptoms of corona virus to the villagers so as to maintain hygienic with the use of hand sanitizer. He further informed all the officers to keep hand sanitizers in their offices. The house also approved to write a letter to Mission Director, SHAMAGRA SHIKSHA to put in priority list for the upgradation of Government High School Pughoboto to Higher secondary School.

DTF FOR COVID-19 MEETING HELD AT KIPHIRE

Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) for Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) was held at DC's chamber on 14th March 2020 under the chairmanship of DC Kiphire, Sarita Yadav IAS.

During the meeting, discussions were held related to sensitization for general public and preparedness check of Medical Department. The meeting was attended by Sarita Yadav IAS, DC Kiphire, Nyempo Wallim SDO Kiphire, Dr. Apise USBLA, E. Wammei Dy. Commdt (VG), Dr. Tsilise DDDO (Vety), Z. Tshurhosie ASP (Police), Helen

principal ZPC, Dr. Dhini, Dr. Holiba A. Anar, Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo DPO and Deena Bandhu DEO Kiphire.

Among others, the following directives and advisories were taken up in Kiphire district during the meeting;

1. All medical officers and staffs have been directed to be in their posting place and all station leave will be allowed only through the office of the Deputy Commissioner Kiphire.

2. The following locations have been identified to be used as quarantine facility in the District Hospital Kiphire, Community Health Centre Pungro, DUDA rest house Kiphire and Dormitory hall Seyochung.
3. The Medical Department will conduct sensitization and awareness on COVID- 19 prevention at the earliest in the border villages of Hakumuti, Mimi, Khonjiri, Khong, Vongti, Khongka Fakim through area medical officers and submit report.
4. The Bazar union Kiphire is directed to submit report of the availability of numbers of masks and hand sanitizers in the market to District Administration and any hoarding and sale above the market price of such items will invite serious penalty.
5. Medical Department were also informed to coordinate with the local churches, DEO and principal Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire to create Awareness among the students and teachers at the earliest and to submit the report.
6. The NST Department, Sumo owners union and private passenger carriers are to report any out of state persons that travel to Kiphire using their services including passengers arriving by chopper to the police or district administration on the same day itself police department will monitor all such reports or failure to report.

DISTRICT LEVEL PUBLIC HEARING UNDER MGNREGA AT PHEK

Society for training and research on rural development social audit unit Nagaland Kohima and 3rd phase social audit district level public hearing under MGNREGA was held at DRDA conference Hall, Phek on 14th March 2020.

The programme was chaired by Keyirangding Hegui, NCS project Director & DPC, DRDA Phek. After introduction by State

Resource Person, SAU Nagaland, VRPs/BRPs/DPRs the social Audit findings ie Village Wise was read out.

After discussions the response was given by Observers (Administration/ AG / Ombudsman) who stressed on maintaining proper records and accountability for better understanding of the villages.

AWARENESS CUM LOAN MELA HELD AT PONGCHING

Mahila Shakti Kendra Longleng in collaboration with National Minorities Development and Finance Cooperation under Nagaland State Social Welfare Board (NSSWB) conducted awareness cum loan Mela on Micro Finance at Pongching village on 16th March 2020.

Phungla Phom, WWO MSK gave a brief information on the procedures for application and eligible criteria for beneficiaries while Dist-Coordinator, WWO Ms. Tutitungla highlighted about BBBP, MSK, OSC and Women Helpline. Women Leaders from all the Self Help Groups (SHGs) attended the program.

MEETING ON ADOPTED VILLAGE ANGPANG HELD AT MON

Meeting of the Committee and Line Department on SAGY (Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana) Scheme MP adopted Village Angphang under Mon District was held on 16th March 2020 at DC Conference Hall Mon. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The meeting discussed on the ongoing development works under SAGY Scheme at Angphang Village, MP adopted Village. PHE department has issued 10,000 liters capacity water

tank and the construction of toilet has been completed. 141 hectares of Cardamom plantation has been completed by Horticulture Department. Forest department has planted 500 ornamental trees and construction of foot steps also completed. Rural Development department has formed 43 self help groups and construction of store pavement has completed. All the line departments reported that their proposals were submitted and awaiting sanction.



**LEGAL RIGHTS FOR GENDER EQUITY- LEGAL AWARENESS
PROGRAMME HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO**

Legal Rights for Gender Equity- Legal Awareness Programme was held in Zunheboto town at the SBCZ conference hall on 14th March, 2020.

The programme was organised by Nagaland State Commission for women (NSCW) in collaboration with NIDS, Dimapur and supported by National Commission for Women (NCW). The keynote address was delivered by Khrienuo Tachu, Chairperson, NSCW. Speakers included EAC, Zunheboto, N Konyak, Easter H Yephthomi, Retainer

lawyer, ZDLSA, Dr. Kekhrieseno Christina, HoD, Department of Sociology, Kohima Arts College among others.

Khrienuo Tachu in her address said that for any democratic and progressive society, the issue of gender equity is at the heart of development index. Therefore there is a need to sensitize people on the legal rights of women and also help enable discussions on gender rights and legal narratives that specifically addresses the grassroots level.

**AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PRE-CONCEPTION & PRE-NATAL
DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUE ACT AT WOKHA**

Lotha Eloie Hoho (LEH) & (District Level Centre for Women) DLCW-MSK (Mahila Shakti Kendra) in collaboration with District Administration held a one day programme on Pre- Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act (PC-) under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at Aitepyong Circle on 14th March 2020 at Lakhuti Community Hall, Wokha.

EAC, Aitepyong, Wokha speaking during the programme, said that opportunity should be given to both girls and women because they equally work and contribute in bringing about a change in building a brighter future.

President Lotha Eloie Hoho, Zuchobeni Ezong stressed on the importance of girl child stating

that girls/women play an equal role in uplifting the society as practiced by our forefathers. She added that it is time for us to change our mindset and give opportunity to girl child at par with male counterpart because they equally contribute for the welfare of our society.

Advocate, Shanchobeni Khuvung (Wokha District Legal Services Authority) while emphasizing on Pre- Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act, stated that parental undergoing pre-diagnostic or sex selection to determine sex is illegal as per the Act which may lead to rigorous imprisonment and urged to do away with such practices.

**LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF SELF-DEFENSE CLASS FOR
ADOLESCENT GIRLS AT TUENSANG**

The Beti Bachao Beti Padao sponsored Self-Defense class for Adolescent girls launched at Town Hall Tuensang on 14th March 2020. The Deputy Commissioner of Tuensang Kumar Ramnikant was the Special Guest.

The programme was attended by DC Tuensang, members of the Tuensang District Taekwondo Association led by President and adolescent girl students from GHSS Tuensang,

GHSS Thangjam, GHS Chaba, GHS Hakushang, GMS Station-I and GMS Station-II.

DC said that sports is an important element in life and one can be self dependent through sports. He encouraged the girl students to take up the self defense class with discipline and commitment. Niamkoi District Coordinator MSK Tuensang highlighted on the core concept of BBBP while President TDTA and Lal Bahadur Ussuk GT Thangjam spoke on behalf of the

participating schools. Taekwondo art on self defense was demonstrated led by Chief Instructor TDTA. Vote of

thanks was given by Shelly Katiry SDO (C) and Nodal Officer BBBP Tuensang.

FISH FARMERS TRAINING UNDER RKVY & SENSITIZATION ON KCC SCHEME CONDUCTED AT THIZAMA

A three day training programme was organized for the fish farmers of Kohima District on the topic "Pond Management Practices" under Capacity Building and Skill Upgradation, RKVY during 2018-19 and Sensitization Programme on Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme at Government Fish Farm, Thizama from 12th-14th March, 2020.

During the three day training, farmers were taught on topics 'site selection', 'pond management', 'species selection', 'integrated farming', 'planning and economics' which were

imparted by resource persons A. Meren Jamir, AFI and Khriezetuo Zatsu, FD. The fish farmers were showed intensive field demonstration on method of feed preparation, water parameters and plankton estimation, etc by Impangtiba, Farm Incharge and Vikiho Shohe, FD. On the last day, Dory Yanthan, DFO Kohima sensitized the fish farmers for availing loan under KCC Scheme from the Bank. A total of 30 Fish farmers participated in the training. Vote of thanks was proposed by Zakiesielie Guozi, FD.

