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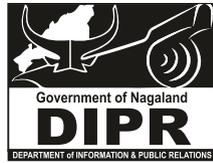
*Equipment for setting up BSL-3 at NHAH Kohima arrives at Dimapur Airport by a special flight of IAF C-17 Globemaster on 16th April 2020.*



*CM Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, Cabinet Ministers and other senior government officials interacting with DCs, SPs and CMOs in the districts with regard to Covid-19 through Video Conferencing at CM's Official Residence on 2nd April 2020.*



*CM Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio visiting State Level Control Centre at Lotha Hoho building, Kezieke, Kohima on 6th April 2020 to see himself the State Level Monitoring Mechanism in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic in the state.*



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## OFFICIAL ORDERS ETC WITH REGARD TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### CIRCULAR

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, clause no. 13 whereby 'no individual/institution/organization will use any print or electronic media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission' from recognized authority.

Whereas, during the current crisis situation of COVID-19 pandemic, it has been observed that the identity of people affected by the disease or suspected to be a positive case are exposed and circulated in social media which could lead to stigmatization, and mental trauma.

Therefore, in reference to the Penalty clause of Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Clause 21); anyone who exposes the identity of COVID-19 affected people through sharing of bio-data or photo in various print and electronic media, shall be penalized under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code 1860 (45 of 1860).

### ADVISORY

In continuation to this office Advisory No: DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/- 1066-76 dt. 03.04.20; 500-07 dt 25.04.20, this is to remind all District Hospitals to continue delivery of selected services such as OFD and other day care services till such time COVID-19 patients are admitted.

The Hospital Authority shall ensure adequate measures for social distancing and triaging including barriers to prevent intermingling of patients and to avoid overcrowding in conformity with the SOPs issue from time to time. Further, all patients and attendants are to wear face mask at all times while concerned health personnel shall wear appropriate PPEs as per extant SOPs.

### ADVISORY

In the event of District hospitals being converted to dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, the District Health Authority is advised to undertake the measures to ensure continuity of specialist services for general patients for critical cases like dialysis and chemotherapy sessions in day care, emergency obstetrics services, emergency medical care and surgical procedures, provided that necessary measures are put in place to prevent intermingling of patients including putting such services in a separate block with separate entry and exit points.

2. If such segregation measure is not feasible, then in addition to the identified private hospitals, nearest public health facilities such as UPHCs and other public may be identified to deliver specialists services eg: Obs & Gynae, ENT, Eye, Dental, Oncology etc.
3. Private hospitals may not have specialists services in certain disciplines such as oncology etc. In such situation, the specialist of the concerned DH should extend Visiting Consultancy services.
4. Such services are to be continued till positive COVID-19 cases are admitted or the concerned specialist is put on COVID-19 Hospital duty.
5. There should be an emergency exit plan to move patients out of the hospital in case of admission of COVID-19 positive case.

# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## ORDER

No: DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/63: 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 in respect of 'Self Declaration COVID-19 Nagaland App' in connection with Home Quarantine:

- A. Health officials while declaring any individual to put on Home Quarantine shall ensure the 'Self Declaration COVID-19 Nagaland App' is downloaded in the person's mobile phone and complete the registration process.
- B. All persons who are put under Home Quarantine shall comply with the following measures:
  1. To download the 'Self Declaration COVID-19 Nagaland App' in his/ her mobile phone and complete the registration process and switch 'ON' the GPS facility of smart phone.
  2. He/She should always keep his/her mobile phone in 'ON' mode with GPS enabled till he/she is released from Home Quarantine Period.
  3. Those who are not in possession of smart phone, shall seek the support of the ASHA/ ANM/ School Teacher or any person in possession of smart phone for Self-Declaration in case of having symptoms (Fever and Cough and / or Shortness of breath) through Community Reporting.
  4. To update the health status daily in the App, using Home Quarantine tab.
  5. To answer phone calls from the control room/ surveillance team.
  6. To cooperate with the surveillance team during home visits.
  7. To strictly follow the Guideline on Home Quarantine, vide DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/ 689-97 dt. 21st March 2020.
- C. Any act of non-compliance shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable as per the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

## NOTIFICATION

COVID-19 End Life Care, Management of Dead Body Key Facts:

1. There is no increased risk through droplet infection from a dead body to health workers or family members as dead body will not;
  - Cough
  - Sneeze
  - Breath
  - Talk
2. Standard infection prevention control practices should be followed at all times as precaution against surface contamination.
  - These are
  - Hand hygiene
  - Safe handling of sharps
  - Use of PPE eg. Gloves, mask and plastic apron for those directly handling the dead body.

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## **REMOVAL OF THE BODY FROM THE ROOM.**

- 1) Following standard infection prevention control measures health worker will remove all tubes, drain and catheter from the dead body and sanitise the body with 1% hypochlorite solution.
- 2) If the family of the patient wishes to view the body, they may be allowed to do so without touching the body while wearing mask and gloves.
- 3) Place the dead body in a leak proof plastic body bag or wrap the dead body with leak proof plastic sheet. Place the body in the coffin and seal. Disinfect the coffin with 1% hypochlorite wait for 30 minutes, than hand over the body to the relatives.
- 4) Properly packed, sealed and disinfected coffin can safely be handed over to the family.
- 5) Advise relatives not to open the coffin.
- 6) The health care workers will do all the formalities as per SOP (Standard Operative Procedure) for safe handling and coffin will be delivered to the family for performing the final rite.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- 1) The body secured in a leak proof plastic body bag or coffin and the exterior of which is decontaminated with 1% hypochlorite solution poses no additional risk to the staff or to the family members transporting the dead body.
- 2) The personnel handling the body may follow general standard precaution by means of wearing masks and gloves.
- 3) The vehicle after transfer of the body to the burial site may be cleaned with 1% hypochlorite or formulated bleaching powder as a general procedure.

## **AT THE BURIAL GROUND/CREMATORIUM**

1. The body should not be taken out from the sealed coffin and it should be buried or cremated with the coffin.
2. Religious ritual such as reading of the religious scripts, sprinkling of holy water, any other last rites that does not require opening of the coffin can be allowed.
3. The funeral/burial staff and family member should perform hand hygiene after cremation/burial by washing hands with soap and water or using alcohol based hand sanitizer.
4. The body once buried will have no health or environmental hazards.
5. The ash does not have any risk after cremation and can be collected to perform the last rites.

## **COVID-19: GUIDELINES ON DISINFECTION OF COMMON PUBLIC PLACES INCLUDING OFFICES**

**SCOPE:** This document aims to provide interim guidance about the environmental cleaning /decontamination of common public places including offices in areas reporting COVID-19.

# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) is an acute respiratory disease caused by a novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), transmitted in most instances through respiratory droplets, direct contact with cases and also through contaminated surfaces/objects. Though the virus survives on environmental surfaces for varied period of time, it gets easily inactivated by chemical disinfectants.

In view of the above, the following guidelines are to be followed, especially in areas reporting COVID-19. For ease of implementation the guideline divided these areas into (i) indoor areas, (ii) outdoor areas and (iii) public toilets.

## 1. **INDOOR AREAS INCLUDING OFFICE SPACES**

Office spaces, including conference rooms should be cleaned every evening after office hours or early in the morning before the rooms are occupied. If contact surface is visibly dirty, it should be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfection. Prior to cleaning, the worker should wear disposable rubber boots, gloves (heavy duty), and a triple layer mask.

- \* Start cleaning from cleaner areas and proceed towards dirtier areas.
- \* All indoor areas such as entrance lobbies, corridors and staircases, escalators, elevators, security guard booths, office rooms, meeting rooms, cafeteria should be mopped with a disinfectant with 1% sodium hypochlorite or phenolic disinfectants. The guidelines for preparing fresh 1% sodium hypochlorite solution is at Annexure I
- \* High contact surfaces such elevator buttons, handrails / handles and call buttons, escalator handrails, public counters, intercom systems, equipment like telephone, printers/scanners, and other office machines should be cleaned twice daily by mopping with a linen/absorbable cloth soaked in 1% sodium hypochlorite. Frequently touched areas like table tops, chair handles, pens, diary files, keyboards, mouse, mouse pad, tea/coffee dispensing machines etc. should specially be cleaned.
- \* For metallic surfaces like door handles, security locks, keys etc. 70% alcohol can be used to wipe down surfaces where the use of bleach is not suitable.
- \* Hand sanitizing stations should be installed in office premises (especially at the entry) and near high contact surfaces.
- \* In a meeting/conference/office room, if someone is coughing, without following respiratory etiquettes or mask, the areas around his/her seat should be vacated and cleaned with 1% sodium hypochlorite.
- \* Carefully clean the equipment used in cleaning at the end of the cleaning process.
- \* Remove PPE, discard in a disposable PPE in yellow disposable bag and wash hands with soap and water.

In addition, all employees should consider cleaning the work area in front of them with a disinfecting wipe prior to use and sit one seat further away from others, if possible

## **GUIDELINES ON RATIONAL USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

No. DHEW/COVID-19/2019-20/02 )C--2.Z 3 :: Please find enclosed the document on Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Guidelines on rational use of Personal Protective Equipment which was released on 24th March 2020 by Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

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The guideline uses setting approach to guide on the type of personal protective equipment to be used in different settings by health care workers and others working in points of entries (POEs). quarantine centre, hospital, laboratory and primary health care community settings.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The COVID 19 pandemic has placed unprecedented strain on the health system and currently the entire focus of the health system is dedicated in COVID-19 preparedness, responsiveness and mitigation activities. Simultaneously delivery of essential services should continue.

Therefore, the NHM shall be responsible for effective delivery of essential services and to mitigate the health risk of the general population, while the directorate will continue to focus on COVID-19 management.

The MD (NHM) shall personally interact with all districts and submit Daily Report on all KPIs by 2.00pm and will designate officials as in-charge district-wise to provide all necessary information.

The MD (NHM) shall personally oversee that on no account delivery of essential healthcare services to the general population shall be compromise.

## ORDER

In order to facilitate surveillance to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, the department has developed a Mobile App known as “nCOVID-19 Nagaland Visitor's App”.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID- 19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897 and in the interest of public service, the following categories of contact persons shall mandatorily download the App from Google playstore and register:-

1. All inbound travelers entering Nagaland.
2. All persons put on quarantine, either at home or institutional quarantine facility.
3. All persons in “at Risk” contact with positive case as indicated by mobile footprints.
4. All persons in Contact Tracing Lists within the containment zone.

They are to “sign up” and update their sign/ symptoms status twice daily by 10.00 AM and by 7.00 PM till completion of quarantine period.

The instruction of how to use the app is given at Annexure 1.

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

## ORDER

In pursuance of the Order issued by Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food and public Distribution, Government of India Vide. Nò. S.O.1207(E) New Delhi the 24" March 2020 in regard to fixation of ceiling price of 3(Three) ply surgical mask to the rate of Rs.16/-, the temporary ceiling rate for sale of the aforesaid product issued in order by this authority vide. No. No. DH&PW- 13/DC/26n-COV -19/2020-21/1095- 1 102 ./ 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 masks) 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.

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## ADVISORY

The senior citizens who are aged above 60 years and especially those with medical conditions are particularly susceptible to infections by COVID-19. In this connection, all concerned are requested to observe the advisory prepared by GOI for seniors citizens and their care givers on how to protect them from increased health risk during the COVID-19 pandemic, herein enclosed as Annexure.

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7. To strictly follow the Guideline on Home Quarantine, vide DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/ 689-97 dt. 21st March 2020.

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

## GOVERNMENT WARNS AGAINST LEAKING CONFIDENTIAL DATA

With the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020; it is a punishable offence to reveal the identity of the COVID-19 affected person(s).

It has been observed that various confidential data related to COVID-19 have been leaked to social media by unscrupulous persons. Therefore, such offenders will henceforth, be taken action against without any warning.

## GOVERNMENT INFORMS ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

In continuation of the order issued by the Office of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland wherein directions for the strict adherence to the consolidated revised guidelines of lock down throughout the State have been given with immediate effect upto 03/05/2020.

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As regard the construction activities allowed vide para 4 (I) of the consolidated revised guidelines it is further clarified that the allowed construction activities will be as follows:-

- i. Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs, in rural areas, i.e outside the limits of Municipalities/Town/Urban stations, and all kinds of projects in industrial estates.
- ii. Construction of renewable energy projects.
- iii. Continuation of works in construction projects, within the limits of Municipalities/ Town/ Urban stations, where workers are available on site and no workers are required to be brought in from outside.

Further at all the locations where construction activities are proposed to be commenced, strict measures will be taken to ensure social/physical distancing and all other necessary health safety protocols.

### **FREEZING OF ALL FRESH APPOINTMENTS**

In the interest of public service in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and to maintain various austerity measures in the State for savings in all Departments, the Government of Nagaland has banned all fresh appointments including vacancies arising against sanctioned posts in all Government Departments until further orders. This will not apply to medical staff (Doctors, Nurses, Technicians, Para-medics) of Health & Family Welfare Department who have been given a special dispensation vide this Department's notification of even number dated 1st April, 2020.

This instruction is issued in pursuance of the Cabinet's decision conveyed vide Office Memoranda No.CAB-2/2013 (Pt) dated 6th Feb, 2020 and No. CAB-2/2013 dated 21st April, 2020.

### **STATE GOVERNMENT FREEZES DEARNESS ALLOWANCE AND DEARNESS RELIEF**

In view of the crisis arising out of COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government has decided that the Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief to State Government employees and pensioners respectively due from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 shall not be paid. However, they shall continue to be paid at the current rates till further order.

This is in line with the decision of the Government of India issued vide Ministry of Finance OM No.1/1/2929-E-II(B) dated 23rd April, 2020. Accordingly, as and when a decision is taken by the Government of India to release the future instalment of Dearness Allowances due from 1st July 2021, the deferred enhancements of Dearness Allowances shall be prospectively restored and incorporated into the rate of July 2021 without arrears as specified in the OM dated 23rd April 2020 referred to above.

### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY NOTIFIES**

In view of the declared Lockdown to control the Pandemic COVID-19 by the State Government it is necessary to include the services of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary services to ensure availability of livestock health care services and food commodities of livestock origin identified as essential requirement, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service has notified that all related facilities including production units & dairy processing plants shall remain functional as per the list appended herewith under the following categories.

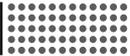
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1. All Veterinary Hospitals, Veterinary Dispensaries, Veterinary Health Centre's, Laboratories, Disease Diagnostics & Quarantine Check Posts including Private Veterinary Clinics and Pharmacies within the jurisdiction of Nagaland State shall remain functional during the lock down period as per exception provided under clause (3) of Guideline under reference.
2. All Livestock & Poultry Farming operations both under Government & Private sector shall be continued during the lock down period as per exception provided at clause (4) (I) of Guideline under reference.
3. Animal Feed Plants both under Government & Private sector including Transportation/Inter-state movement of animal feed & fodder being essential item shall remain operational as per exception covered at clause (6) of Guideline under reference.
4. All Dairy Processing Plants shall remain operational ensuring procurement from producer farmers and smooth supply of Milk & Milk Products to consumers as per provided exception at clause (5) (a) of Guideline.

All concerned functionaries and personnel as at Annexure A.B & C (Enclosed) are therefore, requested to discharge their responsibility with the strictest adherence to personal hygiene/workplace hygiene and safety as per guideline prescribed by WHO and the regulations of the State Government during the COVID-19 Lock-down period.

Except in the dispensation of their duties, the functionaries are advised to strictly desist from misuse of movement other than in their assigned area of work/route which may invite appropriate action under the present diktats in force.

This notification is issued adhering to the Consolidated Guideline as notified by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and the approval of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Kohima vide Email Dated 31-03-20.



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## CM NEIPHIU RIO VISITS QUARANTINE CENTRE AT MERIEMA AND COVID-19 HOSPITAL NHAK

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The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio accompanied by Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and Minister, Planning and Coordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu, visited the Quarantine Centre at Meriema and Covid-19 Hospital at NHAK on 1st April 2020 to review the preparedness for management and containment of COVID-19.

At Meriema quarantine facility, he encouraged the Health personnel to intensify their effort on the preparedness and to be very careful in managing such pandemic especially in cities like Kohima and Dimapur. He also reminded the

officials in-charge to look into the welfare of the working personnel at the health facility. He also emphasized on maintaining a cleaner environment in and around the facility by painting the walls, planting trees etc., which will only improve the neighbourhood in the future.

At NHAK, the Chief Minister stressed on cleanliness and maintenance of good drainage system at the hospital premises and reminded Department to put forward proposals for any requirement towards improving the health system at NHAK. He appreciated the doctors on their hard work towards their service to mankind.

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## DEPUTY CM, Y.PATTON CONTRIBUTES PPE FOR WOKHA DISTRICT

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Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland Y. Patton contributed four thousand face masks and 1500 plus hand sanitizers which was handed to the District Administration on 1st April 2020. He also informed that one cargo from Delhi has already reached our state for distribution in the entire district. He was accompanied by Advisor for Horticulture & Border Affairs Mhathung Yanthan and MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry visited Wokha district to take first-hand information about the preparedness level under taken in the district.

Patton appreciated the commendable job done by District Administration, Medical Department, Police, NGOs and Civil Societies to combat against the fight for COVID-19. During the meeting held at DC conference hall, Patton said that the Chief Minister has already directed all the district DCs, SPs and Medical department to follow the good example set by the district and directed them to work out plans like Wokha district. He lauded all concerned involved who are working tirelessly 24X7 to defeat this pandemic disease.

Appealing to the citizens to maintain social distancing Patton added that Wokha district in particular need to approach cohesively as it borders Assam state which is mostly porous and if need additional forces will be provided to man the inter-state/district check gate. Patton stated that the

Government has already procured rice amounting to about Rs. 5 crore for free distribution to the needy people which will be handed through the ADS & DA where he appealed to them to distribute it judiciously.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan urged all to work as a team and work in close coordination to combat Corona virus and urged the department concern to give timely update. He also requested doctors to be in respective place of posting failing which stern action will be initiated against those absentees. MLA, Dr.Chumben Murry who also spoke during the meeting shared opinion concerning the safety of the people during such health emergencies and suggested for disinfecting public places.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha Dr. C.W Tungoe and Medical superintendent (MS) while giving the latest status on the preparedness for COVID-19 said the district has seven health units quarantine facilities, 12 isolation facilities, 50 isolation bedded and 120 quarantine bed. So far 1080 people are screened till 31st March and one sample has been send to Imphal (Manipur) and the result is awaited.

The team also visited District hospital isolation rooms, quarantine facility centre and CMC hospital. Later the Advisor accompanied by Deputy Commissioner visited Bhandari and Sanis Sub-division.



## LEGISLATORS VISIT HEALTH CENTERS UNDER CHIEPHOBOZOU AND TSEMINYU SUB-DIVISION



*Legislators incharge of Kohima Covid-19, Minister Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Dr. Nicky Kire along with Advisor, R. Khing, MLAs, Khriehu Liezietsu and K. Nakhro visiting Covid-19 hospital NHAK, Kohima on 11th April 2020.*

The legislators In-charge of monitoring the Kohima District COVID-19, Minister Housing, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire along with Advisor Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, R. Khing and DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie, Sr. S.P Kohima, K. Sophie and Dy. CMO, Dr. Hoito visited quarantine centers and Health centers under Chiephobozou and Tseminyu Sub-Division on 1st April 2020.

During their visit, the team interacted with respective Medical Officers and area administrative officers and examined the status of preparedness levels and also took note of their grievances faced at present.

In a short meeting held at ADC Tseminyu

Office, Minister Tongpang and Advisor Dr. Nicky Kire expressed satisfactory on the overall preparation and acknowledged the efforts of every individuals and line departments involved besides limited resources and manpower. They also assured to take up the issues, which needs to be addressed at the earliest with the Health department. Further, the administrative officers were called upon to continue to have proper coordination with the district headquarter and sensitize the people in their respective areas to take all precautionary measures and follow the guidelines properly.

DC Kohima also thanked the legislators for showing their concern by visiting various health centers, quarantine centers and isolation wards put up in different locations under Kohima district.

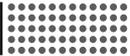
### NEW VERSION OF SELF DECLARATION APP RELEASED

A new version of Self Declaration nCOVID-19 Nagaland App has been released by the government of Nagaland which can be downloaded from <https://nagahealth.nagaland.gov.in>

Government has ordered the health

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### PANGNYU VISITS COVID-19 HOSPITAL IN KOHIMA

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom visited Directorate of Health & Family Welfare and had a briefing with Directorate officers led by Principal Secretary, Menukhol John and Principal Director, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie on 31st March 2020. The Minister was accompanied by Advisor IPR, SCERT & Village Guard, Toshi Wangtung. The meeting decided that Longleng District Hospital will also be identified as Covid-19 Hospital and all the general patients will be transferred to Yachem CHC with immediate effect. It has also been clarified that PPE Equipments will be

distributed to the clinical critical need based / frontline workers.

Later, Medical Minister also visited the COVID-19 Hospital in Chedema and NHAK, Kohima to take stock of the preparedness. Interacting with the health personnel at the Hospital, Pangnyu encouraged them to work relentlessly during critical times. He specially appealed to all the staff of Medical department at the state and district level not to be discourage but work efficiently in this time of pandemic. He reiterated that is not an easy task but to work diligently.

### MINISTRY OF I&B HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH STATES

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Official held video conferencing with Secretaries of Information & Public Relations departments on COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by all the states and Union Territories in dissemination of authentic Information to the people. The I&B officials laid emphasized on checking the fake news and spreading rumours on COVID 9. The I&B ministry also called on the states and union territories to work hand and hand with AIR, Doordarshan and PIB in their respective states. Principal Secretary IPR, Nagaland M.K. Mero who took part in the discussions said that IPR department is actively involved in dissemination of authentic information from the government to the masses on containing the pandemic Corona virus in the state. He also said there is no corona virus case in the state so far.

On behalf of the people of North East states, he also shared his concern on the report of victimising the people of the North East just because

of their oriental look with the ministry officials. He said nationwide lockdown is strictly implemented in the entire state. The officials of the I&B ministry expressed their concern over Dimapur town, the commercial hub of Nagaland stating that there is a need to give extra vigil in Dimapur town.

Other points deliberated upon included:

- Synergy between central and State governments to give out correct information to the people through print, electronic and social media.
- Steps to be taken to counter rumors and fake news on Covid-19. Fake news check units to be formed by all the states with an objective to dispel rumors and fake news relating to Covid-19.
- Locate and counter misinformation in the print, electronic and social media and
- Official factual information on Covid-19 at ministry of I&B web portal, tweeter handle MIB and local PIB officials.



**CM HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH DCs, SPs, CMOs**

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio along with Minister Planning & Coordination and State Spokesperson for Covid-19, Neiba Kronu, Minister Health & Family Welfare, PangnyuPhom and other senior government officials deliberated on the district status and preparedness for Covid-19 with Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and Chief Medical Officers through video conferencing at Chief Minister's official residence on 2nd April 2020.

The Chief Minister mentioned that earlier the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi had spoken to all the Chief Ministers. So far, Nagaland has no confirmed positive cases yet we have to prepare ourselves for any eventuality, he said.

Rio specifically asked about the response to the enforcement of lock down, preparedness for Covid-19 related matters, Covid-19 hospitals and status of receiving medical equipments from the department and availability of other essential commodities in the districts. So far, the enforcement of lock down in the districts is by and large peaceful and successful. Separate places have been identified for quarantine purposes and hospitals in the districts have been kept ready in the event of any detection. Medical equipments sent by the department have already received by the districts except one or two districts which is yet to receive ventilators. The DCs also stated that the availability of essential commodities in the districts

continue to remain normal.

Rio suggested on the importance and necessity of home delivery especially LPG by the agency itself in order to avoid crowding and maintaining social distancing at this crucial juncture. He also asked the law enforcing authorities to allow movement of people in the villages, keeping in mind the importance of sowing season for the cultivators. However, people coming from outside to the villages should be stopped and kept for quarantine, he added. He also mentioned about the wellbeing of the migrant workers if any, and urged the concerned authorities to support and protect them in the form of giving shelter and other essential commodities.

He also suggested that districts like Kohima and Dimapur should have colony markets for shopping in order to avoid crowding and maintaining social distancing. Rio also thanked the tribal Hohos, NGOs and other civil society organisations for actively supporting and helping the government in all possible ways.

He also informed that 10 lakhs will be given by the government as ex- gratia to any health worker(s) who in the line of duty afflicted by Covid-19.

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS also asked all the DCs to work out on the status of the actual number of migrant and daily wage earners and see how many of them have been availing shelter and food.

**NHAK KOHIMA ACTION PLAN ON COVID-19**

A review meeting was held at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima (NHAK) in regard to preparatory measures undertaken with special emphasis to COVID-19 at NHAK, Kohima on 2nd April 2020. Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire along with Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie NCS and Sr. SP Kohima, K. Sophie and DTF members attended the meeting.

In the meeting, Dr. Thong informed that as preparatory measures the NHAK has developed an

action plan of NHAK on COVID-19, where he highlighted that NHAK shall be activated to COVID-19 Treatment Center as and when 50% bed strength of Chedema is filled up with COVID positive patients for treatment. He said that all general OPDs and operation of any nature shall be suspended and only flu and related respiratory diseases shall be attended to in the designated OPD. The office of the MD and MS, EOC and Administrative establishments shall be immediately shifted to the present Obs and Gynae Ward.





Highlighting on the COVID positive patients admitted in the designated wards, Dr. Thong informed that no VIP accommodation can be provided owing to infrastructural constraints and as per the safety contingency plan. No healthcare staff on duty shall be allowed to leave the hospital premises during the entire duty period

(1 week) and thereafter undergo compulsory institutional quarantine at the designated centre followed by home quarantine. In the event of exhaustion of the available health care workers, manpower shall be requisitioned from other unaffected districts as deemed fit by the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

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## PD H&FW MONITORS PREPAREDNESS OF COVID-19 IN MON, LONGLENG & TUENSANG

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Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie visited the Districts of Mon, Longleng and Tuensang with a team of the Directorate Officials on 2nd April 2020 to assess the preparedness for the management and containment of COVID-19.

The Principal Director had meetings with the District Medical Officials in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police in the three Districts. While interacting with them, Dr. Vizolie said that the Districts are fortunate to have such dynamic DCs and SPs who are really concerned about the health workers in the Districts and are actively involved in all the activities pertaining to

COVID-19. He also added that, as health personnel we have encountered this kind of situations several times in the past and encouraged them to have courage even now.

He also appreciated the commendable job that they are doing so far and insisted on practicing universal precautionary measures in the health facility as well as to propagate personal hygiene to the people. Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie also appealed to the district team to strengthen awareness and sensitization and surveillance activity and appreciated the active participation of the community and from all the sectors in all the Districts.

## CM NEIPHIU RIO INSPECTS DIMAPUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio accompanied by Deputy CM, Y. Patton, Minister Health & Family Welfare, Pangyu Phom, Minister PHED, Jacob Zhimomi, Advisor Tovihoto and other Government officials led by Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS visited Dimapur District Hospital which has been kept ready as COVID-19 Hospital Dimapur on 3rd April 2020, to review the preparedness for management and containment of COVID-19. Rio and his team inspected the 100 bedded COVID-19 Hospital Dimapur, ICU unit which was equipped with 3 beds and 3 ventilators, isolation ward with 10 beds kept ready. The group also visited the rooms at Tourist Lodge Dimapur which are being kept ready as a quarantine center.

Dubbing Dimapur as miniature India as well as gateway of Nagaland Rio said, "if Dimapur is checked properly it will help the whole State and therefore the Government is sincere to see that Dimapur remains safe and for which me and my colleagues are here," he maintained.

Neiphiu Rio further mentioned that he was in close contact with DC and CP Dimapur and also the medical professionals and congratulated them for working hard with commitment and dedication. Rio also expressed gratitude to the NGOs, civil societies and the public for their support and cooperation in keeping the Prime Minister's announcement of lockdown and adhering to the complete ban of movement in the city and said, "Together we can achieve."



## NEIBA KRONU APPEALS NIZAMUDDHIN ATTENDEES TO VOLUNTARILY COME FORWARD

State Spokesperson for Covid-19 and Minister Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu while briefing the state on Covid-19 as of 3rd April 2020 said that a team from the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare led by the Principal Director visited Kiphire, Zunheboto & Mokokchung districts to oversee the designated Covid-19 hospitals and interacted with the District Administration and District health officials.

Till 5 pm, 41 samples of suspected cases have been sent for testing, and the results of 32 have been received and they are all negative. The results of the remaining 9 samples are awaited. Further, 3332 persons are presently under Quarantine.

A total of 4715 persons have signed up in the nCovid-19 Nagaland App. Out of which 3327 persons have self declared with details. He appealed to those

who have entered the State after 6th March, 2020 to self register in the App with full details.

As regard the tracking of the individuals, about whom information have been received of being in the area where the religious congregation in Nizamuddhin, New Delhi was being held, he informed that as a matter of abundant caution both the Health Department and the State Control Room for COVID-19 have been separately tracking the persons so that a comprehensive exercise gets done. The reports of the exercise done by both have been further cross checked.

He further appealed that if there is anyone else from Nagaland who has attended the religious congregation at Nizamuddhin, and not contacted by us yet, to voluntarily come forward and report to the respective Deputy Commissioner.

## H &FW PARTNERS WITH ANCA TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha informed that the Department of Health & Family has partnered with the All Nagaland Counsellors Association (ANCA) to provide counselling services through Whatsapp and over the phone for mental health and well being during COVID-19 pandemic.

Another consignment weighing 5 tonnes of essential medical equipment from Delhi has reached Dimapur Airport, and it is being presently transported to Kohima for further distribution to the districts.

Till today at 5:00 pm, 45 samples of suspected cases have been sent for testing and

results of 41 have been received which are all negative. The results of 4 samples are awaited.

A total of 3490 persons have registered in the nCovid-19 Nagaland App with full details. I once again, appeal those who have entered the State after 6th March, 2020 to self register in the App with your full details.

Sinha appealed that if there is anyone from Nagaland who has attended the religious congregation at Nizamuddhin, Delhi, and not yet contacted by us, to voluntarily come forward and report to the respective Deputy Commissioner.

## IAF DELIVERS MEDICAL LOAD FOR 2nd TIME AT DIMAPUR

Indian Air Force Aircraft IL-76 MD delivered 5 tonnes of medical load for Nagaland State Health & Family Welfare and NSDMA at Dimapur Airport on 4th April 2020.

IL-76 MD 44 Squadron Chandigarh base Unit landed at Dimapur at 1600 hours with medical load. The aircraft further proceeded to Imphal at

1700 hours with approximately 13 tonnes of medical load for Manipur Government.

This will be the 2nd consignment undertaken by IAF, in support of civil administration which is also a peace time role of IAF. The State Government thanked the IAF for the help rendered to Nagaland Government in the fight against COVID 19.



## WOMEN ACCOUNT HOLDERS UNDER PMJDY TO GET EX-GRATIA PAYMENT

Department of Urban Development Nagaland has issued a circular on 4th April 2020 with regard to the decision taken by the Government of India to provide a onetime ex-gratia payment of Rs.500/- per month for the next three months (starting from 1st April) to all women Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account holders through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana(PMGKY) Package. This decision has been taken by the Centre in view of the economic and social distress caused due to the outbreak of COVID19. The distribution of funds to the urban as well as rural PMJDY account holders

will be carried out by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India through the State Bank of India.

In this regard, all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State have been requested to communicate the above decision of the Centre and create widespread awareness of the scheme and also facilitate withdrawal of funds by the beneficiaries in an orderly manner adhering to the norms of social distancing. ULBs may also consult the Rural Development Department in the District/Sub-Division to ascertain that funds are deposited into the beneficiaries account.

## PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR H&W VISITS ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT HOSPITAL



*Principal Director Health & Family, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie visiting Zunheboto District Hospital on 3rd April 2020.*

Principal Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie visited Zunheboto District Hospital on 3rd, April, 2020 to take into account the arrangements made by the District in case of a possible outbreak of Novel Coronavirus.

Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie congratulated DTF Zunheboto (COVID-19) headed by the Deputy Commissioner and everyone involved expressing happiness that Zunheboto district has a clear concept

and strategy to overcome the epidemic. He emphasized on working together as being the key necessity of the hour and advised all medical staff to follow the Universal Health Precautions like hand washing. He asked all hospital staff and other workers to please take all necessary precautions and emphasized on the need for grade 4 staff to also be cautious and well advised on the precautions to take. He continued by directing that only Zunheboto District Hospital should be designated for sample collection.

## MEETING HELD WITH PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL OF NAGALAND

A meeting was held at the office chamber of Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare with the Professional Council of Nagaland on 4th April 2020. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, HFW, Mission Director NHM and other Department officials.

In the meeting, the council agreed to give their valuable help in this time of crisis. Relatively, a plan will be made jointly for engagement of the members of the fraternity in case of any eventualities.

As of 3rd April 2020, 60 (Sixty) professionals

from various councils have agreed to volunteer from all over Nagaland. The Department of health & family welfare also appealed to all the professionals to volunteer themselves in combating against the present health crisis.

The professional council includes members from the Medical Council of India, Ayush Council, Nursing Council, Pharmacy Council, Dental Council, Technician Council, etc. All the councils will be submitting the list of registered members.

## EXEMPTION FOR AGRI SECTORS



*Minister Agriculture & Cooperation and Minister incharge of Zunheboto District (Covid-19) G. Kaito Aye holding a meeting at Zunheboto on 4th April 2020.*

The Home department, NSDMA has informed that activities related to agriculture have been allowed inspite of lockdown, keeping in view of the harvesting and sowing season.

However, though exceptions have been allowed for farming operations by farmers and farm workers, procurement of agriculture productions, operations of Mandis, movement of harvesting and

sowing machinery, etc the same have not percolated down at the field level. Therefore, it is reiterated that the exceptions allowed for agriculture sector be widely disseminated across the district amongst the farmers and other concerned so as to ensure smooth harvesting and sowing operations, while maintaining social distancing.

## CM NEIPHIU RIO VISITS STATE LEVEL CONTROL CENTRE (COVID-19)

Amidst the lockdown to contain COVID-19 outbreak and holistic approach from top to bottom to averting humanitarian crises in the state, Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio paid a visit to State Level

Control Centre (COVID-19) at Lotha Hoho Building, Kezekie at Kohima on 6th April 2020 to see himself the state level monitoring mechanism in the fight against global COVID-19 pandemic in the state.

Chief Minister interacted with the senior officers at the centre on compilation of vital information from all the 11 districts on daily basis. OSD, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Johnny Raungmei briefed the Chief Minister on information about law and order situation and on supply chains of essential commodities and its availability in the entire state.

As the lock down enters the third week, Rio also inquired about the figures of migrant labourers particularly those hapless from all the 11 districts and called upon the officers at the state level Control centre to compile all the information from the districts in the fight against COVID-19 and encouraged to make it more comprehensive.

### KMC TO ASSIST COLONIES WITH WATER SUPPLY

With the lockdown entering the second week in the state and restriction on movement of vehicular as well as human traffic, citizens of Kohima, like everywhere else in the country are beginning to encounter certain hardships due to this enforced regulation. While the government is ensuring availability of essential commodities to all possible extent, the fact that the capital reels under water shortage even in normal times is now increasingly becoming a cause for greater concern. Towards trying to mitigate this problem and till such period the lockdown continues, the Kohima Municipal Council shall, wef the 7th of April, 2020 extend assistance to all the colonies (recognized and unrecognized) within its jurisdiction and:

1. Distribute Syntex water tanks of 2000 ltrs capacity to each of the colonies
2. Supply 2000 ltrs of water free of cost to these colonies (as far as possible on a daily basis, if not on alternate days)
3. the target group shall be the daily wage earners and the poorest of the poor.

All wards to:

- i. Identify the water receiving points as per the number of such locations listed against their respective wards by the KMC office
- ii. Identify genuine beneficiaries
- iii. Appoint volunteers to supervise and monitor the distribution of water in a systematic manner so that chaotic scenes are avoided and strict social distancing is maintained at all cost.

### STATE GOVERNMENT FAST TRACKING ESTABLISHMENT OF BSL LABS

Spokesperson for State Government of Nagaland & Minister for Planning & Coordination Neiba Kronu while briefing on the COVID-19 situation in the State as on the 7th of April 2020 said that the Cabinet in its meeting reviewed in detail the preparedness of the Health Department of the State for COVID-19. The Department was asked to further strengthen and bring about improvements, so as to cover all the gaps that maybe still existing in its overall preparedness for preventing and managing COVID-19 in the State.

He informed that the State Government is fast tracking the establishment of a BSL 3 lab at NHAK, Kohima, and a BSL 2 lab at CIHSR, Dimapur which will help in testing the samples of the suspected cases in the State itself.

As of 5:00 pm, the total number of samples of suspected cases sent for testing from the State is 61. The results of 48 have been received till now and they are all negative. The results of 13 samples are awaited.

A total of 5069 persons have signed up in the nCovid-19 Nagaland App till now, where 3590 persons have self declared their details and 1479 are with incomplete details.

While thanking all the citizens, Kronu informed that farming operations are exempted from the lockdown provisions. This being the sowing season, farmers may hence as per the need, come out of their homes, go to the fields and carry out all the essential farming activities, while maintaining social distancing.



**MENUKHOL JOHN INTERACTS WITH MEDIA ON COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS**

Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Menukhoh John convened a press briefing to update on issues pertaining to COVID -19 at H&FW Department IDSP Hall on 7th April 2020.

John interacting with media personal about COVID- 19 preparedness in Nagaland said that all districts hospitals are being converted into COVID-19 hospitals. He said that by doing this the main concerns of many people are the patients who come to OPD for general emergency other than COVID-19 patients. He said that the department has issued instructions to all the dedicated COVID-19 hospitals to continue catering the regular OPD cases till COVID patients are detected. He added that the moment COVID cases comes into light the general patients already admitted in the districts hospitals will be relocated to the nearest health unit so that continual general health services are provided to them.

Also on the issue relating to transporters and carriers coming in and out of the state, he said that screenings are done and movements are being monitored on daily basis. He further stated that all necessary steps are taken care of but if there are still some loose ends it will be addressed at the earliest.

On the level of preparedness across the state he stated that the H&FW Principal Director had toured all the districts to carry out on the spot assessment on the ongoing COVID -19 related works and all necessary arrangement has been

almost completed to convert all district Hospitals into COVID-19 hospitals.

Also briefing about the issue of testing lab in Nagaland, Kesonyu Yhome IAS convenor of the committee to set up the testing lab in the state said that setting up a testing lab is the need of the hour and Nagaland is on the process to set up a level 3 protocol which is the highest in international standards. He however said despite the pressing need to set up the testing lab it will take some more weeks time set up the testing lab, as security protocol has to be maintained. He said that the four member committees are on the clock for this purpose and assured that this particular issue is the top most priority of the state.

Principal Director H&FW, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie also clarifying on the testing of samples said that Nagaland is using the highest transport medium called Viral Testing Medium through which the department is transporting its sample for testing. He said that the transport medium is reliable and that there should not be any doubt in the minds of the people.

Highlighting about converting districts hospital into COVID -19 hospitals in the entire districts Suokhrie said that all the districts will have COVID-19 hospital. He stated that in all the districts the converted COVID- 19 hospitals, the general OPDs are open for general and emergency services and alternative arrangement will be made if and when positive COVID cases are detected.

**MINISTER PANGNYU HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON COVID-19**

A review meeting was held on COVID-19 with the Minister of Health and Family Welfare S. Pangnyu Phom on 8th April 2020 at the Office Chamber of Principal Director, Health and Family Welfare. The Minister was accompanied by Toshi Wungtung, Advisor IPR, SCERT and Village Guards.

S. Pangnyu Phom advised the department to resume the construction work of Medical College

from 9th April and to come up with a system to manage the labor and that, the department should obtain special permission from the district administration in order to purchase essential materials for the ongoing construction. He also discussed about strengthening of doctors in district level for temporary adjustments and allocations of manpower.

He appealed the officials present, to give



more focus on the areas bordering other states as it is very vulnerable at this stage and that quarantine measures should be implemented more strictly in those areas.

Principal Director Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie, shared that activities at the district are implemented on a more disciplined manner with the full support of the community. Principal Director appealed the government that, it is necessary to wait for two more weeks before resuming daily activities after which if the reports for covid-19 cases is still negative then

only it is advisable to resume offices but taking into consideration that point of entry from other state should still be restricted.

He also clarified that the sample taken for testing of COVID-19 virus is transported in a special medium called "viral transport medium" where in the virus is not expected to die at least for 48 hours therefore it is potent for testing effectively. So far the cases of testing have been reported within 20 hours so the misconception of negative cases should not be there.

### MINISTER HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION VISITS CHC JALUKIE

Minister for Higher & Technical Education & Tribal Affairs and Minister incharge for Peren District on COVID-19, Temjen Imna Along visited CHC Jalukie with Advisor for Water Resource Dept., Namri Nchang on 9th April 2020 for a review meeting with the Doctors and staff to assess the availability of resources and measures adopted to fight against COVID-19

In a meeting with the Medical staff, District Administration Peren and Police, the Minister in his short speech extended gratitude to all concerned and stated that if any positive COVID-19 case is detected in Nagaland it will become a burden and urged the gathering to seek God's protection.

He appealed to the people to be independent while accepting that we are unprepared for any pandemic and so with the minimum resources he called upon all to give out

maximum output. He urged the Medical staff to make use of the resources to fight against the global pandemic COVID-19 by creating more awareness in the district even at the grassroot level. He further encouraged the medical staff to be more vigilant while dealing with the patient.

Meanwhile Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang also lauded the Medical staff of CHC Jalukie as well as those who assigned for duty in the CHC for their overall performance. The Minister also visited the Isolation ward and inspected the Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) supplied.

Earlier, Dr. Dennis Hangsing CMO Peren, Dr. Nukshisangla DIO & Dr. Supongmenla Dy.CMO Peren also highlighted about the District preparedness for tackling COVID-19, its action plan and also gave a count of the available equipments received so far by the Medical team.

### MLAs TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS PM CARES FUND

Responding to the Prime Minister's appeal to the Nation to contribute generously towards the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund) to help fight the distress situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other similar situations, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly has informed that all the MLAs of the Ruling coalition in Nagaland

have decided to contribute 30% of their monthly salary, starting from April, 2020, for the next one year to this Fund. This is besides the one month's salary that all the MLAs of the State have already contributed to the Medical Department of the State in March, 2020, for supporting the efforts of the Government of Nagaland in dealing with the COVID-19 situation.

**CHIEF MINISTER NEIPHU RIO EXTENDS GRATITUDE TO FRONTLINE WORKERS**

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphu Rio on 11th April, 2020 while briefing the state on covid-19 extended sincere appreciation and thanks to the tireless efforts of the front line workers, the government officials, various organisations, Village Councils, the media fraternity and all stakeholders.

He said as we observe the commemoration

of Christ's triumph over death, this Easter Sunday with the message of renewed hope and love, let us thank and praise God for sparing our people thus far from this dreaded COVID-19 pestilence. Let us also rededicate, recommit, and reprioritise our lives to God. Be sensitised, sanitise, stay home and stay safe. God Bless!"

**LEGISLATORS KHASHIHO, SUKHALU VISIT KIPHIRE**

Minister for Geology & Mining and Soil & Water Conservation, Khashiho Sangtam and K.T Sukhalu Advisor for School Education visited Kiphire and held a meeting with the DTF members in relating to Covid - 19 On April 11th, at the DPDB hall, Kiphire.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS.

Minister Khashiho while speaking at the meeting lauded the Deputy Commissioner Kiphire and her team the DTF for COVID-19, for taking all measures in order to prevent the dreaded disease. He also thanked all the Civil Societies for co-operating with the District authority including the Police and

Village Guards for their service in identifying people at the porous border and safeguarding the District.

He also requested updated reports in regard to shortage of any medical equipment. Army and Police department were reminded to give report in case the supply of their requirement does not arrive on time, and requested the District Authority to continue their efforts.

Minister Khashiho donated Rupees one lakh from Geology and Mining, 180 litres of hand sanitizers, 300 Face Masks and 300 gloves for Kiphire District. Earlier, Advisor KT Sukhalu inaugurated the two-bedded ICU with 1 (one) portable Ventilator installed at the District Hospital Kiphire.

**C-17 GLOBEMASTER BIGGEST HEAVY LIFT AIRCRAFT LANDS AT DIMAPUR AIRPORT**

C17 Globemaster largest transport Aircraft of IAF with a capacity to airlift upto 70 tons, manufactured by Boeing, carried out landing at Dimapur Airport on 11th April, 2020 with the fourth consignment of critical medical load in support of Nagaland State government.

Hindon based C-17 globemaster aircraft manufactured by Boeing of 81 Squadron 'SKYLORDS' with strategic capabilities and special operations including quick special Troops/ equipment's mobilisation, has also recently flown missions to Wuhan in China, the epicentre of Covid 19 to drop medical aid and evacuate stranded Indian nationals, in addition it has also flown similar missions to Iran.

The State government critical medical load Airlift was today also received by Advisor NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi. He thanked and appreciated the IAF team and crew working under high risk conditions for the

continuous support given to Nagaland State Government during the fight against covid 19 pandemic.

Considering the difficult terrain and inherent connectivity issue faced by the Naga people, such proactive preparedness and cohesive coordination and cooperation by various multiple nodal agencies was the need of the hour, Kinimi noted. He further stated that because of Central support to State Government and Naga public's collective efforts, adequate targeted mitigation measures are being adopted and in position by the Department, to reduce the scale of any impending disaster in the State and he was hopeful that Air support by MoD, in the future in support of NSDMA which is also chaired under the dynamic leadership of Chief minister of Nagaland, Neiphu Rio, especially in interiors of the state if needed would be a positive step and boost capabilities to tackle any disaster.



**CHIEF SECRETARY NAGALAND APPEALS FOR COOPERATION**

On 14th April 2020, the Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS has appealed to all concerned to constructively participate in the fight against the dreaded Covid-19 pandemic that has taken the world by storm and has reached every nook and corner of the planet including Nagaland.

The Chief Secretary stated that Government of Nagaland is sparing no efforts in tackling the pandemic, but since it is a completely new disease, like the rest of the world we are struggling and learning only now on how to fight the spread and control the disease. He said that everyone is learning from one another through the experiences of countries and states that are continuously fighting the pandemic.

Toy admitted that there are bound to be shortcomings and mistakes on the part of the government and other stakeholders but assured that we are learning each day - learning from others through both their bad and good practices. He said that the present crisis has made us realise the inadequacy of our health delivery system and that the government is trying its best to upgrade it in the fastest way possible.

Toy also announced that Chief Secretary's War Room on Covid-19 has been set up in his office

today where integrated information system would be managed, analysed and decisions taken on prevention and management of Covid-19 in the state. He therefore appealed to all concerned to send their suggestions through email to [temjentoy@gov.in](mailto:temjentoy@gov.in) saying any constructive criticism and suggestion is welcome.

The Chief Secretary also disclosed that a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio was held today with ministers and advisors where inadequacies in the districts were discussed and directions for action to be taken were identified.

Saying that the war on the present pandemic is a fight of the people, Toy emphasised that we cannot leave out or exclude the civil societies. He said that their cooperation and participation is very much needed and therefore he had given directions to all the Deputy Commissioners to include two (2) representatives from the concerned tribal Hoho(s) in the District Task Force set up to combat the pandemic.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that the war on Covid-19 is everyone's concern and appealed to all stakeholders to constructively participate in the fight against this invisible but dreaded corona virus.