DIMAPUR DTF DELIBERATES ON MORE STEPS TO COMBAT COVID-19

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur Anoop Kinchi IAS, convened a meeting on 17th March 2020, with the Dimapur District Task Force members to deliberate on more steps to be taken as preventive measures with regard COVID 19.

In the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Dimapur expressed satisfaction on the steps and measures and the preparedness level taken so far in the district. He directed the district medical Department to activate the control room by the next day and also felt the need for setting up training and awareness cell to continuously work and create awareness to the people about the precautionary steps to be taken.

In the meeting, Commissioner Police Dimapur Rothihu Tetseo informed that the cyber cell was taking care of any false information about COVID 19 that is being spread in the social media

forums and also cautioned for stern action.

Deputy CMO Dimapur, Dr. Antoly appealed to the people not to panic stating that the Department was well prepared in Dimapur as well as the whole State and doing their best with the available resources.

Airport Director Dimapur, M. Zhimomi informed that 100 percent thermal scanning of all the passengers are being done in the airport, hand sanitizers placed and extra cleaning are being done by the cleaning staff to ensure that the airport area is properly sanitised.

District Surveillance Officer Dr. Imtiwabong also highlighted on the preparedness level taken up by the department in Dimapur district.

Members of Dimapur district Task Force including Army, Police, CISF and other attended the meeting which was held in the conference hall of DC Dimapur.

EMERGENCY MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT TUENSANG

DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS convened an emergency meeting with all ward President and its representatives of Tuensang Town held in his office chamber on 17th March 2020 in the

connection with awareness of Corona outbreak and precaution measures.

At the outset, DC apprised the gathering regarding the decision of the high level review

meeting convened by the Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to close all Education institutions in Nagaland from 17th March to 12th April 2020 in view of the outbreak of COVID - 19 (Corona Virus).

In this regard meeting resolved the following precautionary measures for the awareness of Corona outbreak.

1. A well informed team of youths to be formed by all the respective Wards to disseminate information and sensitize the masses through door to door campaign with the special focus on children and senior citizens.
2. The District Administration to undertake public awareness drive through public Announcement in the Town. Public Advisory copy to be available to all the ward presidents for wide publicity.
3. As far as possible, public are advised and encouraged to maintain personal

cleanliness and hygiene and also avoid attending Mass gatherings.

4. In view of the shortage of masks and hand sanitizers in the market, a team of Administration and Police to check illegal hoardings and high rates of these products.
5. All Wards to organise a cleanliness drive. In this regard, it was decided to approach the CMO, Tuensang to provide phenyl for disinfecting public toilets, drainages, pigsty and cowshed.
6. As a result of the shutting down of educational institutions in the cities, the ward presidents were asked to remained vigilant of those students returning home from outside.
7. As a preventive measure, the duration of the ongoing mela in the parade Ground has also been shortened.

MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT MON

Mon District Task Force for COVID-19 meeting was held on 16th March 2020 at DC Conference Hall, Mon.

The meeting discussed on the outbreak of COVID -19 where Chief Medical Officer, Mon Dr. Kechongol Sophie highlighted on the preventive and preparedness measures done in Mon District.

The task force decided to hold a meeting with the NGOs, Church leaders, taxi association, bus owners and chamber of Commerce regarding banning of church gathering, wedding and Aoleang festival. Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS also requested to Medical department to immediately prepare Isolation ward.

JALUKIE SUB-DIVISIONAL TASK FORCE EMERGENCY MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD

In view of the declaration of COVID-19 as a 'controllable pandemic' by the world organization and in compliance to directive issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Jalukie Sub-divisional task force held an emergency meeting on 18th March 2020 at ADC office chamber to chalk out the plan of action for Jalukie sub-division for sensitization and awareness to implement preventive measures on the outbreak of corona virus.

Senior Medical Officer CHC Jalukie highlighted the importance of wearing masks and use of hand sanitizers and how to maintain distance

from infected persons.

District Surveillance Officer also said that people coming from effected city or states need to be quarantined at home for 14 days. In case of any emergency purposes the district task force has set up an isolation ward at CHC Jalukie Town since Jalukie is the main entry point for the district.

ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang advised the concerned members to inform the symptoms of corona virus to all the wards/colonies through announcement so as to maintain hygiene and to take necessary preventive measures.

The meeting was attended by various church leaders, GBs, all ward chairman, Traders unions, MO PHC Jalukie sub-division, Taxi union, Students unions, Jalukie Town women welfare

organization, Jalukie Town youth organization, BDO Jalukie, Officer-Incharge, PS Jalukie, SBI Branch manager Jalukie and President, ANPSA, Jalukie.

DIMAPUR DISTRICT DDMA MEETING

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Dimapur district 1st quarterly meeting was held on 17th March 2020 in the conference Hall of DC Dimapur.

Keeping in view the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organization and also declared as notified disaster, DC Dimapur Anoop Kinchi IAS asked the DDMA members to be fully geared up and be prepared.

In the meeting, District Disaster Management

officer Dimapur, Rendemo Shitiri informed all the villages under Dimapur district to submit the names of VDMA members at the earliest. He explained that villages that do not form the said VDMA would not be able to apply for any relief under NSDMA/ DDMA norms. He further informed about identification of vital installation for CBRN Disaster Preparedness stating that NDMA insists to be on the watch of the Government.

12th EDITION OF THE SUMI HOHO TROPHY AT AKULUTO TOWN

The 12th edition of the Sumi Hoho Trophy under the aegis of Sumi Games and Sports Association and hosted by Akuluto-VK Area Sports Association kick started at Akuluto town under Zunheboto district from 17th march 2020.

Kiyeka Sumi, GS SGSA on behalf of the special guest Deputy Chief Minister and in charge of Home, PWD (R&B) appreciated the Sumi community for the immense contribution towards the making of the modern day Nagaland. The SGSA's motto of 'Unity and Integrity' is very convincing and should be emulated in sports as well as in social life he stated further urging all the participants to display true spirit of sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Earlier at the inaugural function President SGSA P Akihito Zhimomi hoisted the SGSA flag. Greetings on behalf of the Sumi Hoho was delivered by GS Sumi Hoho, Nikheto Zhimomi. Book titled 'Aküxü Ye Aghili Lakhi Toi Ke' by Swuto Swu was also launched on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Peter Lichamo congratulated the people of the area for coming up with a wonderful playing arena and thanked the advisor concerned for being an architect of the entire event. Special presentations were given by Pretty Rhythm and Kalino Vikato Kinimi while traditional items, Aphili kuwo and Ayeküzü le were presented by Moromi village and Lumitsami ghami respectively.

TUENSANG DTF ON COVID-19 HELD MEETING

Tuensang District Task Force for COVID-19 held meeting at DC Conference Hall on 19th of March 2020.

The meeting was attended by its members comprising District Administration, Medical, Police, AR, NGOs, Ward Representatives, VG, and education.

The meeting discussed on setting up of screening team which will be deployed at the strategic locations. The screening team will be authorised to investigate on tour history of any such suspected person coming from outside the state/tourist.



Dr. John has been nominated as Nodal Officer for Tuensang District. The house also resolved to nominate one representative on officer rank from AR, Police, NAP, and medical department. The house further discussed on identification of building for quarantine measures and located St John Higher secondary School and Baptist Thangyen School building to propose.

The Deputy Commissioner and chairman TDTF COVID-19 advised the PHED to regulate water supply for proper hygiene of the mass. Chairman and DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant also advised all concerned to identify individuals coming back from outside the state so that quarantine processes shall be initiated.

TRAINING ON COVID -19 HELD AT WOKHA DISTRICT



Demonstration on donning of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) during Covid-19 training at DC's Conference hall, Wokha.

Training on Corona virus (COVID-19) was conducted by Health and Family Welfare department Wokha at Deputy Commissioner Conference hall on 18th March 2020.

Dr. C.W. Tungoe, Chief Medical Officer Wokha stated that the training was specifically organized for medical officers, nurses, stakeholders and paramilitary officials to equip them on event of disease outbreak in the district and create awareness among the people. He further stated that the district administration along with medical staffs is carrying out surveillance at entry points.

Topics on infection, prevention, surveillance, clinical case management and demonstration on personal protection equipment, cluster containment strategy and community

surveillance, environmental cleaning, disinfection and bio-medical waste management and demonstration-donning and doffing of PPE were conducted by Dr. N. Thungbemo Patton, DSO IDSP and Dr. Khesheli, Epidemiologist, IDSP. Dr. Zuben Kikon, Dy CMO informed that thermal scanners and isolation wards for suspected cases were available in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Orenthung Lotha urged the medical staffs to be in their place of posting and inform the public not to panic. He stated that markets in Bhandari, Sanis and Baghty were closed down as precautionary measures. An awareness drive on corona virus will be conducted in different churches by administration, medical and paramilitary officials on March 22, he added.

SENSITIZATION TRAINING ON COVID-19 HELD AT KIPHIRE

A sensitization training on COVID- 19 was held at the Conference Hall District Hospital Kiphire, on 19th March 2020.

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav IAS in her speech urged all the trainers to be serious in the training because whatever they learn through it will be imparting to the public. She also informed the hospital staffs and doctors to maintain personal hygiene since they will be always dealing with the patients. She stated that till date Nagaland state is safe from this virus, but if it reaches us we cannot be safe as Nagaland is

still lagging behind in medical facilities and appeal to all to form the habit of using masks and hand sanitizers.

Dr. Pewezo Khalo DIO in his keynote address stated that the Medical department is trying their best in preventing this virus and are ever ready to manage the crisis. He urged the public not to spread rumours in the social media also not to believe them. He also encouraged the staffs to impart proper information to the health workers so that they can disseminate the right message to the public in their respective places.

MEETING OF THE MOKOKCHUNG DTF FOR COVID-19 HELD

Mokokchung District Task Force meeting on Covid-19 with legislators from Mokokchung district and NGOs during the consultative meeting at ADC (Planning) Conference hall, Mokokchung on 20th March 2020.

Mokokchung District Task Force for Novel Corona Virus COVID-19 and NGOs held a joint meeting with representatives of elected members from Mokokchung district at the Conference Hall of ADC (Planning).

Addressing the meeting, DC Mokokchung thanked the Legislators for showing concern of the people at a time when fear of the pandemic COVID-19 envelopes the minds of the people.

Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung said that the District Task Force is giving all out efforts with whatever facilities and manpower they have for

preventive measures in order to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus in case of any detection in the district.

Minister, Nagaland, Tongpang Ozukum, in his address congratulated the Medical department, District Administration, District Task Force for COVID-19 and all those involved for the preparedness and asked for more efforts in giving awareness to the people.

Minister Metsubo Jamir, on behalf of the State Government said every individual in the state must strictly follow the Nagaland Epidemic

Disease (COVID-19) Regulation 2020. He also suggested that those Trucks (carrying essential commodities) entering the district and going to other districts via Mokokchung should be allowed to move on convoy and be regulated. He also said since people living in the villages are more vulnerable through lack of knowledge, giving

awareness through public announcement system would be beneficial while Village Councils should also be asked to report any suspicious symptoms among the villagers to the DC's office immediately. He also said certain restrictions of visitation to villages by outsiders would also help the people to be on the safer side.

DC PHEK HOLDS MEETING ON COVID-19

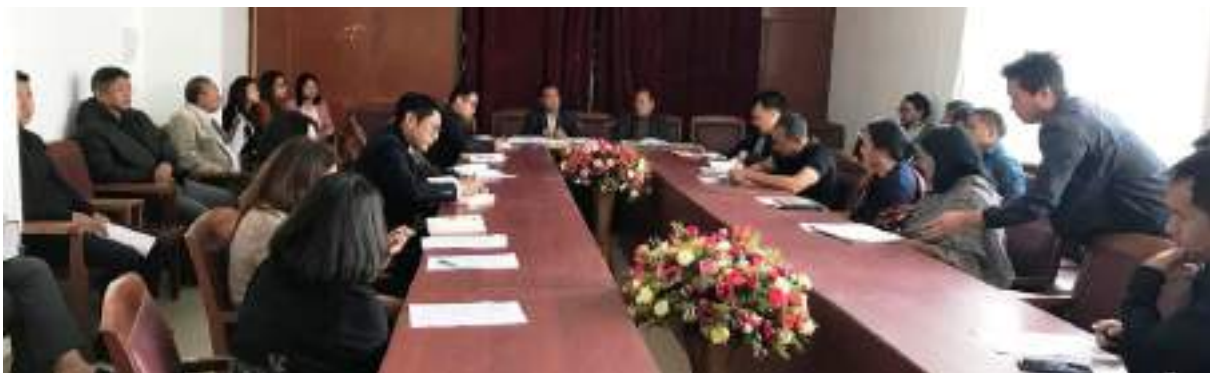
With the outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) a meeting was held at Phek Deputy Commissioner's conference hall on 19th March 2020 under the chairmanship of Phek DC, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS.

He called upon the members present to spread the message in order to take preventive measures by avoiding public gatherings. He advised them to put masks for safety measure and wash

hand frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use alcohol based hand sanitizer. He also informed them to be well prepared in all the areas where check posts will be opened in all nook and corner of Phek district to take stock of the prevailing situation.

Administrative officers, 22nd AR, Phek Commandant, Police Officers and NGOs attended the meeting.

ZUNHEBOTO DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING



Zunheboto District Task Force meeting on Covid-19 at DC's Conference hall on 19th March 2020.

The Zunheboto District Task Force for Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) held a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall, Zunheboto town on 19th March 2020. Based on the recommendations of the District Task Force, the following directives and advisories are hereby issued in the general interest of the public under Zunheboto District:

- a) Pamphlets on sensitization on Coronavirus (COVID-19) to be distributed to all concerned by the office of the Chief Medical

Officer, Zunheboto. Pamphlets to be signed by the concerned authorities and made ready for distribution by 22nd March, 2020.

- b) All public gatherings/ meetings / seminars / sports events to be temporarily suspended in the district.
- c) Sub-committees will be appointed to identify Quarantine Camps in the entire district.
- d) DEF/AR/BSF to set up Quarantine Camps for their personnel at their own respective camps.

- e) The District Task Force to write to the concerned Department to provide ICU with Ventilator for District Hospital, Zunheboto as currently there are no Ventilators available in the District Hospital.
- f) Every Department in the District to appoint a Nodal Officer to check the sanitisation in their own respective offices.
- g) All the shopkeepers in the District are directed to avoid hoarding and increasing prices of essential commodities in the District.
- h) All the Churches in the District are requested to disseminate the information on Covid-19 to the people
- i) All travellers going out and in from the district will be monitored by the Sub Committees in various designated Check Points.

DISTRICT TASK FORCE (DTF) KIPHIRE CONVENED MEETING ON COVID-19



Kiphire District Task Force meeting on Covid-19 at DC's office Kiphire on 14th March 2020.

Kiphire District Task Force held a meeting for Covid -19 at the DPDB's Hall Kiphire on 20th March 2020. The meeting was attended by its members comprising of District Administration Kiphire, Medical department, church leaders, police, AR and Education department.

The meeting discussed about the check post for the screening test to investigate the persons coming from outside/ tourist and the house proposed to resolve Longmatra area.

DC Kiphire advised the PHE department to

regulate water supply for proper hygiene of the mass.

CMO Kiphire advised the public to practice Social Distance and informed that the medical team and VG Kiphire will be doing the screening test in the border areas from next week. He also stated that they have arranged Duda Guest house Kiphire for isolation place. Further, he requested the public to cooperate with the District Administration and Medical Department for the success in preventing the virus.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from DC Kiphire, Sarita Yadav IAS.