**GOVERNOR REVIEWS UNFOLDING COVID-19 SITUATION**

Governor of Nagaland, R. N. Ravi on 14th April 2020 reviewed the unfolding COVID-19 situation in Nagaland, and assessed the state preparedness to tackle the virus.

The weekly review meeting at Raj Bhavan Kohima was attended by Temjen Toy, IAS, Chief Secretary, Commissioner & Secretary Home, Commissioner and Secretary Health & Family Welfare and Director General of Police.

In the backdrop of a COVID-19 positive case in Dimapur, the meeting identified the gaps and weaknesses in the existing preventive protocols and procedures to fight the virus, and took appropriate measures to further strengthen

the existing mechanism.

For an effective holistic response to this unprecedented global crisis, the Governor suggested immediate setting up of a multi-department – "COVID-19 WAR ROOM" under the Chief Secretary of Nagaland.

The Governor suggested the "War Room" to have integrated verticals on health logistics, health services, availability of essential commodities, law & order enforcement relating to COVID-19, status of our people stranded and stuck up in various parts of the country besides close monitoring and analysis of day to day unfolding COVID-19 situation in the state.



It will closely monitor aggressive tracing, tracking and testing of suspect cases and also do the real time stock taking of medical inventories.

The Governor also thanked the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for the right decision to extend the nationwide lockdown till May 3, 2020.

He thanked the people of Nagaland for their unwavering support, prayer and cooperation

in observing the nationwide lockdown. He urged the people of Nagaland to continue to adhere to guidelines laid down the Central and State Governments. He also reassured the people of Nagaland that the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio is taking all measures to effectively tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **GOVT ALLOWS ONLY CONCERNED AHO/D/HoD TO SPEAK TO MEDIA**

A lot of confusion is being created in the minds of the people through media reports based on interviews and statements given by Government functionaries who are not authorised to speak on behalf of the Departments. All AHOs and HoDs may kindly note that no officer other than the concerned AHO/D/HoD are authorised to speak to the media on

issues pertaining to functioning matters of the respective departments.

According to an advisory issued by the Chief Secretary, Nagaland on 15th April 2020, any unauthorised government functionary in the Government found making statements to any Media or Press will face disciplinary action.

## **LEGISLATORS INSPECT MARKETS IN KOHIMA TO ENSURE STRICT ADHERENCE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE**

With a view to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection in Kohima district, a Committee on social distancing and lockdown enforcement was constituted headed by District Administrator with members from Government departments and civil societies. The committee began its task in monitoring the precautionary measures to be followed during the window period for shopping from 7:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m on 19th April 2020 within Kohima town.

Elected members under Kohima district led by the Legislators in-charge for Kohima district, Minister Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire, Advisor Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, R. Khing, Advisor Youth Resource & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha, MLA Neikezhakho Nakhro and MLA Khriehu Liezietsu inspected the main shopping areas located at BOC, Razhü point and High School junction during the first hour of the window period for shopping today.

The elected members observed that with the involvement and assistance of the civil societies, the implementation of social distancing at most of the shopping points have been tackled successful with the cooperation of the general public. Further Minister Tongpang felt that for the main shopping area at BOC, more strategies and plans needs to be formulated and implemented by the concerned committee in order to ensure that proper social distancing is maintained and the rush of customers is brought under control as many wholesalers and vegetable vendors are located in the area.

Besides the District Administration, KMC and Police, the committee members included AYO, ASU, KVYO, KCCI and AKMW for assisting in social distancing at various shopping areas and also to assist the stranded students.

The Legislators also urged the shoppers to maintain social distancing while shopping for their required essential commodities during the lockdown period.



## RAPID DIAGNOSTICS TEST KITS ARRIVES AT DIMAPUR AIRPORT BY SPECIAL DRONIER -228 AC

Rapid Diagnostics test kits for Covid-19 arrived at Dimapur from N Delhi, through ICMR on 19th April 2020. The tasking was carried out and airlifted by special Dronier -228 light utility multipurpose Aircraft of the IAF.

The critical Rapid test kits was received by the Nodal Officer Dimapur, Deputy Director of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Tiasunup Pongener which was handed over by IAF officials. He stated that with the availability of kits now, the Nagaland Health and Family welfare department will soon start screening of suspects in the hot spots ,which would be a tremendous boost to enhance the capabilities to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, especially for the front line workers. He said he was satisfied with the preparedness of Covid-19 facilities in the District, inspite of the sudden nature of the pandemic which has surprised the entire health care system globally

like a tsunami and all medical equipment are of National standards, which is also being used by other states. He further re assured that improvement of Covid-19 facility will be an ongoing continuous process and all dedicated efforts are being made in this regard by the Directorate and respective line Departments of the State Government.

Chief Minister Neiphu Rio also, in his tweet has stated that the much awaited rapid kits issued by Government of India for the State of Nagaland through ICMR arrived in the state by IAF special Dronier ac, based on the intervention of the State Government with the Centre and now with the rapid Kits availability, he was happy that, it can start screening the identified hot spots, which is a positive development and help the front line teams fighting the pandemic.

## SPEAKER NLA HIGHLIGHTS COVID-19 INITIATIVES IN VIDEO CONFERENCE

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer participated in a video conference on 21st April 2020 with the Speakers of all the State Legislatures in India. The Conference was hosted by the Speaker of Lok Sabha, Om Birla.

The focus of discussion during the Video Conference was the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the Country and the rest of the world. During his

intervention, Speaker Longkumer shared with the other Speakers and the Speaker, Lok Sabha the various initiatives taken by the State under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio, for containing the spread of the virus within the State. In his concluding remarks, Speaker, Lok Sabha appreciated the efforts of the State in addressing the situation.

## T.R. ZELIANG VISITS DISTRICT HOSPITAL PEREN

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition, T.R. Zeliang visited district hospital Peren on 20th April 2020 and interacted with Medical staff and District Administration. After inspecting COVID-19 isolation ward and Personal protective Equipments (PPEs), Zeliang said that priority must be given to doctors and nurses by providing with best equipment to deal with patients. He directed CMO Peren to request Principal Director to implement

quality double layers protective equipments for Doctors in the hospital.

At a review meeting, T.R. Zeliang extended gratitude towards all the gathering presence in the meeting. He said being a citizen of the district he is also included to monitor and to combat against the pandemic. To fight against the deadly COVID-19 citizens should extend full support and efforts to follow the instructions & guidelines given by the

WHO & Government, he added.

Zeliang mentioned that because of the nationwide lockdown, people from different societies and communities are suffering and that free essential commodities for those citizens who are entitled to receive will be distributed on time. Besides the food security act, Zeliang said Prime minister of India has launched a new scheme where rice will be distributed to ration card holders per head 5kg free of cost and the scheme will continue three months effecting from April.

Meanwhile he also requested the Administration and Sub- Divisional Taskforce to continue helping the stranded students & non local migrants and non-rations card holders in the district. Zeliang also appealed the Administration and concern village authorities to completely seal every exit & entry point of the border areas.

Civil organizations & other frontline workers also expressed gratitude to DC Peren, Sentiwapang Aier and MLA T.R. Zeliang for extending assistance to the people of Peren in the

**NMC PARTNERS WITH H&FW DEPT FOR OPD SERVICES**

For the convenience of the public, the Nagaland Medical Council (NMC) has partnered with the Health and Family Welfare Department for providing OPD service in Kohima in the backdrop of the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) being converted to a COVID Hospital. The OPD service will start w.e.f 21st April, 2020 in the following locations:

PLACE	TIME
Para Medical Training Institute (PMTI), Kohima	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM (Monday to Friday)
Agri Forest Sub Centre. Kohima	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM (Monday to Friday)

The healthcare professionals who have volunteered their service during the COVID-19 pandemic are being utilized to offer this service. Depending on the availability of the volunteers, this service will be expanded to other locations and districts in a phased manner.

Therefore, any healthcare professional who wishes to volunteer for this initiative may kindly send a message mentioning name, age/sex, qualification, and address to the following WhatsApp number: 940224 5812.

**KOHIMA LEGISLATORS INSPECT MARKET AREAS IN KOHIMA**

Kohima Legislators led by Tongpang Ozukum, Minister Housing and Mechanical visited several market areas in Kohima to inspect and review the enforcement of Social Distancing rule during shopping hours on 22nd April 2020.

The committee on social distancing and lockdown enforcement has been working tirelessly to ensure that social distance is maintained by the general public while shopping for essential commodities in Kohima and had come up with a number of strategies in order to avoid congestion and rush of public at various key markets.

Tongpang Ozukum after the inspection expressed his satisfaction on seeing that the public

were finally adhering to the social distancing rule and said that the situation has improved greatly in the last few days as the public are slowly realising the importance of social distancing. He commended the various organisations and volunteers who are assisting the district administration in enforcing the social distancing rule and said that they were making an invaluable contribution to the society. He also thanked the Angami Students Union who have been looking after the welfare of the students stranded in Kohima since the beginning of the countrywide lockdown.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejewelie (NCS) who is also the chairman of the



Covid 19 District Task Force said that the District Administration is also working tirelessly to ensure that the citizens of Kohima do not suffer during the lockdown and has been coming up with plans and strategies after careful evaluation of the needs of the people and that the Administrative team is slowly learning how to best

deal with the current lockdown situation. The team visited a number of key markets namely the market at BOC, Razhu Point and High school Junction. The team after the inspection proceeded to KMC Toll Gate in NH29 to check and inspect the sanitizing of trucks carrying essential commodities.

### H&FW DEPT HOLDS PRESS MEET



Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS addressing the media personnel at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare on 23rd April 2020.

Secretary Health & Family Welfare Kesonyu Yhome, IAS convened a press briefing at the conference hall of Health & Family Welfare Department on 23rd April 2020.

Addressing the media fraternity Yhome said that the Covid19 crisis has brought to light gaps in the healthcare delivery systems in the State to meet such an eventuality including infrastructural and human resource constraints adding that the State Government and the Department is making all efforts to address the various challenges and to ensure the safety of the citizens with the strong support from all sections of the society.

In connection with the Covid +Ve patient from Nagaland at Guwahati, he stated that the Department has been in touch with the GMCH officials to enquire about his health status. He further said that as per the report received from the Superintendent, Guwahati Medical College Hospital the patient was initially tested positive for Covid19

upon admission to GMCH and subsequent second test was negative and the third time he was tested positive again. He added that the fourth test is due in few days and presently the patient is stable and been shifted from the ICU to the isolation ward for further observation.

Yhome also updated about the items received by the state till date which includes 56,000 PPEs; 2,76,000 triple layer masks; 42,000 N95 masks; 11 ICU ventilators; 09 transport ventilators and 50 C-PAP machines; 1007 B type Oxygen cylinders; 119 A Type Nitrous Cylinders and 54 Jumbo Oxygen Cylinders through various consignments.

On the issue raised about the quality of equipments being distributed to the districts Yhome said that Department cannot afford to risk the lives of the healthcare workers who are the 'Frontline warriors' in this battle against this disease. He further said that all districts have been informed to

come to the Directorate to choose and select the equipments in stock by themselves.

Yhome informed that the State Government is giving full support to the Department in the expeditious completion of the bio safety lab and the Department is pressing hard to enable the State to begin testing samples for Covid19 in Nagaland within 20 days from today.

On the issue of lockdown, he said that the Department appreciated the cooperation of all the citizens of the State adding that the Lockdown measures are very crucial as to ensure the norms of social distancing and thereby help in breaking the chain of transmission. Yhome said that Department has partnered with the Nagaland Medical Council (NMC) for providing OPD services initially at Kohima and Dimapur keeping in mind the hardships being faced by the people without easy access especially to healthcare units, physicians and pharmacies etc.

Yhome also said the Department is also

collaborating with the Times Group of India, on a Project called ProjectStepone to reach out to the citizens who requires medical consultation over the phone and citizens requiring such assistance can call the following State Toll Free HELPLINE 1800 345 0001 and they will be guided to the appropriate consultant from a pool of doctors from across India depending upon the caller's query. Yhome said that the facility will be available to citizens of the State in a few days for which a separate notice shall be issued.

He further acknowledged the assistance extended by all Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to address the challenges caused in the wake of Covid19 and hopes that this support system will continue. He also convey his sincere appreciation to the Media, both print and electronic, for exhibiting a high degree of professionalism in reporting and covering the issues on Covid19 disease caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus.

### STATE GOVT INFORMS ON PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES

The Office of the Chief Secretary, in pursuance to Ministry of Home Affairs Orders, the following activities are permitted with immediate effect:

1. Food processing industries in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
2. Industries operating in rural areas, including stone crushers, saw mills, brick kilns in rural areas i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
3. Collection, harvesting and processing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP)/ Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) by Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers in forest areas.
4. Bamboo, Coconut, Areca nut, Cocoa, spices plantation and their harvesting, processing, packaging, sale and marketing.
5. Construction activities in rural areas, to include, water supply and sanitation; laying/erection of power transmission lines and laying of telecom optical fibre and cable along with related activities.
6. Functioning of Research Establishments dealing with agriculture and horticulture activities.
7. Inter and intra State movement of planting materials and honeybee colonies, honey and other bee hive products.
8. Shops of educational books for students.
9. Shops of electric fans.
10. Recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection.
11. Functioning of food processing units such as bread factories, milk processing plants, flourmills, dal mills etc. located in urban areas.

However, as specified in the lock down measures, National COVID-19 Directives and Standard Operating Procedure for social distancing for offices, workshops, factories, establishments and farms must be ensured.



**PROTECTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AGED ABOVE 60 YEARS**

The senior citizens who are aged above 60 years and especially those with medical conditions are particularly susceptible to infections by COVID-19. In this connection, all concerned have been

requested to observe the advisory prepared by GOI for senior citizens and their care givers on how to protect them from increased health risk during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**OPD SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH VOLUNTEERED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

The Nagaland Medical Council has informed that OPD Services will be provided through Volunteered Health professionals. A very good number of Doctors including Retired Doctors, Nurses and other Health professionals have volunteered their service and in this connection, the Nagaland Medical Council has stated that through the Volunteers the OPD services will be given in the following Centres covering 4 Districts.

The following members Volunteers will be working as Co ordinator for the project:

a. State co ordinator:

I. Dr. Joyce Angami President NMC

I. Dr. Sashimeren Aier Vice President NMC

b. Kohima District - Dr. P.Ngully

c. Dimapur - Dr. Tia Naga

d. Mokokchung - Dr. Yangerla

e. Wokha - Dr. M. Kithan

The Chief Medical Officers have been requested to extend all necessary supports and services to the volunteered Medical personnel and the identified Health centres.

The District Coordinators will coordinate with the respective CMOs and the volunteered Health personnel for successful implementation.

The NMC is committed to extend all support to the Government in this fight against the Covid-19 and looking forward for more participation.

**DIMAPUR DOING WELL SO FAR : NEIPHU RIO**

Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio addressing the District Administration Dimapur, Police, Medical Department and Special Committee members at CPs Conference Hall on 28th April 2020.

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio remarked that Dimapur is doing well so far and encouraged them to continue to work not only for Dimapur but for the whole State. He said this while addressing the Dimapur district administration,

Police, medical department and members of the special Committee Dimapur in the presence of Minister Health and Family Welfare, Pangyu Phom, his other colleagues and advisors and other officials including the Chief Secretary Nagaland and

Secretary Health and Family Welfare in the conference Hall of Commissioner Police Dimapur on 28th April 2020, after his visit to Dimapur District Hospital.

Rio acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the citizens of Dimapur, the district administration, Police, Medical, Members of the special committee, NGOs, Churches, various departments and all the people involved for working so hard thus far in containing COVID 19. Rio also lauded the Ministers and Advisors for their support and cooperation in the fight against Corona virus and expected that they would continue to play their role. Chief Minister also expressed special appreciation to the Minister H& FW, Pangyu Phom for his full involvement working day and night, visiting several districts and bringing out orders for containing the pandemic.