TOBU SDPDB MEEING HELD

The monthly Tobu Sub-Divisional & Planning Development Board meeting was held under the Vice Chairman, Mudongoyi Chuzho on 20th March 2020 at ADC's conference Hall. After reviewing of the previous meeting minutes, the ADC reminded the members

regarding proper implementation of action against absentee members.

Powerpoint presentation on Corona Virus was presented to the house by Doctor Civil Health Centre, Tobu.



TUENSANG DLIC FOR PM-SYM AND NPS CONVENED A MEETING

District Level Implementation Committee for Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) and National Pension Scheme for traders & Self-employed Persons convened an awareness meeting at DC's Conference Hall Tuensang on 20th March 2020. The meeting was chaired by DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS. The Scheme is an initiative of Ministry of Labour & Employment

Government of India. The main features of the scheme is an assured pension of Rs. 3000 after the age of 60 years.

DC advised the implementation to be done in small pockets for now instead of gathering in masses maintaining the guidelines and preventive measures with regard to COVID 19 situation subsidies.

NBOCWBB MEETING HELD AT DIMAPUR

The Dimapur District Task Force for Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWBB) meeting was held on 13th March 2020. Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, NBOCWBB, V. Lovitoly Sema who chaired the meeting presented the agenda of the screening and filtration of NBOCWBB registered beneficiaries under Dimapur district.

It was decided that every registered beneficiary will be made to sign on a legally bonded paper declaring the authenticity of the information provided at the of his/her registration and renewal and the contractor's certification letter along with a

photocopy of the contractor's NBOCWBB registration certificate to be provided at the time of registration and renewal. DTF also resolved that those who are applying for scholarship, the children's original record book also to be submitted for verification during the time of scholarship application and the renewal process to be completed on or before the 30th April 2020 and the doubtful registered beneficiaries shall be called for physical verification by the task Force after the renewal process.

During the meeting Assistant Labour Commissioner highlighted the guidelines and procedures for registration process.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING

Advisor for AH & Vet Services and Women Resource Development Department, R. Khing has advised the Agri & Allied Department to be more coordinated to each other while taking up any kind of developmental projects in Tseminyu Sub-Division in order to implement developmental schemes in proper manner at ADC's conference hall, Tseminyu on 19th March 2020.

Khing also insisted upon the Agri & Allied Department to adopt policy of imparting practical training or knowledge on how to go for farming/cultivation of kheti farms to School going children in the Schools. He also asked the respective concerned departments to submit the

copies/names of on going development projects in Tseminyu Sub-division. All the officers in the meeting as SDPDB Members raised and spoke about their grievances and shared the ongoing activities of their respective departments.

The meeting also discussed agenda for the establishment of Sub-Jail at Tseminyu, in which Asst. Commandant, Mosenlo Apon of 4th NAP 'B' company Tseminyu informed the need of Sub-Jail at Tseminyu.

Rozy Sangtam, EAC Tsogin of Tseminyu Sub-Division informed the members saying that there are sufficient land in Tsogin range villages/areas for taking up any kind of

developmental projects especially for Agri & Allied department. In this connection, Chairman SDPDB Tseminyu commented and urged upon the officers to give their sincere efforts for the benefit of the people.

The meeting was chaired by Advisor R. Khing where ADC and vice chairman SDPDB N. Ao welcomed the members in the meeting. Newly posted Member, Dilieu Nsarangbe SDHO Tseminyu was also introduced in the meeting.

DTF MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT LONGLENG

Longleng District Task Force (DTF) meeting on COVID-19 was convened by the Deputy Commissioner & chairman DTF, Longleng on 20th March 2020 at DC's conference hall.

DC welcomed the members present and briefed on the urgency of the meeting to stop infiltration and spread of Coronavirus in the district. He also informed about installation of hand wash and sanitizer at the entrance of the DC's office gate. He, therefore urged the SBI authority to keep hand sanitizer in every ATM booth in the district with immediate effect to ensure that COVID-19 is not spread through the use of ATM.

CMO Longleng appraised the house on the action plan and immediate strengthening of mechanism to control the spread of COVID-19 in the district. ADC and Administrator LTC, D. Robin reiterated its standing directions and apprised the house of the various directives that had been issued to the business community and the general public of Longleng.

After deliberation, the house decided that the district administration will liaise with the agents dealing in hand wash/sanitizer and make it available in the district at the earliest possible time. The department of PHED and Housing have been entrusted to mobilize resources for immediate construction of toilet for isolation ward latest by 23rd of March 2020. All shops and business establishments to compulsorily keep hand sanitizer for their personal use and medical department will notify the public on district helpline numbers. The Phom Students' Conference (PSC) has been assigned for distribution of pamphlets of basic sanitization habits & practices and information on COVID-19 translated in local dialects to every household. Two check posts at Chingtok junction and Naga junction for screening and monitoring people entering the district to be activated by the Senior Superintendent of Police in coordination with the district administration.

ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS DRIVE HELD AT WOKHA

Indian Dental Association, Nagaland State Branch, Wokha Unit led by Dr. Meribeni Odyuo, District Nodal Officer NTCP Wokha organized an Oral health awareness drive at Police point Wokha on 20th March 2020.

The day was observed as part of the Oral health day which was held on the theme "Unite for Mouth Health". To mark the day, leaflets on oral

health & Corona Virus were given to passersby. The materials which were distributed to the public were voluntarily contributed from the Indian Dental Association Nagaland Branch.

Around 90 face masks were distributed specially targeting the elderly persons. Hand washing technique was also demonstrated to sensitize the public.



**DC ZUNHEBOTO ADVISES DISTRICT AUTHORITIES TO BE VIGILANT;
DECLARES GUESTHOUSE, ZUNHEBOTO, QUARANTINE CENTRE**

DC Zunheboto sent out a circular informing that in the view of the urgent need to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus in the district, all Area Administrative officers, BDOs and Village Council Authorities are advised to remain vigilant and maintain strict surveillance and immediately report

any suspected case to the concerned Medical Officer of the area.

Further, as per the suggestion of the District Task Force on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), he declared, Guest house, Zunheboto, as a quarantine centre in the event of an outbreak of the virus in the district.

DC DIMAPUR OFFICE STARTS ONLINE SERVICE DESK

In view of the need to take urgent measures for preventing and controlling the spread of Novel Corona Virus in Dimapur district, DC Dimapur AnoopKhinchin has informed all concerned that issue of ILP, Aadhaar, ST/IIC/PRC and NOC, Search Certificate, Non-Encumbrance and Valuation will remain suspended with immediate effect until further orders. He however informed that exceptional cases

which requires immediate attention and urgency can send their application/complaints to Deputy Commissioner Office using "ONLINE SERVICE DESK" (M/no.6009924366/whatsapp)/Office-03862-248530 & Email: dcdimapur@gmail.com.

Therefore, public have been requested to extend their cooperation and practice social distancing from each other to prevent the spread of Corona Virus.

DC MON REQUESTS AOLEANG FESTIVAL TO BE CELEBRATED AT HOME

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS in an order issued on 21st March 2020 stated that in view of the outbreak Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) and in order to prevent and contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), Citizen of

Mon District have been requested to celebrate Aoleang Festival at their own homes and not through mass gathering.

Further, DC stated that the advisory is been issued for the safety of all.

MEETING FOR A COLLECTIVE STAND AGAINST COVID-19 AT BHANDARI

In its continuous effort to prevent entry and spread of the dreaded Novel Corona Virus (COVID19), and to create awareness among the public, the Block Task Force Bhandari sub division held a coordination meeting at the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 20.3.2020.

Assessing on local preparedness, Dr. Riku Khutso, EAC, who chaired the meeting sought for a pro-active role from all departments and civil societies concerned to ensure prevention and controlling before community spread of COVID-19.

He also observed that Bhandari Sub-division may be vulnerable because it is a state border area having a major highway passing through it.