The first lockdown was successful and the second lockdown is due to expire on May 3rd with partial relaxation particularly in the Green zone and therefore we need to educate the public and follow the guidelines of social distancing, Rio maintained. Rio said that although Nagaland do not have much factories and industries, yet the shops and construction works needs to be regulated for economic activities. Further, while mentioning that besides COVID, monsoon was also fast

approaching and felt that roads and other works needs to be activated. Rio also said that agricultural activities has to continue including lifting of machineries, sowing, harvesting as per directive from the Central Government. While reminding that 70% of Naga population comprises of farmers Rio said "When farmers do not sow there will be no harvest."

Chief Minister also noted that all construction activity materials are transported to Nagaland from other States and from Dimapur these materials and essential commodities including skilled and unskilled workers come via Dimapur. In this regard Rio advised the administration, police leaders, for formulating policy to function best for the convenience and betterment of all.

Rio also expressed gratefulness and satisfaction with the mark improvement of Dimapur COVID 19 hospital as compared to the status during his last visit on 3rd April 2020. Lot of good things has happened Rio observed. Quoting WHO that the virus would stay for a long time, Rio said "Our preparedness should be ready for today if not tomorrow."

Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy observed that isolation beds needs to be increased stating that more people would be admitted in the isolation wards than COVID hospital.

### DEPT. OF HEALTH & FW INFORMS

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented strain on the health system and currently the entire focus of the health system is dedicated in COVID-19 preparedness, responsiveness and mitigation activities. Simultaneously delivery of essential services should continue.

Therefore, an advisory from the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has stated that the NHM shall be responsible for effective delivery of essential services and to mitigate the health risk of the general population, while the directorate will continue to focus on COVID-19 management.

The MD (NHM) shall personally interact with all districts and submit Daily Report on all KPIs by 2.00pm and will designate officials as in-charge district-wise to provide all necessary information.

The MD (NHM) shall personally oversee that on no account delivery of essential healthcare services to the general population shall be compromised.

In another notification the Department has reminded all District Hospitals to continue delivery of selected services such as OPD and other day care services till such time COVID-19 patients are admitted.

The Hospital Authority shall ensure adequate measures for social distancing and triaging including barriers to prevent intermingling of patients and to avoid overcrowding in conformity with the SOPs issue from time to time. Further, all patients and attendants are to wear face mask at all times while concerned health personnel shall wear appropriate PPEs as per extant SOPs.



## NAGALAND HOUSE PROVIDES RELIEF TO STRANDED PEOPLE

The Officers and staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi, on 27th May, led by the ACS & RC Jyoti Kalash, IAS and DRC Kethosituo Sekhose, handed over a sum of Rs. 1,15,000/- to the fund for providing rations to stranded people from Nagaland, who are staying at Delhi NCR.

Mention may be made that the officers and staff are already contributing in the form of voluntary service in reaching out to the needy in spite of the difficulties and health hazards. The contribution, though small, will go a long way in mitigating the

hunger of the people from the State. Three teams from the Nagaland House is being regularly sent to various parts of Delhi NCR for distribution of dry rations to the needy, while the medical team led by Dr. Hentok Phom and Kuolie Mere is reaching out to patients from the State across Delhi to provide various assistance, consultation and vehicles monetary and blood donations in various Hospitals for their treatment.

So far, more than 750 students and Nagas stranded in Delhi and NCR were provided rations.

## STATE FUNDED AMBULANCES DEDICATED

Ten (10) numbers of ambulances which was bought, funded by Nagaland State Government was dedicated by District Hospital Dimapur Chaplain, Y.Thong who offered the dedicatory prayer in the presence of Chief Minister Nagaland Neiphiu Rio at the Dimapur district hospital premises on 28th April 2020.

The ambulances would be dispatched to various districts to cater to the health care centers

where there are no ambulances. Minister Health & Family Welfare Pangnyu Phom, hosts of Ministers and Advisors, Chief Secretary Nagaland Temjen Toy, Secretary H&FW, Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Commissioner Police Dimapur, Special Committee members Dimapur, CMO and MS Dimapur, doctors and officials from medical department and other Government officials were present during the dedicatory programme.

## STATE GOVERNMENT BANS IMPORT OF PIGS

Following the advisory issued by the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying to all the North-Eastern States for strict bio-security and bio-safety measures including restrictions on movement of pigs, the Department of A.H & Veterinary Services Nagaland has issued

a press release stating the decision of the State Government to ban import of pigs from outside the state in view of the reported



Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources donating 120 kg of local fish to the Kohima Relief Distribution Centre at Local Ground on 30th April 2020.

outbreak of "African Swine Fever" disease of pugs in the neighbouring State with immediate effect.

## BRIEFING ON COVID-19

Principal Secretary Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS informed on 30th April 2020 that a total of 53 samples have been sent for testing from the State. Results of 640 samples have been received and all are negative. The results for the remaining 13 samples are awaited. Today, a total of 1755 persons have been screened and a total of 33 persons are under Facility Quarantine.

As regard the level of preparedness in health sector, I would like to inform that there are 12 dedicated COVID-19 Hospitals in the State equipped with 25 ventilators having a total capacity of 464 beds along with 48 ICU beds. We also have 117 isolation beds in these

hospitals for suspect cases. For the purpose of transportation during medical emergencies, we have 99 Government and 40 private ambulances in the State as on today.

He informed that the number of people of Nagaland stranded, or in distress outside the state, due to the Nationwide COVID-19 lockdown who have been given cash assistance has risen to 7114 comprising of 4476 working people, 2522 students and 116 patients. On the availability of food grains, medicines, POL and other essential commodities, we have adequate stock in all districts of the State, he stated.

## MEDICAL MINISTER VISITS LONGLENG



Minister Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom accompanied by Advisor Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba, MLA, B.S. Nganlang during their visit to Longleng on 30th April 2020.

Minister Health & Family Welfare S. Pangnyu Phom accompanied by Imnatiba, Advisor Industries & Commerce and B.S. Nganlang MLA visited Longleng and inspected COVID-19 hospital, Quarantine site at Phom Lempong School, Makeshift Hospital at Government Higher Secondary School and held review meeting with the government officers and NGOs leaders of Longleng district at DC office complex on 30th April 2020.

Minister thanked the frontline workers, media, Churches, NGOs and civil societies for joining hands and working together to combat with COVID-19 and appealed for more cooperation and support in the future too. He exclusively appealed to the doctors, nurses and health workers to be mentally prepared and be practical in their assignment.

Acknowledging lack of facilities in all the hospitals across the state to combat COVID-19, Pangnyu pointed out that COVID-19 pandemic is a

wakeup call for the Department and health care workers to be well prepared and equipped with advanced health care facilities to combat with such pandemic in the future and asserted that working on COVID-19 is like battling with invisible enemies. He therefore further appealed to the people to be more cautious and take precautionary measures after the lockdown is lifted.

Imnatiba, Advisor Industries & Commerce, B.S. Nganlang MLA, M. Shayung Phom DC Longleng, CMO Longleng, Medical Superintendent District hospital Longleng, the president Phom Peoples' Council and Phom Students' Conference also spoke at the meeting. The review meeting was chaired by Pichano Kikon EAC Headquarter Longleng. Later, the team departed to Tamlu and visited hospital and Quarantine centre at GHS Tamlu. Later the entourage of the medical minister held meeting with district administration, doctors, nurses, NGOs and civil societies at Tamlu.



**DC TUENSANG ISSUES ORDER ON EXEMPTIONS**

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS has issued an order on 1st April 2020 that the following items /activities under Tuensang District jurisdiction are exempted from the purview of the Lock down with regard to COVID - 19 prevention:

1. Agencies engaged in the procurement of agriculture products including MSP operations.
2. Shops of fertilizers.

3. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field.
4. Intra state movement of harvester and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.

DC also permitted the vehicular movement of angawadi workers under Tuensang District to facilitate their functionaries to collect foodstuff from respective ICDS project offices.

**DIMAPUR DISTRICT HOSPITAL IDENTIFIED AS COVID-19 HOSPITAL**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Dimapur District Hospital has been identified as COVID-19 HOSPITAL. Therefore, the following alternative arrangements are prepared for the convenience of patients:

1. No new patients will be admitted in DH Dimapur, until further notice.
2. All existing in-patients in DH Dimapur requiring further hospitalization are to be shifted to the under mentioned hospitals, provided they can be safely moved:
  - a. Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research.
  - b. Eden Medical Centre.
  - c. Zion Hospital and Research Centre.
  - d. Nikos Hospital and Research Centre.
  - e. Nagaland Multi-specialty Health and Research Centre.

**NB:** Other Hospitals will be designated as & when required.

3. All patients requiring emergency healthcare, henceforth will be taken up the above mentioned hospitals.
4. District Health Authority will make arrangement for providing OPD services in various government health institutions like Urban Primary Health Centre Burma Camp, Urban Primary Health Centre Duncan, Primary Health Centre Chumukedima, and Police Referral Hospital Chumukedima.
5. All suspected COVID-19 cases or flu-like symptoms from any private hospital or public health centre will be referred to the COVID-19 Hospital for screening.
6. Medical expenditure for existing in-patients shifted from DH Dimapur and new emergency patients will be worked out with the respective hospitals.
7. The above mentioned treating hospital will be empanelled under AB-PMJAY if not yet empanelled. Free benefit will be provided to AB-PMJAY beneficiaries as per guideline.

For any query, contact: State Control Room: 9099607609/7085444710.

**LONGLENG DISTRICT HOSPITAL IDENTIFIED AS COVID-19 HOSPITAL**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Longleng District Hospital has been identified as COVID-19 HOSPITAL. Therefore,

the following alternative arrangements are prepared for the convenience of patients:

1. Medical services for other patients are to be taken up by converting Nyengching GHS Longleng to a make shift hospital. Further, CHC Yachem can be explored for the same.



*CM Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and his cabinet colleagues interacting with the officials of NHAK on their visit to NHAK on 1st April 2020.*



*CM Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, Dy. Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Minister Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom and other senior officials visiting the ongoing installation work of BSL-3 at COVID-19 Hospital (NHAK) Kohima on 24th April 2020.*



*Principal Director Health & Family, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie visiting  
Zunheboto District Hospital on 3rd April 2020.*



*Minister RD, Metsubo Jamir, Advisor Treasuries & Accounts, National Highways,  
Dr. Longrineken inspecting CHC Tuli and Watiyongpang Check Gate under Tuli Sub-Division on 6th April 2020.*



*With the initiative of the Tuensang Town Council (TTC), sanitation workers spraying and sanitizing the town area due to Covid-19 pandemic.*



*Advisor Water Resources, Namri Nchang paid a visit to Athibung area amid lockdown on 30th April 2020.*



*Legislators from Wokha district led by Dy. Chief Minister, Home, Road & Bridges, Y. Patton visited Ralan area to check the preparedness level on 25th April 2020.*



*IAF officials handing over Rapid Testing Kits to District Nodal Officer for Covid-19 Dimapur at Dimapur Airport on 19th April 2020.*

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, the Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Longleng District Hospital has been identified as COVID-19 HOSPITAL. Therefore, the following alternative arrangements are prepared for the convenience of patients:

1. Medical services for other patients are to be taken up by converting Nyengching GHS
2. The DH Longleng authority shall start the preparation including postponement of Non-essential elective surgeries, discharging stable patients, advising patients not to come for routine visits to the OPD if it can be avoided or postponed etc with immediate effect.
3. To make indent to the directorate for requirement of any logistics.

Longleng to a make shift hospital. Further, CHC Yachem can be explored for the same.

### DC KOHIMA INFORMS COLONY CHAIRMEN

The Deputy Commissioner Kohima has informed that necessary requirements of foodgrains have been dispatched to the wards and colonies as identified by the respective wards/colonies Chairmen on 1st and 2nd April 2020 at Kohima Relief Distribution Center, Local Ground.

In this connection, DC Kohima has instructed all the Outpost Officers, Sector Magistrates, Ward and colony chairmen under Kohima District to monitor the system of foodgrains distribution keeping in mind the social distancing in their respective wards and colonies.

### FIVE LEGISLATORS OF ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT DONATES TOWARDS COVID-19

Advisor, Tourism, Art and Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi on behalf of the five (5) legislators from Zunheboto District, (Kaito. G. Aye, Pukhayi Sumi, Tokugha Sukhalu and Kazheto Kinimi) visited Zunheboto town, to access the preparedness of the district in the event of a possible outbreak of Novel Coronavirus in the district. He met the District Task Force for Covid-19 at the Deputy Commissioner,

Peter Lichamo's residence for an urgent meeting and also visited the isolation ward in the district hospital.

The Advisor handed over cash donations of Rupees Five Lakhs from the five legislators, each donating a sum of one lakh rupees. Apart from that he also donated locally made face masks and 20 litres of hand sanitisers.

### DTF ON COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING AT KIPHIRE

District Task Force (Covid-19) Kiphire held its meeting on 1st April 2020 at DPDB hall Kiphire under the chairmanship of DC, Kiphire Sarita Yadav, IAS.

During the meeting, Additional SP Erie stated that as of now, temporary check points have been erected through local arrangements in all the entry/exit points and Village Guards are patrolling 24x7, so that people coming from Myanmar or going out from the Kiphire District have been totally restricted. He said the border has been sealed.

Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire, Government Higher Secondary School Kiphire has

been selected as Isolation centre. Religious gatherings have been prohibited while the Church pastors would be allowed to visit the houses for a child naming ceremony or conduct funeral programme. Gathering in the funeral should not be more 20 people. For the forthcoming Good Friday, mass gathering have been prohibited while pastors will be allowed to share God's messages/prayer to the public on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at several locations in the colonies. The members decided to extend 'Shopping day' to Saturday as it coincides with Good Friday.



## DC MON NOTIFIES ON COVID-19 LOCKDOWN PRECAUTIONS

In continuation of office order No.GA/DEV/COVID-19/2020/187/Dated, Mon the 25th March, 2020, in the interest of public health and safety, Deputy Commissioner, Mon Thavaseelan K IAS has directed that no other person besides the driver will be allowed per vehicle within Mon Town. Vehicles found violating this order will be penalised under Section 188 of the Indian penal Code.

DC, Mon also issued an order that received complaints from the general public that some Fair Price Shops in Mon District are selling rice, meant

public distribution, at a price more than the prescribed rate. Further, such rice is being sold in the black market as well.

In this regard, all the Fair Price Shops in Mon District are hereby strictly directed to sell the rice at the price set by the Government of Nagaland. Failure to comply with this order will lead to immediate cancellation of the Shop Permit without any exception. Any complaint in this regard can be directly sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Mon (WhatsApp No. 7005766737).

## BHANDARI INTENSIFIES PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19

Advisor Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan along with Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Orenthung Lotha NCS and CMO, Wokha held a consultative meeting on Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) with the Block Task Force, Bhandari (BTF) at the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari on 01.04.2020 to take stock of the COVID-19 situation and to discuss pertinent issues relating to it in order to step up effort to contain and prevent its entry into Wokha district.

Speaking on the status of preparedness and activities undertaken within the sub-division, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, Tiameren Chang apprised that the Block Task Force is doing all it can to ensure public health safety by utilizing every resources it has to keep the virus at bay. He also apprised that the quarantine ward set up at 7th NAP hospital has been provided with basic facilities including two sets of PPE for the time being and further stated that a proposal has been send to concerned higher authority for supply of required materials which is being awaited for arrival.

Lauding the Bhandari block as a formidable team against COVID-19 pandemic even with limited resources, Mhathung Yanthan Advisor encouraged them to continue to co-ordinate and cooperate with each other to achieve its target of allowing a zero entry or spreading of the virus among the people. Observing that Bhandari block is manning a porous cross border area he stressed on the need to take extra care in sealing off the border to ensure total safety and called for continuous effort from all teams concerned.

He also told the medical team not to hesitate in approaching the higher authority to provide them all essential materials which they require in order to equip them to fight against the pandemic more effectively.

To gap the shortage of manpower, he emphasized that retired doctors, nurses and other competent persons can be invited to volunteer during a crisis period and encouraged the block to sought their service. He also donated Rs.50,000/- to the medical team to meet exigency expenses.

## STUDENTS UNION DISTRIBUTES MASKS AT NEW PANGSHA

As part of awareness and precaution, the Wolam Nyukyan (New Pangsha) Students' Union distributed mask made by the union itself to the Village Guards and Council members who are working at the check post at New Pangsha village on 02th April 2020.

The student leaders led by its president, P. Nyukshing Lam shared awareness on COVID-19

and how they should be conscious on maintaining their own hygiene while working for the betterment of the common people.

Concerning the present situation all over the nation with lockdown and strict monitoring to tackle the spreading of COVID 19, particularly in Indo-Myanmar, there are restrictions on entry and exit of people across the boundary.



## DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY ADVISED TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES

In the event of District Hospitals being converted to dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, the Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie has advised the District Health Authority to undertake the measures to ensure continuity of specialist services for general patients for critical cases like dialysis and chemotherapy sessions in day care, emergency obstetrics services, emergency medical care and surgical procedures, provided that necessary measures are put in place to prevent intermingling of patients including putting such services in a separate block with separate entry and exit points.

If such segregation measure is not feasible,

then in addition to the identified private hospitals, nearest public health facilities such as UPHCs and other public may be identified to deliver specialist services. Private hospitals may not have specialist services in certain disciplines such as oncology etc. In such situation, the specialist of the concerned DH should extend Visiting Consultancy services,

Such services are to be continued till positive COVID-19 cases are admitted or the concerned specialist is put on COVID-19 Hospital duty. There should be an emergency exit plan to move patients out of the hospital in case of admission of COVID-19 positive case.

## DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF RATION AT KOHIMA RELIEF DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

The District Administration and DDMA Kohima has so far distributed relief ration to a total number of 7,398 daily wage earners, stranded students and travellers at Kohima Relief Distribution Center as on 2nd April 2020. The relief rations were also distributed to elderly persons, orphanage, homes, hostels and institutions under Kohima district.

ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa

informed that relief rations were distributed to all the wards and colonies for distribution by the ward/colony chairmen in order to reach out the targeted group in their respective wards and colonies. She also informed that the relief rations were also dispatched to all area administrative officers under Kohima district for distribution in the Sub-Divisions.

## MINISTER G. KAITO AYE VISITS ZUNHEBOTO TO ASSESS COVID-19 SITUATION

Minister, Agriculture & Cooperation, and Minister in charge of the district (COVID-19 pandemic) G Kaito Aye visited Zunheboto district on 4th April 2020 to assess the current situation and preparedness of all the different concerned departments at the district.

The Minister in his brief interaction with the attendees, which included, heads of concerned government departments, district task force, monitoring team, church leaders, ZCCI, public leaders, volunteers and party workers, lauded the efforts and expressed appreciation by saying that, the selfless efforts so far has been heart warming

and exemplary. But he also added that tougher times could be on the making for which everyone should be best prepared for the worst case scenario. During the interaction, the Minister urged the medical department to be precise on their immediate requirements and assured of every possible help from his side and the govt.

He appealed to the church leaders on behalf of the government to always keep them and the people of Nagaland in their prayers. The Minister appealed to all to be prepared mentally, physically in the fight against the global pandemic COVID-19.

## ADVISOR IMMATIBA DISTRIBUTES MEDICAL RELIEF MATERIALS IN ARKAKONG

Advisor Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Immatiba visited 22 A/C Arkakong

on 4th April 2020 and donated relief material to all the households under 22 A/C, 9 Villages and 11 wards, sanitizers to all the villages, masks for all the



villages council members and medicine for Community Health Center Changtongya and 4 sub-centres under Arkakong constituency, which was received by SDO (C) Changtongya Moakunzuk Tzudir. He also visited the Community Health Center Changtongya and donated the medicine which was

received by Senior Medical Officer, Dr.Jungshi.

He appreciated the good works done by the Covid19 taskforce and all the stakeholder under SDO (C) Changtongya and further encouraged them to spread the awareness in fighting against Covid19.

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES FREE RATION TO STRANDED STUDENTS

Alongwith providing essential commodities to the public the Longleng district administration has identified 21 stranded students from various school under Longleng Town and provided free ration and other essential commodities today at DC's office

complex by the Deputy Commissioner Longleng M. Shayung Phom and ADC Longleng D. Robin.

The 21 students are 9 from Yingli College, 2 from Vision Vale School, 5 from GMS Longleng, 3 from Good Shepherd School and 2 from GHSS, Longleng.

## ASSAM-NAGALAND BORDER UNDER BHANDARI SUB-DIVISION TOTALLY SEALED FOR COVID-19

ADC Bhandari, Tiameren Chang through an order dated 4th April, 2020 has issued a directive that the Assam-Nagaland border stretch under Bhandari Sub-division shall remain totally sealed entry or exit from any routes including footpaths until further order.

The order further stated that punitive

punishment shall be taken against any person violating the same order.

Directive was also issued to the Village Councils in the inter-state border area villages, to strictly monitor movement of people and to extend fullest cooperation to the district administration and to the police for effective implementation of the order.

## WOKHA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DDMA PROVIDE RELIEF



Wokha District Administration and DDMA distributing emergency relief to migrant workers, labourers, daily wage earners and stranded students on 5th April 2020.

Wokha District Administration and Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), distributed emergency relief like rice and pulses to migrant workers/labourers, and daily wage earners whose livelihood income have been affected by the lockdown in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The distribution was done on 5th April 2020

at Town hall Wokha under the supervision of District Administration, Police, Wokha District Chamber of Commerce and Industries, officials from ADS and District Project Associate, DPA (DDMA) Wokha. 458 (Four hundred and fifty eight) migrant workers, daily wage earners and 14 (fourteen) stranded students were provided relief.

## DC KOHIMA NOTIFIES

In partial modification of Order NO.NO.DCK/CON/COVID-19/2020/487 Dtd.25/3/2020 the following directives are hereby issued for strict compliance of all concerned:

1. Grocery Shops; Bakeries/Vegetable vendors/Pharmacies/shops selling essential commodities are permitted to open only on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays during the lockdown period.
2. Only one member of each family shall be permitted to come out of their homes for procurement of essential commodities from the market.
3. Only Pharmacies are permitted to remain open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.
4. The Movement of all vehicles shall be totally restricted except those vehicles which have the explicit permission of this office.
5. However, officials/staff/persons belonging to Medical / Police / District administration / paramilitary / Media/vehicles carrying essential commodities with prior permission/Emergency Medical Cases and are exempted from the purview of this order.

This order will come into force with immediate effect.

## ADVISOR HAIYING HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING AT TUENSANG

Advisor Prison & Printing and Stationery, H. Haying had a consultative meeting with DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, CMO and ADS (Supply) on 6th April 2020 at DC Bungalow Tuensang. The meeting discussed on the ongoing works on preparedness and preventive efforts of the

Task Force fighting against COVID 19.

The Advisor highlighted on his effort to distribute masks and hand sanitizers to the volunteers and VGs guarding the entry gate of each villages. He also handed over masks and litres of hand sanitizers to the CMO and District hospital.

## 7 YEAR OLD DONATES POCKET MONEY AT ZUNHEBOTO

Among the numerous donations received by the DC Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, is a heart warming and very generous contribution made by little Kitheka I Khujumi. A precocious and cheerful boy, aged 7 years, he donated his pocket money to the fight against Novel Coronavirus in the district on learning about the global pandemic and seeing the plight of the people in the district as well.

He has been saving money to buy himself a bicycle this year but instead decided to contribute it to a noble cause. The District Task Force for COVID-19 Zunheboto sent out much good wishes for his future and hoped that he would inspire others by his good deeds.



A 7-year old boy Kitheka I Khujumi donating his pocket money to DC Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo for fight against Covid-19.

## DC KIPHIRE INFORMS

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS has informed all the village councils & VDBs under Kiphire district that in the wake of recent global outbreak of corona virus disease, the Department of Rural development has decided to release 50% of grant in-aid to VDBs for the year 2019-20 to enable the villages to ensure preparedness against the spread of COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions. So, in order to ensure propriety in expenditure as well as efficiency in management and preparedness against the COVID-19 in the villages, suitable advisory have been hereby issued for strict compliance by all the village authorities:

1. It shall be incumbent upon the village authorities to ensure that the sanctioned amount be utilized judiciously and solely for the purpose of meeting the immediate needs of the rural population in combating COVID-19.
2. They village authorities shall ensure the establishment of quarantine facilities as a suitable location in their respective area of jurisdiction which is preferably away from

crowded or populated area but which is also easily accessible.

3. The village authorities are expected to coordinate with their respective PHCs/village sub health centres to formulate action plan for effective and time bound completion of setting up of the quarantine centre.
4. Quarantine centres once designated must be equipped with basic necessities like masks, hand sanitizers, soaps, separate rooms with beds and pillows, clean bed sheets, towels, most importantly individual quarantine room must also have proper ventilation, portable drinking water, electricity, sanitation and laundry services etc.
5. A detailed ACTION TAKEN REPORT along with photographs, bills and statement of expenditure pertaining to this exercise which is duly approved by the respective administration officers must be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner office Kiphire for forward submission to the government.

## DC MON INFORMS ON GIA FUND

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS has stated that as per the letter received from the Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, 50% of GIA is released as 1st instalment to enable the Villages to meet the immediate needs to combat COVID-19. In this regard, the following advisory is issued to the Villagers in regard to the utilisation of the same:-

1. 10% of the 1st instalment may be earmarked for "Active Case Search Plan", which will be undertaken by each Village Task Force for COVID-19 in their respective Villages. Guidelines for "Active Case Search Plan" will be released shortly.
2. It is advised that some amount may be utilised for arrangement of water supply, electricity connection, toilet facilities etc. In the Council

Hall or any other location which may be identified as an Emergency Quarantine Center for the village.

3. Villages are further directed to utilise sufficient amount for the purchase of essential commodities, food grains, medicines etc. for immediate urgent use or for storage in a food bank or granary for unforeseen emergencies. It is advised that a major portion be utilized for this purpose so that it would benefit the citizens of the Village.
4. It is also advised that some amount may be kept aside for meeting necessary expenditures such as transportation charge for lifting PDS rice during this period of crisis (in case the cost is not borne by the Food and Civil Supplies Department).



**BTC AND CBCC SUPPLY WATER AT PFUTSERO TOWN**

As the lock down continues throughout the state including Pfutsero town at Phek district, the Baptist Theological College and Chakhesang Baptist Church Council supplied water to the affected colonies with shortage of water at Pfutsero

town on 7th April 2020.

The Vehicle belonged to the Baptist Theological College and it was financed by Chakhesang Baptist Church council. They will continue the supply in the coming days as per necessity.

**SUKHALU, PUKHAYI VISIT ZUNHEBOTO**

Two prominent legislators Zunheboto district, Pukhayi Sema, Advisor Food and Civil Supplies, and K.T. Sukhalu, Advisor School Education visited Zunheboto to assess the current situation in the district during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The two advisors held a small interaction at the Deputy Commissioner's residence at Zunheboto town. The interaction included brief updates by the Medical Superintendent, SP Zunheboto and the CMO. Attendees included District Task Force for Covid-19, various organizations like STH, ZCCI and concerned heads of departments.

Pukhayi in his short address said that he was very pleased that the entire community is

coming together, the medical department, the police, administration, societies and organisations all working together. He also assured that there would be no shortage of essential commodities in Zunheboto for the next 3-4 months.

K.T. Sukhalu thanked all the frontline workers, civil societies and all others who are giving their best, The DC, SP, CMO, MS and other societies and organisations who are all working tirelessly for the district. He warned that all information acquired on social media is not always true and everyone should be responsible while forwarding information received on social media and verify before circulating false news.

**DC KIPHIRE INFORMS FPS TO DISTRIBUTE FOODGRAINS**

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS informed the FPS both in rural & urban to distribute the foodgrains to all the beneficiaries under PHH& AAY in the Kiphire district targeted public distribution system FREE OF COST for a period of three months (April, May and June) 2020 and ensure that foodgrains of the said scheme should reached out all the beneficiaries at the right time.

She also informed that if any FPS is found

selling/diversion or misusing the allocation meant for free distribution should be penalised by cancellation of license and action to be taken as laid down in Essential Commodities Act 1955.

She also mentioned that while distributing the foodgrains to the beneficiaries counter signature of ADS and District administration for this scheme and submit record as soon as distribution of foodgrains is completed.

**DC TUENSANG NOTIFIES ON COVID-19 SYMPTOMS FOR TESTING**

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant IAS has notified advisory to all health care institutions (this includes all public health institutions with medical officer like PHC, CHC, District Hospital, and all public sector undertakings : and also private health establishments like hospitals, nursing homes, clinics etc.) under Tuensang District jurisdiction should mandatorily submit daily report (including 'NIL' report) by 3:00PM of any patient presenting with fever AND

cough and shortness of breath. This is aimed to screen the COVID - 19 like symptoms for testing.

The daily reporting Format may send through WhatsApp No. 9612724367 or Email to [dmtuensang@gmail.com](mailto:dmtuensang@gmail.com) with the following detail Daily Reporting Format for COVID-19 Surveillance: Name of Health Institution, Date, Name of patient, patient mobile No, Address, presenting symptoms: Fever, Cough and Shortness of breath.



**PRAYER MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT LONGLENG**

The Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), Lempong, Longleng led by the Executive Secretary Tialemba Phom visited DC office, Longleng and conducted prayer meeting with the district administration, Police, government office and civil societies on 8th April 2020 at the office complex. In the prayer meeting the Deputy Commissioner Longleng Shayung Phom highlighted the overall prevailing situation of the district to contain the spread of COVID-19. He also highlighted the cooperation and support extended by the government agencies, the PPC, PSC, Phomla Hoichem, Churches and financial assistance given by the societies and individuals in combating COVID-19. Asserting that COVID-19 is a pandemic he said administration, police and medical alone cannot contain the spread of the virus without the effort of the law abiding citizens and civil organization. He therefore, appealed to the civil societies and the citizens to continue to extend their cooperation and support to the district administration

and the government agencies in the days to come.

The Executive Secretary PBCA Tialemba Phom lauded the responsibilities and consolidated effort of the district administration, the police & security personnel, government officials, NGOs and Civil Societies 24X7 under the command of the Deputy Commissioner to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the district. He advised that in this situation it's not a good time for us to criticize and point fingers at others but it's a time for us to unite and combat against the Coronavirus and added that the power of the unseen God will bring victory through the power of prayer and discipline of the people. He asserted that the people of Nagaland must be thankful to God because so far non of our people are infected by the COVID-19 that has killed thousands of lives worldwide.

EAC Yachem, Pichano Kikon and EAC, Longleng Ihoilung Chuilo highlighted various activities carried out by the district task force on COVID-19.

**RATION FOR JOBLESS LABOURERS IN VIEW OF NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN AT TENING**

The district administration of Peren led by Rhosietho Nguori and Tumben P. Tsanglao, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) and Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC) supplied ration to 19 jobless labourers due to nationwide lockdown at Tening on 8th April, 2020.

The wage workers are from Assam, Bihar

and Uttar Pradesh who were stranded in Tening Sub-division.

The workers expressed gratitude for their helping hand when they are all away from their family and home for long time facing untold hardship, lack of comfort and anxiety due to the COVID 19 lockdown.

**DC LONGLENG ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR UTILISATION OF GIA**

Deputy Commissioner Longleng, M. Shayung Phom has directed to all the BDOs and Village Councils under Longleng district to strictly follow the guidelines for utilisation of 50 % of VDB household Grant-In-Aid (GIA) 2019 - 20 solely for the purpose of combating COVID-19 and diversion of the fund to any other works or purpose shall not be permitted.

All villages should designate a Government School as COVID-19 quarantine center and fund should be utilised for renovation of the rooms,

construction of toilets (one toilet per room), electrification and water supply connection in the Quarantine centre.

The remaining fund should be utilised for procurement of basic necessities including essential commodities.

The DC also directed to submit VDB fund utilisation report along with detail report of the work done with photos for prove through their respective administrative officer.