Dr. Lawrence Lotha, MO I/C CHC appraised on basic preventive measures to be followed. He informed that once thermal screening facility is installed, screening will take place for travelers entering Bhandari from outside, with Doctors and medical team's supervision. He informed that CHC Bhandari has converted a room within the hospital vicinity into an isolation ward for observation and has



also designated another room under the 7th NAP Bhandari hospital in case the need arises.

It was decided that the Police department will continue to strictly monitor movements of tourist and foreigners and to restrict their entry if they pose a threat to public health safety. Gaonburas, church and colony leaders were also given directive to create awareness and disseminate proper information in regard to taking safety measures against COVID-19.

Shops and businesses establishments were notified to use mask and install hand sanitizers within their shops for customers and were also cautioned

against selling preventive and protective materials such as hand sanitizers, masks and hand gloves at exorbitant price which may lead to attracting penalty.

Lotha Hoho Bhandari, Elohe Hoho Bhandari, line departments, SBI Bhandari and the Churches were asked to install hand washing facilities at different feasible locations for general safety. The Medical, Police, Education and IPR departments and the frontal organizations including the Students' Union, Churches and the business community attended the meeting as Block Task Force members.

TRAINING ON COVID-19 FOR TDTF HELD

Tuensang District Task Force conducted training on COVID -19 held at DC's conference hall on 23rd March 2020. Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the training which was attended by District Administration, DIG, Police, AR, Medical, TDDMA, NGOs and tribal community representatives.

Dr. John, Nodal Officer for COVID-19 for Tuensang explained the detail on route of transmission, symptoms of the disease, epidemiology of COVID-19, and had a detailed discussion on the COVID issues.

Nodal officer of Tuensang also explained

on how the quarantine process should be done. NGO representatives also reported on their activities with regarding to COVID-19 in their respective parameters. District administration also advised the ward leaders to control the students playing in the grounds and free spaces and make them aware the meaning of lockdown on the current COVID-19 Issue. The district administration also directed all ward unions in Tuensang to set up a core team to check the incoming students/individuals entering to the district shall be reported to the TDTF so that necessary protocol should be followed.

WOKHA DTF RRT HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Under District Task Force for CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) Wokha the Rapid Response Team held a consultative meeting on 23rd March at Deputy Commissioner Conference hall.

During the meeting the team members deliberated to assimilate the preparedness' level in the district and to create awareness and to take up preventive measures in the district. The District Task Force also decided to have co-ordination meeting with the adjourning village chairman's to disseminate awareness and also to collect information about the status of persons and student's coming from outside

the state in their locality.

Wokha District Task Force for Corona Virus (COVID-19) informed that the district has reserved two rooms (six bedded) as isolation room at District hospital in case of any detection of the disease in the district. If needed for quarantine, Government Higher Secondary School, Wokha has been identified to take up preventive measures.

Further the following Community Health Centers (CHCs) Bhandari, Sanis, Baghty, Niryo and Chukitong have been identified and rooms have been kept reserved for isolation.





DTF FOR COVID-19 AND RAPID RESPONSE TEAM WOKHA INSPECTS QUARANTINE FACILITY AND ISOLATION ROOM

District Task Force for CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) and the Rapid Response Team inspected the quarantine facility centered at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Boys Hostel, Wokha on 23rd March 2020 to examine the status of the building and monitor facilities like electricity and water supply. All necessary facility will be put up/installed after disinfection of the place is done.

The Team inspected the three six bedded isolation rooms which is kept reserved in case of any emergency. The team also visited the screening room people coming for check up with flu like symptom for screening, where people are requested to wash hand placed outside the screening room for preventive measure located at District hospital, Wokha.

Later a short meeting was held at the office chamber of the Medical Superintendent (MS) with Wokha district in-charge for Corona Virus (COVID-

19) Dr.Nchumbemo, Jt.Director, H&FW, and Kohima Nagaland. He informed that the purpose of his visit is to assimilate the status and preparedness' level under taken by the concerned authority in the district. The team apprised the visiting officer regarding the various awareness campaign undertaken and sensitization of police and health workers manning the inter-district entry point.

Meanwhile the District Administration Wokha chaired by Mhathung K.Tsanglao ADC Cum Chairperson for Rapid Response Team Wokha (COVID-19) held a meeting with the chairman, Secretary, GBs of Wokha town wards and colonies including Wokha and Longsa village at DC's conference hall to educate them to fight against COVID-19.

ADC further urged them to disseminate DO'S & DON'TS to fight against the virus in their villages, wards and colonies.

PEREN DISTRICT HOLDS DTF MEETING ON COVID-19

The District Task Force (DTF) meeting on Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) for Peren District was held on 23rd March, 2020 at DC Office Chamber, Peren. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC Peren-cum-DTF Chairman, SentiwapangAier, NCS.

CMO Peren, Dr. Dennis Hangsing highlighted the board members on the District preparedness in regard to COVID-19. He mentioned that people coming from outside the States were properly monitored by the Medical Department and also apprised the members about the order and guidelines for home quarantine laid down by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland.

In the meeting, the board members resolved to form Sub-Divisional Rapid Response Team (SDRRT) wherein District Surveillance Officer, Dr.KeviMeyase and M.O, Dr.HatthingHangsing were inducted as Convenor and Co-Convenor respectively. Moreover, DC Peren has requested the

Sub-Divisional Rapid Response Team to coordinate with District Task Force, Sub-Divisional Task Force as well as Village Councils for proper monitoring of those villages situated and beyond the check-post.

District Surveillance Officer, Dr.Kevi Meyase mentioned that training for Doctors and Nurses have been organized in all the Sub-Centres of Peren and further spoke on the need to organize training for Police personnel especially for those in check-post and frontlines.

Discussions were also held on how to quarantine the youths returning from Kerala to Aththibung town. In this connection, DC Peren requested SDO(C) Aththibung to coordinate with the Assam Rifles and MO Aththibung town to keep a close watch on them. During the meeting, the board members also agreed to seal Peren-Maram borders so as to restrict the movement of people and also deliberated on the necessity to locate and identify quarantine places in all the sub-divisions under Peren-District.



KOHIMA DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON COVID-19

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held its review meeting today the 23rd March 2020 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie NCS in his office chamber, Kohima.

Deputy Commissioner, Gregory apprised the members on the instructions and directives issued by the Government where the district has been actively implementing the orders. He informed that requirements of the district have been projected to the Government for further necessary action. DC also said all the measures and preparedness level have been taken up so far by the DTF and the concerned members in their respective areas and further encouraged the members to ensure that all Government directives is being implemented in the interest of the public.

In the meeting Medical Superintendent NHAK, Kuobunuo and Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Hoito briefed the members on the

preparedness level at NHAK and Chedema Ayush Hospital. District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Asenuo also informed the members that the Surveillance Team is being closely monitoring the people coming from outside the State as per the guidelines.

The meeting deliberated on additional steps to be taken as precautionary measures and resolved to take up the following measures in order to prevent and control the Corona outbreak in the district: Students coming from other states are to mandatorily stay on home isolation for 14 days and to contact the Kohima Helpline No. 8575563906/6909937493 for any information and queries. Appeal the people to disseminate the information and to be responsible and also to extend full cooperation with the Government. To put on hold of all the construction works except for road construction within the district and to disseminate the information and sensitize the general public through print and electronic media and public announcement.

DDMA DIMAPUR EMERGENCY MEETING CONVENED

To review the various steps and measure being taken to prevent and contain the spread COVID-19 in the district, the Disaster Management Committee meeting headed by DC Dimapur Anoop Khinchi was held at DC conference hall on 23rd March 2020.

During the meeting it was resolved that weddings and other social gatherings will be restricted and in the event of emergency, prior permission has to be obtained from competent

authority. Issues like availability of ambulance if need arise, restriction of public movements were discussed. It was also resolved that Public announcement on the situation if needed will be done by DPRO office Dimapur, dissemination of information to all colonies and wards to be done by DMC and other issues relating to preparedness for possible outbreak of COVID-19 in the district were discussed.