### KIPHIRE COVID-19 DTF HELD MEETING

Kiphire DTF for Covid-19 held a meeting on 8th April, 2020 at the DPDB hall, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Sarita Yadav IAS.

The meeting agreed that Kiphire District Hospital will be converted to 'Isolation Centre' (Covid-19 Hospital) and therefore, the general patients will have to be shifted to the old building (Kiphire District hospital).

DUDA girls hostel, DUDA boys hostel, 14 IR Camp and Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire have been identified for the quarantine. While in Pungro Sub-Division GA Rest House has been marked for purpose of quarantine.

Motsuthung CMO said that 1 (one) Ventilator has been received and it will be placed at the Covid-19 ICU. Apart from this, he also gave

reports on receiving 40 PPE, 1750 N95 mask, five thermal Scanner, 2900 Triple Layer Mask. 5 five bottles 500 ml Hand sanitizer received was said to have been distributed to hospitals at Pungro, Longmatra, Amahator, Sitimi and Likhimro.

Deputy Commissioner Sarita IAS thanked and appreciated the Medical Department, the Police department and the civil Societies for co-operating well with the Administration in fight for Covid-9. She reminded the members that the grant in aid sanctioned under RD has to be judiciously utilised for the purpose of quarantine in the villages. And she further informed that all supplies received in connection Covid-19 should be distributed with the knowledge of the chairperson DTF.

### TUENSANG DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING



*DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS speaking at the Tuensang DTF review meeting at DC's Conference hall, Tuensang on 9th April 2020.*

The Tuensang District Task Force to fight preventing against COVID 19 held a review meeting at DC's conference hall Tuensang on 9th of April 2020 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kumar Ramnikant. Two more quarantine centres namely Sao Chang Government College and Government Polytechnic Sedam has been added.

Since from now there will be only institutional

quarantine, Dr. John the Nodal Officer Tuensang for COVID 19 updated on the equipment and facilities of the district to the house. The forum also discussed on the containment plan for which ADC Tuensang and ECS have been entrusted to finalize the plan. The house also decided to conduct a mock drill as awareness and preparedness check. The forum also discussed on extra checkings on the trespassing by local commuters at the Myanmar Border.



**DC MON NOTIFIES ON MANDATORY REPORT BY PERSONS ENTERING MON**

Deputy commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS has notified that in view of COVID-19 Pandemic crisis and to contain the outbreak of the infection in the District, any person who has entered the Colony/Ward/Village after 6th March 2020 till date has to be mandatorily reported to the District Helpline Nos. 9862014033 / 9862078993 / 7005687775. Further, all Colony/Ward/Village authorities have been directed to check, authenticate and report any such person to the

Helpline Nos. above for further action of the Health and family Welfare Department, Mon.

Deputy commissioner Mon, also notified that of all concerned under Mon District that all agencies engaged in farming operations and other agriculture related activities are exempted from the lockdown vide Order No.CSO/GAB-1/COM/GEN-1/2020 dated Kohima, the 24th March 2020. Therefore, movement of farmers and other persons involved in agriculture activities should not be restricted.

**WESTERN SUMI HOHO LAUDS COVID FRONTLINE WORKERS**

Western Sumi Hoho President, Dr. Kakheto Zhimomi on Saturday 11th April 2020, lauded the COVID 19 frontline workers of Dimapur district for working tirelessly day and night in the fight against COVID 19.

Nagaland has still not reported a single positive case and this is all because of your sacrifices by sealing all the borders and disciplining the people in maintaining social distance, despite so much difficulty, he said during a brief programme held in Commissioner Police Dimapur office premises.

Dubbing Dimapur as mini India where people from of all states resides, Dr. Kakheto observed that it was a difficult district for management especially in regard to law and order and social order. However, despite all these, the district administration, police and other frontline workers are rendering selfless services he noted and said, "Western Sumi Hoho salutes you and

assure that we will be behind you and give full cooperation in any eventuality. As a gesture of their gratitude, the Western Sumi Hoho served Lunch (smoke pork with Axone) to all the frontline workers fighting against COVID 19 at Dimapur.

Commissioner & Secretary, Kikheto Sema while noting Dimapur as the lifeline of all districts where all essential commodities are enroute from Dimapur, emphasised on the need for 3Gs... Coordination, Cooperation and Confidence.

DC Dimapur Anoop Kinchi IAS expressed appreciation to the Western Sumi Hoho, noting the importance of such gesture for motivating the frontline workers to work more harder.

Commissioner Police Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, on behalf of the District administration, Police and other Departments acknowledged the Western Sumi Hoho and other NGOs for their moral, physical and prayer support.

**REVIEW MEETING ON KOHIMA COVID-19 HELD**

Legislators incharge of monitoring Kohima COVID-19, Minister Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire along with Advisor Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, R. Khing, MLAs Khriehu Liezietsu and Keneizhakho Nakhro had a review meeting with District Task Force (DTF) members, Angami Public Organisation (APO) and its frontal Organisations in the DPDB Hall, Kohima on 11th April 2020.

Minister Tongpang informed that the Legislators in-charge of Kohima along with DTF team visited almost all CHCs, PHCs, Quarantine Centres, Isolation wards and COVID-19 Hospitals set up at various locations under the district and examined their preparedness levels. He thanked all the line departments, villages and towns councils for their efforts in this fight and also APO, AYO, ASU, AMK, KVYO and all other civil societies for coming forward and providing assistance to the district

administration and police for various lockdown measures. Observing the necessity of availability of essential commodities in villages and towns and also water supply for the people, the minister suggested for constitution of core committee to assist the Villages and also to monitor water supply in the district. He further sought advises and suggestions from all the elected members of the district and DTF members for collective decision and implementation henceforth.

Advisor Dr. Nicky Kire also requested the members to seriously think on how best we can help on the issue of stranded people within and

outside our state basing on the quarantine procedures for everyone safety. On the issue of movement of water tanker, Dr. Nicky said that some private parties along with Deputy Commissioner Kohima and KMC have been trying their best to arrange water for all the residents in Kohima as it necessity for every household and further felt that their movement should be considered. He further called for collective efforts and supports of all the elected members of the district to assist the people in respective constituencies and join hands together in this fight. Informing that the meeting was specifically convened to discuss on how to go about after the

*In the midst of lockdown and scarcity of water, MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro supplying water to the residents of Officers' Hill, Kohima on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Distribution of water supply will continue on regular basis till the lockdown period is over.*



21 lockdown is over, Tongpang invited for opinion and suggestion from the members, where

APO, AYO, ASU, AMK shared various areas of concerns for the welfare of all the general public as well as the targeted group. After a lengthy discussion on various issues and suggestions shared by different organizations, the meeting decided to propose the following points to the higher authority: to demand for lockdown to continue, to seal the inter-state border and monitor properly, movement of people stranded in the district to their respective district and to take care of Naga people coming back from other state with their transportation

## **LEGISLATORS FOR KOHIMA COVID-19 VISITS UPCOMING QUARANTINE CENTRE AT K. BADZE, KOHIMA**

Minister Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire, the Legislators in-charge of monitoring Kohima COVID-19 situation along with Kohima DTF members led by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie NCS and Sr. S.P, K. Sophie visited the upcoming quarantine facility centre at K. Badze, Kohima on 13th April 2020.

The team visited the designated site to review the ongoing work at the upcoming quarantine facility center, which has a total number of 304 rooms for quarantine facilities in ten buildings. S.E PWD

(Housing), K. Nakhro informed that altogether there are 26 buildings, out of which it is targeted to activate eleven buildings at present including the control room. He said that with the help of the community and line departments the clearing and repairing works commenced from last week and hope to be operationalized in a week time.

The team along with senior Government officials from the line departments inspected the ongoing works, where the legislators applauded the efforts of all concerned officers and line departments for taking the task seriously and implementing the work in much progress.



## WEARING MASK MANDATORY FOR PUBLIC OF BHANDARI

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, Tiameren Chang, NCS, today issued an order dated the 13th April 2020, stating that wearing masks has been made mandatory for the public of Bhandari sub division.

The directive for prevention and containment of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, comes into immediate effect as Bhandari sub

division is placed on high alert with positive cases having been reported from the neighbouring Golaghat district of Assam.

He also issued directive on regulation on essential commodities with a prescribed quantity permissible for purchase by a family per day for strict adherence by the public.

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TUENSANG HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH WARD LEADERS

ADC Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS and SDO (C) Tuensang, Shelly Khatery conducted a consultative meeting at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 14th of April 2020.

Shelly exhorted all leaders of the wards to take the present situation seriously and cooperate to every directive of the District administration to fight prevent against COVID 19. He also requested all the leaders see that

minimal people are on the street for basic needs and commodities.

ADC Tuensang deliberated on the importance of the prevention and lockdown to contain the COVID 19. He also highlighted on the idea of sealing of wards in case positive cases are detected. He also requested to submit names to be trained as volunteers along with ASHA and Anganwadi workers in such times of emergency.

## MAKESHIFT HOSPITAL AT LONGLENG DEDICATED

Makeshift District Hospital Longleng was dedicated today (14 April) by Beau Phom, Pastor Longleng Town Baptist Church in the presence of the Guest Speaker, M. Shayung Phom Deputy Commissioner, Longleng at Bautung Higher Secondary School, Longleng.

In his short speech the Deputy Commissioner lauded the doctors, nurses and medical staff of District Hospital and CMO office Longleng who have been working relentlessly for the safety and well being of the people. He asserted that despite shortage of manpower, experts and medical equipment they have been trying to make its own best system with the available resources to provide best health care services to the people.

The DC appealed to all the frontline workers combating COVID-19 to rededicate in their respective profession and cater to the needs of the people. He informed that the district administration and Police along with the Medical Department and government officials are busy constantly visiting villages especially in the interstate and district border to take stock of the situation. Shayung also

acknowledged the cooperation and support extended by the government agencies and civil societies to the district administration, Police and Medical department to combat COVID-19 in the district and seek more cooperation and support in the task ahead.

Earlier, Pastor Beau Phom, Longleng Town Baptist Church dedicated the Makeshift Hospital Longleng. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Lhouvizotuo Belho, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Longleng who thanked all those who have contributed and assist the Medical department in various ways. The program was chaired by Dr. Bongnau Phom.

The Makeshift Hospital at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng was made functional after the dedication program was concluded. Since the district hospital Longleng was converted to COVID-19 patients the citizens of Longleng have been informed to visit and avail medical services at the makeshift hospital at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng from now on.

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## REVIEW MEETING HELD FOR PREVENTION OF COVID- 19 AT TENING

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Rhosietho Nguori, NCS convened an emergency meeting with Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) in Town Hall on 14th April, 2020.

The SDTF assessed the situation for the prevention of COVID-19 for the sub-division and implementation of the further course of action in

the prevailing condition in the state of Nagaland.

The meeting was chaired by ADC and attended by Extra Assistant Commissioner, Tumben P. Tsanglao, Medical Officer Dr. Linyu with government officials from various departments posted at Tening and public leaders.

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## VILLAGE QUARANTINE CENTRE, A COMPULSORY FOR BHANDARI SUB-DIVISION

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Leaving no chances for slackness in its preparedness initiative for the COVID-19 pandemic risk prone inter-state border Sub-division, Bhandari, under Wokha district, Tiameren Chang, NCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, today issued a fresh order, dated the 14th of April, wherein it stated that setting up of Village Quarantine centre is made a compulsory for all the villages under Bhandari Sub-division.

The order stated that Quarantine facilities will be mandatorily set up in the villages, be it in Council

hall, village rest house or at any other place deemed convenient for the concerned village.

The order further stated that as per Government Memorandum, dated the 28th of March, 2020, 50% of GIA allocated to the villages is to be utilized towards setting up of the the Village Quarantine centres and procurement of basic necessities for the same.

Stressing on strict compliance of the order, it also directed them to set up the facilities within seven days and to prove it's preparedness with a photographic evidence of the Quarantine centres.

### DC DIMAPUR WARNS RUMOUR MONGERS

In the wake of fake news and information in social media causing panic and misinformation amongst the public, DC Dimapur Anoop Khinchi has issued an order that anyone involved in creating or

spreading false information through any means will be penalized under Section 54 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, IT Act 2008 and Section 188 of the IPC.

### DC DIMAPUR ON RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

In view of initiating effective measures to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 and in order to ensure supply of essential commodities and services to people, DC Dimapur & Chairman DDMA, Dimapur, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 30(1)&34(l) under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 issued an Order that no individual or village or colony authorities shall prevent or stop the movement of Administrative Officers/magistrate and medical personnel providing essential services within Dimapur District. DC in the Order also mentioned that no individual or village/colony

authorities shall prevent/stop the movement of Individuals/NGOs authorised by the district authority to carry out emergency duties in the wake of COVID-19 and labourers assisting the government authorities/authorised organisations working for COVID-19 should be allowed free passage to and fro from their respective homes.

DC further informed that any person/organization violating the containment measures will be liable to be prosecuted against as per the provisions of section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under section 188 of the IPC.



**MINISTER P. PAIWANG HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING AT MON**

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS stated that P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways & Land Resources and Minister-in-charge of Mon District for COVID-19 response convened a consultative meeting to discuss the second phase of the Lock Down with the District Administration, Police, NGOs and Civil Societies on 15th April, 2020 at the Conference Hall of the Office of the Deputy

Commissioner, Mon. He also visited the District Hospital on the 16th of April and donated a sum of two lakhs. The Minister made an appeal to the NGOs and Civil Societies to identify genuine needy families who were worst struck due to the lock down so that required assistance can be given to them. The Minister also had a separate interaction with doctors to understand issues faced by them.

**SAYO ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON VEHICULAR MOVEMENT ALONG NH-29**

The Southern Angami Youth Organisation has informed all vehicular movements along NH-29 to strictly adhere to the earlier notification issued, i.e 7 pm to 12 am towards Dimapur and from 7pm to 5 am towards Manipur for those carrying essential commodities of Manipur, in order to avoid unwanted incident under its jurisdiction. "However those

vehicles exempted may continue as notified by the Government" SAYO stated in a press release and it warned that strict course of action will be taken against defaulters.

Further, the SAYO advised, "all citizens to support and co-operate with the Government agencies in the fight against deadly pandemic of COVID-19."

**DC MON INFORMS TRAVELLERS**

Deputy Commissioner Mon Thavaseelan K, IAS issued an order in view of the active case detected in Dimapur, some of the areas at Dimapur like Marwari Patti, Ghorapatty including Zion Hospital have been sealed. In this regard all such persons who have arrived in Mon District on or after 24th, March 2020 from Dimapur or other parts of the State and have visited the sealed areas market during their stay at Dimapur have been directed to inform the Mon District Control Room at 9862014033 / 9862078993 / 7005687775 about such visit, so as to enable the COVID - 19 District Task Force (DTF), Mon

to take suitable preventive measures.

DC Mon also issued an order in view of the active case detected in Shillong, all such persons who have arrived in Mon District on or after March 22,2020 from Shillong, Meghalaya are directed to inform the Mon District Control Room at 9862014033 / 9862078993 / 7005687775 about the same, so as to enable the COVID-19 District Task Force (DTF), Mon to take suitable preventive measures.

Failure to comply with the advisory will attract legal action as per the provisions of law.

**KIPHIRE DTF MEETING HELD**

The District Task force (Covid-19) held meeting on 16 April, at the DPDB hall, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & chairperson (DTF) Kiphire Sarita Yadav IAS.

During the meeting, CMO Kiphire reported that so far, 690 persons have been screened where 288 were home quarantined, out of which, 158

persons have finished home quarantine. He said that one portable Ventilator has been installed at Covid hospital and 38 beds have been prepared, and can be accommodated upto 50 beds."1750 FFpi mask including other essential equipment have been received so far. Four Quarantine wards have been prepared ie DUDA girls hostel equipped with

13 beds, 18 beds prepared for medical staffs at IRB camp, ZPC boys hostel preparation about to complete in a day or two and Hopongkiu memorial hall has also been identified for quarantine." CMO Kiphire reported.