DC TUENSANG CONVENES MEETING ON COVID -19

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant IAS convened a meeting with Churches, Tribal Bodies and Student bodies in regard to novel Corona Virus (COVID - 19) on 24th March 2020 at the DC's Conference Hall.

The DC briefed the house on the threat and the urgent need to contain the COVID - 19 and he

called for a spirit of cooperation between all the church / trivial / student bodies and the government establishments to successfully combat the threat of COVID - 19. The DC briefed the house on the "lock down" and made known to the house and also the video conference held with the Chief Minister of Nagaland on 23rd March 2020.





Tuensang District Task Force meeting on Covid-19 at DC's Conference hall on 23rd March 2020.

DC requested the house to spread awareness on unconfirmed/fake news/rumour mongering. All such messages should be confirmed from the authority concerned, he said and also requested the house to spread awareness on precautionary measures such as staying at home / washing hands / avoiding face touching / sneezing into tissues/elbow etc. He also stated that every flu, which is common in this season, should not be mistaken as COVID-19 related. However abundant precautions should be taken.

During the meeting, Executive Secretary, CBLT, requested the District Administration to

come up with modalities to contain the situation, which will be complied by all the civil bodies. The Pastor, Police Church, stated that the Church has suspended its Jubilee celebrations on account of the situation.

DC also highlighted on the ban of spitting in public places and institutions as a measure to avoid the spread of Corona Virus and violators will be punished according to law. He also requested the various bodies to spread awareness through posters, audio messages etc preferably in local dialects for maximum penetration of awareness among the people.

TDTF FOR COVID-19 MEETING AT TUENSANG

Tuensang District Task Force for COVID-19 held a meeting at DC Conference Hall Tuensang on 25th of March 2020 under the chairmanship of Chairman TDTF and DC, Kumar Ramnikant and was attended by all the task force members. The meeting updated the successful passage of the day one of 21 days lock down of the district and DC appreciated the stakeholders responsible for the success and encouraged members to contribute the same on the coming days.

The forum discussed on establishing one central helpline for the district and volunteers to be nominated to distribute the basic commodities for the needy section of the people of the town for which the President All Ward Union are to submit the detail list of those legible for the service.

The forum also decided established one medical team on wheels to meet the basic health issue of the general public of Tuensang Town. The team will provide the home service of the patient on a call for which Dr.Wapang along with two nurses were nominated.

DC also announced that there will be no shortage of basic commodities in the district to make public aware not to panic for the cause and he also announced on the allotment of fuel of 10ltrs only per car for the short period of time. For opening of the shops dealing with basic commodities time line has been set to open only between 8am-2pm.

District Administration of Tuensang along with police and Medical Dept also resolved to supply free mask for small shop keeper and

vegetable vendors and small business dealer dealing with basic amenities.

The TDTF for COVID-19 also announced complete shutdown of private vehicles. One time thoroughfare for vehicles carrying food items and basic

commodities carry to villages will be allowed, DC said.

The house also resolved to construct one seal for those who are under home quarantine which are to be sealed on a patient's right hand for the recognition of his/her status.

ABOI SET WITH PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Aboi Town Students' Union (ATSU) is all set with precautionary measures to fight against COVID 19.

The ATSU has started setting up of Gallons of Water and Hand Sanitizer in every junction and important areas in the town. Despite the lock down for 21 days, the students' President Lipsing educated the town with sanitizing "JUST WASH HANDS". The ATSU also informed all the citizens to follow orders as advised by WHO, MoHFW GOI and H&FW Nagaland to stay safe and help fight back against COVID 19.

After the outbreak of COVID 19 people who

have come back from other states/country have been asked to quarantine themselves at their farms or fields, food and shelter is provided by their own family. There are about 10 persons quarantined and the students' union has stated that they are doing the needful without further delay to fight COVID 19 along with the rest of the world, said General Secretary, Manwoak.

The Ward Task Force members have been requested to take care of the hand washing unit installed in their respective wards by ATSU, as a measure towards sanitation.

JACOB APPEALS DOCTORS / OFFICERS TO BE STATIONED AT THEIR POSTING PLACE

Nagaland Minister for Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi convened a meeting on 27th March in the conference Hall of DC Dimapur, along with Advisors Zhaleo Rio and Tovihoto for reviewing the logistics placed and implementation by Dimapur district with regard to COVID-19.

In the meeting, Minister Jacob appealed to the doctors posted in sub divisions to be stationed at their place of posting during this crucial hour. He also requested the sub- divisional officers to stay in their place of posting and to work in coordination with the Village council so that no outsiders are hosted in their respective jurisdiction as a preventive step in the fight against COVID-19. He also advised the Village council members and the youth involved in moral policing to use masks and to maintain social distance.

Advisor Sericulture, Excise and Tribal Affairs Zhaleo Rio, lauded the Government and Private Agencies, NGOs, Village Council, Youth for coming forward during these trying times providing all necessary logistics, cash and kind and encouraged to continue their services. We are

thankful to God as there is no positive case in Nagaland so far, but we should not be complacent, Zhaleo maintained. Dimapur has enormous task and you are doing good but can do better, he added. Rio also said that shopkeepers should not charge exorbitant rates for essential commodities taking advantage of the situation.

Advisor Power, Tovihoto thanked the district administration, police, Medical department and all those involved till date in containing the spread of COVID-19 in Dimapur, considered as the most vulnerable district in Nagaland. He asked the DC to continue to monitor the price hike of essential commodities and medical equipments and also to ensure that there was no rush during shopping hours. He further advised for sensitising people to maintain social distance.

In the meeting, DC Dimapur apprised the elected members on the preparedness level and the preventive steps and measures taken to contain the spread of COVID-19. He also informed that presently there are 60 people under quarantine being taken care by the district administration.



Anoop also informed that all ambulances has been requisitioned out of which 10 has been earmarked for COVID-19 cases. New DCs office Chumukedima would be converted into COVID-19 hospital in case of emergency, he added.

Considering the situation of Dimapur, Commissioner Police Dimapur Rothihu Tetseo IPS, proposed for a complete shutdown and for activating Essential Commodity Task Force to meet Emergency needs provided the State Government agrees.

Chief Medical officer Dimapur, Pangjung Sangtam also apprised the members about the logistics set in place at Dimapur district. He informed that so far 96 isolation beds has been identified and

isolation bed with ventilators numbering 8 has also been kept in place. He also informed that 18 ambulances has been requisitioned (both Government and Private) where drivers have been trained and their numbers noted.

Administrator Dimapur Municipal Council, Albert Ezung, highlighted on the activities undertaken by DMC including sanitation covering 96 colonies and market places, daily sweeping. He also informed that spraying of disinfectants including quarantined places started since yesterday. Albert expressed concern for the safety of the sanitation workers wherein the members advised the medical department to take steps for the frontline workers too.

KOHIMA COVID-19 DISTRICT TASK FORCE VISITS COVID 19 QUARANTINE AND TREATMENT CENTERS

The Kohima Covid 19 District Task Force led by DC Kohima Gregory Thejawelie NCS, visited and took stock of the preparations underway at the quarantine center being set up at Meriema, Kohima which can house upto 432 persons who are under quarantine. The team also visited the Covid 19 treatment center at Chedema where all positive cases of Covid-19 in Kohima District will undergo treatment. The Hospital is well equipped with proper

isolation wards and ICUs and will serve as the main center for treating Covid 19 positive patients under Kohima District.

The Team also visited the interstate checkgate at Kuzhama where screening is being done on all those entering into Nagaland. The team had a brief discussion with the healthcare and police personnel posted at the Check gate regarding their safety and welfare.

TSEMINYU MEETING ON COVID-19

Covid-19, Surveillance Team Tseminyu headed by ADC Nokchasashi Kichu held an emergency meeting at its conference hall, Tseminyu on 28th March 2020.

The meeting discussed on additional places for quarantine where Tseminyu Town Hall and GHS building (Tseminyu new town) were earmarked in addition to CHC building Tseminyu and those places already made as designated by respective villages in the sub-Division.

The meeting also decided to sanitize the important public places with disinfectant in Tseminyu town. ADC also informed that food stuff are available and therefore the public

should not panic.

Dr. Aveli SMO appraised the meeting on the preparedness and reports to the higher ups in Kohima with regard to all Covid-19 related information matters from Tseminyu Sub-Division.

ADC informed that as of now District Administration of Tseminyu along with Medical Department are ceaselessly working and in constant touch with all concerned including villages in Tseminyu Sub-Division. He said that all public should follow and put in to practise all preventive and safety measures notified by the Government from time to time.

TSEMINYU SURVEILLANCE TEAM SANITIZES KEY PLACES

Tseminyu Surveillance Team on Covid-19 in collaboration with Tseminyu Town Council, conducted sanitization of key public places at Tseminyu Town by process of fumigation of

disinfectant on 30th March 2020, which was in exercised of dated 28th March 2020 meeting/decision of Tseminyu Covid-19 Surveillance Team.

ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TRUCK REACHES KIPHIRE

Two truck fully loaded with essential commodities reached Kiphire District on 30th March 2020.

Public were informed not to panic because essential commodities are available in the grocery shops. Starting from this morning shops and bazaar

were opened for 4 (four) hours to the public since two hours were not sufficient for the public. As usual 10 kg of foodgrains were allowed to be purchased per family. Social distancing is well maintained by the public during shopping time.

TDTF CONVENES REVIEW MEETING FOR COVID-19

Tuensang District Task Force convened a review meeting at DC conference hall Tuensang on 30th March 2020.

The meeting reviewed loopholes in implementing the lockdown in the district where SP Tuensang Bharat Laxman Markad stated that the police has been directed to follow Non-Touch policy to execute their duties.

On home quarantine he stated that 645 individuals have been screened, 156 person on home quarantine, 7 individual have completed their home quarantine and a total of 149 person are under

home quarantine as of now. It was also resolved that medical team with proper gear will be visiting the all home quarantine person daily.

With the directives of the DC Tuensang all the Colony shall deploy three well trained volunteers each for updating the home quarantine person status and to distribute the relief items for the needy at the colony.

For emergencies Urban PHC will be used for regular treatments and severe cases of general sickness will be treated at Longpang PHC and District Hospital Tuensang will be designated as COVID Hospital.

VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN KIPHIRE DONATE TOWARDS COVID-19

Kiphire Town Ao Baptist Arogo (KTABA) donated cash to the District Task Force to fight against COVID -19 Pandemic. DEF Kiphire also today distributed foodgrains and packet of salt to few

families within the Kiphire district who are affected due to the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown. The DEF team mostly distributed to the daily wages earners, widows and differently able persons.

17 CHECK POINTS ERECTED AT PUNGRO

In the third week of March, the administration at Pungro has been able to establish 17 (seventeen) check points all around the Pungro Sub-Division. NAP, Police and the Village Guards (VGs) keeping a vigil, operating 24x7 to ensure that

no one from any parts of Nagaland enter in the area unreported or medically examined.

ADC Pungro, Abhinav Shivam IAS has stated said the administration is under a multitude of challenges like porous border with Myanmar,



population dispersed among 54 villages, the threat of movements of vehicles and people were often in dereliction of orders. Which he said was an added challenge in a fight to contain the outbreak of Novel Corona Virus. He also said that 65 strong NAP personals has to be kept at reserve for unforeseen exigencies, while the Police forces numbering only 45 personals were too little to be spread out in the surrounding Villages, roads and at the entry points.

Lauding the Village Guards posted under Pungro, Abhinav said that the Administration was

in constraints of forces, and just in time, an effective solution was found in the Village Guards. He said that 17 (seventeen) check points has been erected and the Village Guards personnel posted there have been operating their duties 24x7 and influx of the people are being checked, to ensure that no one enter the village without a proper and thorough medical screening. The Administration is checking the exit and entry points on daily basis confirming that the border is sealed.

COORDINATION MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT LONGLENG

In view of the sudden rise of price of essential commodities in the market, an emergency meeting of the representatives from administration, police, chamber of commerce and civil societies of Longleng was held at DC's conference hall and approved the rate of essential commodities and resolved certain points after a thorough deliberation. The meeting was chaired by the ADC & Administrator Longleng Town Council (LTC), D. Robin.

It was decided and entrusted the president chamber of commerce to check the availability of essential commodities and ensure to keep adequate stock for the district. The village council chairmen was also entrusted to list the requirements of their village and deputy one VCM/GB for procurement of essential commodities.

Timing for public shopping was fixed from

08.00 am to 11.00 am. However, the villagers coming from far flung areas for procurement of essential commodities for the village shall be assisted by police during the day time. Strict/Stringent action would be initiated against those persons spreading false/fabricated news and rumours in social media about COVID-19.

All forms of social gatherings to be banned until the lockdown is lifted by the government and no shopkeepers shall sale expiry goods and beyond the MRP or fixed rate to customers taking advantage of the prevailing situation.

The rates fixed will be review periodically and fixed as and when the situation normalised. If anyone is found selling above the fixed rate will be penalized which may extend to cancellation of their trade license.

KOHIMA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DISTRIBUTES RELIEF RATION TO DAILY WAGE EARNERS IN KOHIMA

The Kohima District Administration distributed relief ration to identified daily wage earners in the State Capital at the relief camp set up at Kohima Local Ground on 31st March 2020. The ration included rice, dal, mustard oil and chilli powder.

The relief ration would be distributed

regularly to all daily wage earners in Kohima including those that are from outside the state. The Kohima District Administration however stated that the relief rations would be distributed only during the lockdown relaxation period on weekdays from 10am to 2pm.

WOKHA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO ORGANIZATIONS

District Administration Wokha received a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs on 30th March 2020, from Wokha

Town Baptist Church, One lakh from Lotha Baptist Churches Association (LBCA), Vankhosung, Wokha



and one lakh from Wokha Village Baptist Church as a noble gesture to fight against corona virus in the district.

The District Administration has expressed gratitude to all organizations for the generous contribution towards the fight against the spread of COVID-19.



Executive Secretary LBCA, Vankhosung Rev. Nyanchumo Lotha handing over cash to DC Wokha to fight against the spread of Covid-19 on 30th March 2020.

ADC TENING CONVENES MEETING WITH SUB DIVISIONAL TASK FORCE ON COVID- 19

ADC, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori, convened emergency meeting with Sub Divisional Task Force (SDTF) on COVID- 19 at Town Hall on 31st March, 2020.

Rhosietho Nguori also chairperson of SDTF on COVID-19 briefed the implementation of resources and highlighted the utilisation of funds received from various agencies to be done through SDTF with social distance measures will be followed in the crucial days of lock-down as mandatory by the government.

Dr Neilasakuo Linyu, Medical Officer of

CHC, Tening highlighted the efforts of the medical department like sensitisation, and awareness for the public on COVID-19 tracking and monitoring home quarantine, and 24 X 7 counselling services. The house also resolved to maintain identified places like bank, hospitals, police station, garbage points and drainage for fumigation and sanitisation by the SDTF in the coming days.

The SDTF Tening will enforce the directive of the state government and continue to update the general information the COVID -19 followed the next review meeting will be held on 7th April.

COVID-19 HELP DESK SET UP AT ABOI

In view of the outbreak of the COVID-19 and in pursuance to Deputy Commissioner, Mon order No.GA/DEV/COVID-19/2020/222 on 27 March 2020 helpdesk is hereby setup for Aboi sub-division. The helpline contact number can be reached to access information with regard to issues listed below.

1. Essential commodities - No. 8974487678.
2. Vehicle pass – No. 8730939105.
3. Relief for stranded labourer / daily wage earners from other state and any medical / Quarantine centre information - No.8119961352.

ZHALEO RIO INAUGURATES NEW ADC OFFICE BUILDING AT MEDZIPHEMA

Advisor Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio (Retd.) and other officials during the inaugural of the new ADC office Medziphema on 6th March 2020.

Advisor for Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.) inaugurated the newly constructed ADC Office Medziphema on 6th March 2020.

Zhaleo Rio unveiled the inaugural plaque in the presence of Principal Secretary & Commissioner Nagaland, M. Patton, IAS, Commissioner of Excise, Tarep Imchen and Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS.

In his speech, he mentioned about the need of a modern and a spacious building to house the district administration and said that the newly constructed building was a dream come true. He requested the ADC to ensure all the heads of offices posted at Medziphema to be more sincere in discharging their duties and serve

the people and public. He hoped that the new premises would help officials and render better quality service to people.

Er. Sungitba Amer, Executive Engineer, CAWD gave a technical report with an estimated cost of Rs. 2,50,000,00/- measuring 6104.92 Sq. ft. which will accommodate four Departments viz, Administration, SDEO, IPR & NIC. The building has a total of 29 rooms including one Conference Hall.

The new building was dedicated by Rev. Zhabu Terhuja, Pastor Baptist Church 'A' Medziphema Town. Special number was presented by Kuki Christian Church Choir and vote of thanks was delivered by Tokai V. Sumi SDO (C) Medziphema. The programme was chaired by Thsuvisie Phoiji, ADC Medziphema.

TOSHI WUNGTUNG INAUGURATES ENTRANCE GATE AT TANGHA

Advisor IPR, SCERT, VGs & Chairman DPDB, Tuensang, Toshi Wuntung inaugurated the Tangha village entrance gate and also laid the foundation for construction of Tangha Students' Union Library building on 12th March 2020.

In his inaugural speech, Toshi urged the students community and the youths not to depend fully on government jobs but to adopt private

entrepreneurship and become self-sufficient for their future. He also appealed to the village functionaries and the public to maintain peace and tranquility and stand united for peace and development in the region.

Responding to the memorandum for upgradation of VG strength in Tangha village, he asserted that the proposal for strengthening of



Advisor IPR, SCERT and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung and others during the inaugural of the Entrance Gate of Tangha Village on 12th March 2020.

Village Guards in the state was sent to Delhi for approval and awaiting positive response from the centre. Therefore, he assured to look into the matter after the approval by the central government.

Short speeches were delivered by H. Nyemli,

former MLA and S. Tongi former village council chairman, Tangha. Welcome address was proposed by chairman Tangha village council. Other highlights of the program included folk dance by Momchingla and special number by Tangha Students' Union.

BAILEY BRIDGE INAUGURATED AT YETYONG

The Bailey bridge at Yetyong was inaugurated by Advisor DUDA, N. Bongkhao Konyak on 13th March 2020.

He said that the bridge will become an important lifeline between Konyak, Phom and other neighbouring tribes. He extended gratitude to all the villagers and Govt. officers for their co-

operation in the process of the Bridge construction and urged the public to co-operate with the government. He was accompanied by Er. N. Imti Chang, Executive Engineer DUDA, K.S. Anden Konyak, Director DUDA and other officials. The Bridge was constructed under BADP.

GA REST HOUSE INAUGURATED AT AKULUTO

Advisor CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi inaugurated GA rest house at Akuluto town, Zunheboto on 14th March 2020 in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo and other important dignitaries.

In his address, he said that the building falls under the administration but everyone is responsible for its maintenance. He also briefed on future proposals like ADC office complex at Akuluto, which will get underway in few days' time, approval of ADC's residence at Akuluto, rest house at VK etc. In

order to bring development, equal cooperation is required of the general public especially the land owners and appealed to all denizens to work together for the betterment of the society.

E.E CAWD, Sungtiba Amer giving the technical report said that the building which was stipulated to complete within 24 months was completed much earlier for which he lauded the contractor.

The inaugural programme was chaired by EAC VK, Vikhoto Richa. EAC Akuluto, Limakumla Pongener delivered the vote of thanks.

DC ZUNHEBOTO INAUGURATES CRICKET PITCHES

DC Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo inaugurated cricket pitches at local ground Zunheboto on 4th March 2020. In his inaugural speech, he lauded the efforts of NCA across the state and expressed optimism for the future of the youngsters in our district and state through cricket.

Those present at the programme included

representatives of District Sports Council Zunheboto, other sports bodies and church leaders. The concrete pitches which are erected adjacent to the badminton stadium were constructed by Nagaland Cricket Association, with an aim to promote and nurture the talents from the grassroots.



A ROADMAP ON BIODIVERSITY PEACE CORRIDOR II

(A DIPR feature by Ayong Phom, APRO Noklak)

Peace in its totality is orderliness, absence of confusion, a good feels secure everywhere. While Peace cannot be simply confined between human to human, Peace in its complete sense is to have peace with the environment and the entire eco system where the humanity and the nature nourishes each other. Biodiversity Peace Corridor has been conceptualized to bring people from different cultures together and also create a harmonious setting with the eco system.

The Commencement of the Work: The Choklangan Baptist Church and the Council organized a three days Leadership Development Training and one of the key issue discussed was the role of leaders in safeguarding the environment. By the end of the training, the forest owners came forward with a plain paper in their hand saying "we wish to give away the forest for Biodiversity Conservation" and put their signature and Thump impression and requested for initiating the conservation mission.

After a lengthy interaction, it was perceived that the community especially the land owners were so determined for the Conservation initiative and so with their consent the sensitization has been in progress. The vision is to bring all the villages neighbouring Choklangan and also bring the Nagas in Myanmar to join in this Peace Movement.

On the 9th of March, 2020 at Choklangan: The State Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy launched Biodiversity Peace Corridor II and also inaugurated the New School Building under Composite Model. Mid Day Meal was served to the school children after the formal program.

Village Council Chairman, Head Gaonboras, Pastor and student leaders from villages neighbouring Choklangan and also few villages from Myanmar also joined the launching program.

Vision in the next 10 Years: The Biodiversity Peace Corridor will be set up in different locations in Nagaland whenever and wherever the community wishes to willingly come forward. The Movement has been started

and the vision is to create a Biodiversity Corridor to different Districts, States and also connect Myanmar.

Choklangan is last village from Nagaland India and beyond the hill top is Myanmar. The Biodiversity Peace Corridor II will create a platform for villages around Choklangan to have continuous seminars and workshops to create an improved eco system, on the other hand, the Nagas living in Myanmar eg. Thaingan, Thsunkhao and many other hundreds of villages who are still into rigorous hunting of wild species will be invited to join the Peace Movement, creating a Biodiversity Hotspot in the next 10-20 years.

Prospect in Choklangan and the surrounding Villages: The Community has sufficient land and therefore a proper management of land will help the community generate income sources. It will be imperative to introduce a sustainable livelihood for the community with an integrated and multiple cropping in a recommended land which will make the Biodiversity sustainable.

The Perennial water system is very conducive for Terrace farming which is taken up by few people who can afford. But if Agri and Horti and some other departments can come forward and contribute funds towards the Innovative and integrated farming the proposed plan will become very successful.

Meanwhile, there are several Monumental sites around Choklangan and if these are maintained with some financial support, they will generate a lot of income for the community.

With the Biodiversity Peace Corridor launched, there are prospect to bring in Research scholars to collect data on the Flora and Fauna and document them for further intensive Research.

The most important driving force of Biodiversity Peace Corridor will enable the Nagas living in Nagaland to sensitize the Nagas inside Myanmar to join in this venture and contribute towards the safeguarding of the degrading environment and create an improved biodiversity in the next 10 years.

(Source: Biodiversity Peace corridor team)





A meeting of the Special Action Group (SAG) on Covid-19 was held under the Chairmanship of Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS at his office Chamber on 18th March 2020.



Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS speaking to Deputy Commissioners in the districts on Covid-19 through Video Conferencing at the Chief Secretary's office on 6th March 2020.



Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS pictured with other officials and school children after launching the Biodiversity Peace Corridor at Choklangan village under Noklak Sub-Division on 9th March 2020.



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