The Police department reported that so far, law and order situation in the District is peaceful. On shopping days, active interventions are being taken so that social distancing and wearing mask were strictly maintained. As per ADS, the food grains are being supplied to the public smoothly. Around 706 bags are said to be available in stock at present, and

around six truckloads to be arrived shortly.

DC said that agricultural activities are going on in a proper manner. Fire wood carrier vehicles were directed to go as per the given guidelines. Interstate and inter district Movement of the general public has been banned except for medical reasons. Plying of taxi, social gathering and religious gathering has also been banned. And therefore she called out for strict compliance. In the cases of funeral, gathering of people had been limited to 20 people. The police department has been directed to restrict incoming of people from outside the District.

### DC TUENSANG ISSUES DIRECTIVES TO OFFICES

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant IAS has issued the following directions to facilitate resumption of offices under Tuensang District jurisdiction:

1. The following departments listed below which have activities of essential and urgent nature will identify the minimum staff and officers for ensuring that the department continues to function and provide essential services: Medical/Planning/Treasury /Power/Agriculture and allied depts / DPRO / Veterinary / PHED / Social Welfare/Fire & Emergency Services / Home Guards & Civil Defence / NIC / Food and Civil Supplies.
2. All the above mentioned departments will work out and submit government registered vehicle numbers and the name of officers and staff along with 2 passport photos each with to SDO

(Civil) Tuensang, Shelley Katiry NCS for issues of passes.

3. All other departments not mentioned above are to nominate one nodal officer of officer rank and two more staff who will co-ordinate and ensure functioning of their offices so that all the essential and urgent matters pertaining to the department is look after in time. Such departments are to give details of the officers and staff along with 2 passport photos each as mentioned above. Also all HODs are to be available on telephone and electronic means of communication at all times.
4. It may be noted that only number of government registered vehicles should be given and the HODs are to make arrangements for transportation of their officers and staff in the designated vehicles of their departments.

### DC KIPHIRE ADVISES FARMERS TO FOLLOW MEASURES DURING THE CORONA LOCKDOWN

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS had advised the farmers to follow the certain precautionary and safety measures in order to avoid the field level contagious spread of corona virus:

1. All the farmers engaged should compulsory use masks or a scarf that adequately cover the nose and mouth. Ensure hand washing with soap and water frequently. Clothes must be washed after use every day.
2. Maintain safe distance of 3-4 feet during rest, taking meals; don't share meal with earphones, also drink plenty of water during farm operations

to avoid dehydration.

3. Stagger the field operation where ever possible and avoid engaging more number of farmers on the same day in a given field.
4. Engaged only the healthy farmers or labours to the extent possible and after reasonable enquiry so as to avoid the entry of any likely carrier during field activity.
5. All tools/implements or any other items used by one farmers should be sanitized and should not be exchanged in any other manner.



## REVIEW MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT DIMAPUR

To review the preparedness for COVID-19 in Dimapur district, a meeting under the chairmanship of Minister PHED, Jacob Zhimomi was convened on 17th April 2020 in the conference Hall of DC Dimapur. The meeting was attended by Advisor Power, Tovichoto, Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, MLAAzheto, Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS, Commissioner Police Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo CMO and MS Dimapur and Assistant Director, Food and Civil Supplies.

The meeting deliberated and decided on the following points:

1. Deputy Commissioner Dimapur is to deploy administrative officers for streamlining distribution of essential commodities. Also to issue directives to the village council Chairmen/GBs to ensure that essential commodities distributed under DDMA reaches the most needy persons i.e daily wage earners, stranded labourers and migrants.
2. The House discussed for providing Helpline by the district administration to the quarantined areas of Marwari Patti Murgi Patti and G.S. Road and accordingly the district administration provided the Helpline No-9609618473.
3. The meeting also decided to make arrangements for home delivery of medicine and to make fresh healthy food accessible in the quarantined areas by deploying Red Cross Volunteers.
4. The Village Council Chairmen/ GBs were directed not to obstruct movement of administration, Medical Police, Press and people rendering. Essential services under any circumstances.
5. The meeting also decided to make arrangements for home delivery of sanitised LPG cylinders and officials transporting and distributing cylinders to mandatorily wear masks.
6. DC Dimapur to issue public advisory for maintaining calm and to stay at home and also for public to mandatorily wear masks while leaving home to procure essential commodities. The public are also directed to practice social distancing fir fighting the pandemic.
7. It was decided that the CMO is to prepare the menu to be served in the quarantine centers to ensure that people under quarantine gets balanced diet.
8. Western Sumi Hoho and Naga Council Dimapur, Food and Civil Supplies Dimapur, to work in coordination with Dimapur district Task Force.



Members from CII Nagaland donating hand sanitizers and masks to DC office Dimapur on 9th April 2020.

**DC DIMAPUR INFORMS**

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS, has in an order informed all concerned that wholesale Medical Shops along Christian Literature Center lane, Nyamo Lotha Road (Church Road) will be permitted to open from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon with effect from 20th April 2020. The order from DC stated that shops located on the opposite side would remain sealed till further order.

The order also stated that only retailers shops with permit/pass issued by the Nagaland Medical Dealers Association (NMDA) will be allowed to procure medicine/medical equipment from the medical wholesale shops. (no individual customers will be allowed)

The order further said that the following precautionary measures are to be mandatorily observed:

1. To mandatorily keep hand sanitizers or provide facilities for hand washing with soap and water for the public as well as for their own staffs/workers. Further, the proprietor of the shops and establishments should regularly get the door handles, surfaces and other objects which are frequently touched by people, cleaned and disinfected.
2. Sales person, shopkeepers and other persons in contact with high number of people should wear masks and maintain 1 meter distance.

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**KOHIMA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DDMA CONDUCT HEALTH CHECK UP FOR INMATES OF RELIEF CAMP**

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The Kohima District Administration and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) conducted a basic health checkup for migrant labourers and others stationed at the Relief camp, Kohima Local ground on 19th April 2020.

Dr. Rüyangulie Paphino from Chief Medical Office (CMO) Kohima was the medical doctor who

had conducted the basic medical check-up for the inmates at the relief camp. It is stated that the inmates had come from different places within Kohima district and kept under one accommodation. Altogether 15 persons have been checked up for possible health ailments relating to coronavirus, fever, cold and tuberculosis.

**DC DIMAPUR INFORMS FARMERS**

The Dimapur District Administration has informed all concerned that farmers and other persons involved in agriculture and allied activities were exempted from the lockdown. Therefore, movement of persons involved in agriculture and allied activities should not be obstructed/hindered in the colonies as instances of violation are liable to be penalized under section 188 of the IPC.

Activities/items exempted from the purview of lockdown measures include all agriculture and

horticulture activities including farming operation by farmers, agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products including MSP operations, Mandis operated by the APMC or as notified by state government, shops of agriculture machinery, it's spare parts and repairs to remain open, manufacturing, distribution of fertilizer, pesticides and seeds, custom hiring centres(CHC) related to farm machinery and movement (inter and intra state) of harvesting and sowing related machines.

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**ADC PFUTSERO ON RELAXATION ORDER**

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Pfutsero, Phuleshe K. Yeptomhi in a circular stated that as per latest relaxation order issued by the Govt. of Nagaland, the following activities are permitted

under the Lockdown measures:

1. Vehicles carrying goods and essential commodities.
2. Shops and outlets dealing with food grains,



- food items, vegetables and daily use items will be allowed to open.
3. E-Commerce for essential commodities, vehicles used by e-commerce operations will be allowed.
  4. Home delivery services.
  5. Services provided by Self-employed persons like electricians, IT repairs, Plumbers, Carpenters etc permitted.
  6. All Construction activities, all agricultural activities and farming related activities, MGNREGA activities, Mid-day meal schemes, Social Security Schemes may resume.
- All other restrictions which were in place earlier will continue.

## ZEME YOUTH ORGANISATION NAGALAND VISITS PEREN TOWN

As COVID-19 has affected the normal living of the people, Zeme Youth Organization Nagaland visited Peren Town on 20th April 2020 to ensure that basic needs and commodities are sold as per price rate issued by the District administration.

ZYON also visited District Hospital Peren and appreciated the extra work

rendered by the Medical staff under Medical Superintendent Dr. Hatling, ZYON expressed concern seeing the poor infrastructure despite being declared as District Hospital decade back.

In a review meeting chair by Deputy Commissioner Peren Sentiwapang Aier where Opposition leader T.R. Zeliang, various HoDs, frontal NGOs leaders attended, ZYON acknowledged the District Administration, Police



*Zeme Youth Organisation visiting Peren Town during the lockdown period on 20th April 2020.*

Department and Medical Department for all their selfless service combating the global pandemic, at the same time requested the concerned authority to maintain transparency implementing all relief fund sanction for Peren District.

Furthermore ZYON also encouraged the public to cooperate and follow safety guidelines and precautions with a motto "We Conquer Together".

## DC MON INFORMS ON INSTALLATION OF COVID-19 SAMPLE COLLECTION BOOTH

As part of COVID-19 Strategy under 'Mon against COVID-19', the Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, announced the installation of a Sample Collection Booth, also known as Walk-In- Sample Kiosk (WISK) at District Hospital, Mon on the 20th of April 2020. This project was initiated and fully sponsored by the District Administration.

The Deputy Commissioner said the kiosk was constructed because the safety of the health workers is of utmost importance in the fight

against COVID-19. This kiosk act as a physical barrier between the patient and the health worker during the sample collection for COVID-19 which requires close contact between them, thus minimising the chance of exposure to infection. This kiosk will also reduce the number of PPE being used, as the doctor collecting the sample from inside the kiosk does not require donning a complete PPE set. The kiosk will be disinfected with Sodium Hypochlorite spray after each collection.

## DISTRICT COVID-19 WAR ROOM SET UP AT MON

Deputy Commissioner Mon informed that Mon District COVID-19 War Room was set up on 10/04/2020 at DRDA Conference Hall, comprising of officials from District Administration/Police/Health and family Welfare and various line departments of the District. The War Room acts as a single point for information collection in addition to monitoring people under quarantine on a daily basis. The District War Room has been coordinating the conduct of Active Case Search throughout the District and is also training various team members and volunteers and contact Listing & Cluster Containment Strategy.

Four Sub-Divisional War Room have been setup at Tobu, Aboi, Tizit and Naginimora Sub-

Divisions to function as an auxiliary of and in tandem with the District COVID-19 War Room.

DC Mon also notified that the District Administration, Mon conducted a one day training on 'Contact Listing & Tracing' for COVID-19 District Control Room/War Room Personnel, Police and Frontline Health workers on the 20th of April 2020.

Dr. Kumkiuba was the resource person for the training where he briefed on the contact listing and tracing plan for Mon District, the main objective of which is to trace all suspected persons who have come in contact with COVID-19 positive patients and quarantine/isolate them as the case may be. This is critical in order to contain the spread of the virus.

## DC TUENSANG NOTIFIES ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

In pursuance to letter received from Home Department Government of Nagaland dated the 21st April 2020, regarding consolidated revised guidelines of lock down, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant IAS has ordered the following construction activities are allowed under Tuensang District:

1. Construction of roads, irrigation projects, building and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs in rural areas.
2. Construction of renewable energy projects.
3. Construction of works in construction projects within the limits of Town Councils where works are available on site and no workers are to be

brought in from outside.

All such constructions works should get permission from respective area Administrative officer by submitting the details of manpower/location of work/nature of work/vehicles involved in construction work.

Further all locations where construction activities are proposed to be commenced, strict measures shall be taken to ensure social/physical distancing and all other necessary health safety protocols.

Any violations of the above order will automatically cancel such permissions and will attract penalty as per provisions of the Disaster Management Act.

## MASSIVE HAILSTORM HITS VILLAGES UNDER PUNGRO

Heavy rain accompanied with massive hailstones hit several villages in Pungro Sub-Division, Kiphire District on 21st April 2020, around 3:00 pm causing extensive damage and left the villagers in an intense difficulties.

Hailstones measuring at least one and half to two inches wide has destroyed 273 houses in Salomi, forty two houses in Khonsa EAC HQ and 66 ( sixty six ) houses in Moya. It also effected 60 (sixty

houses in Penkim, 35 houses Pungro town, 15 houses in Pungro village, 12 houses in New Wongti and 9 (nine) house were damaged in Kiuro village on Tuesday as per the assessment of Administration Pungro Sub-Division.

ADC Pungro Abhinav Shivam IAS, along with subordinate officers, VGs and NGOs visited the affected area and provided several bags of rice and some materials rolls of plastic to enable them to

mend their homes as an urgent, safety measures.

Meanwhile, the administration is also tying up with RD department in order to provide CGI sheet to all the affected households / villages. EE Power Department Tuensang has

agreed to send 35 rolls PVC wires by tomorrow for restoration of wiring in Salomi. PHE department is about to assess the damages of pipelines in Khonsa, so as to quickly restore damaged pipeline.

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## DC KOHIMA LAUNCHES FREE RATION DISTRIBUTION UNDER PMGKY

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejewelie NCS, launched the free ration distribution program under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana at Naga Hospital Colony on 23rd April 2020.

Under the free ration program rice will be distributed for free to poor families in Naga Hospital colony through the fair price shop located in the

colony. 5kg of rice for each member of the family will be distributed to the impoverished families each month under the scheme. The scheme is a live saver for many families struggling to make ends meet during the lockdown period as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. However the scheme can be availed only by AAY and PHH ration card holders.

## FOGGING CARRIED OUT AT TAMLU

In connection with combating COVID-19, Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along and Mr & Mrs Henok Buchem donated fogging machine, medical equipments and essential commodities consisting of 5000 masks, 300 litres of hand sanitizer and 2500 kgs of rice to Tamlu sub-division.

Accordingly fogging was done at Tamlu town on 22nd April 2020 with the machine provided and the donated medical equipments and essential commodities were also distributed to the villages under Tamlu, Yongnyah and Namsang areas through the district administration led by ADC Tamlu Chingak Konyak.

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## BLOCK WISE TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/POLICE/NYK ON COVID-19 DUTY HELD AT KOHIMA

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Block wise training for Sechü and Kohima Sadar administrative officers/police, NYK and NDRF volunteers for COVID-19 duty under Kohima district was held at DB's Court, DC Office Kohima on 24th April 2020.

Dr. Rupert DIO Kohima gave a brief introduction on COVID-19 and also highlighted the containment plan of Kohima district. He said the containment plan is to focus attention on a specific geographic area reporting COVID-19 cases so as to prevent its spread (or to contain it), which will be of 14 days duration. Mapping of the affected area will be decided by the CMO coordination team in consultation with the block volunteers and District Task Force where an area of 3 km radius around the epicenter (residence of positive case) will be the containment zone while a buffer zone of an additional 5 km radius (7 km in rural area) will be

added where new cases are most likely to appear.

Highlighting on the strategic approach for containment, Dr. Rupert said that the area of operation will be defined and active search of cases, symptomatic contacts, contact listing and tracking, quarantine and follow up of contacts will be taken up and all precautionary measures for safety of the community will be followed and disseminated where the services of healthcare workers, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers and ANMs and additional workforce from Red Cross, NSS, NYK and NDRF and Ayush Students volunteers will be required to activate the task in coordination with the community health centres. He further highlighted on the information decision for containment plan in case of COVID-19 positive under the district and activities in containment and buffer zones.



Dr. Rupert also informed that under the district, facilities have been set up and available at COVID-19 Hospital at Chedema and NHAK, Isolation Hospital at TB Hospital, Khuzama and Quarantine Facilities at ATI, Meriema and K. Badze while in block level quarantine facilities available at Tseminyu CHC Govt. High School, Town Hall, Chiephobozou CHC, Toupheima Dormitory Tourist Village, Botsa Guest House, Khonoma, Jotsoma and Sechü near ABCC Prayer Centre.

Resource person, Dr. Asunu DTO Kohima presenting on the personal protective measures highlighted on the importance of hand washing, social distancing, masks management and also

highlighted in detail on the importance of respiratory hygiene/etiquette, which can reduce the spread of microorganisms (germs) that cause respiratory infections (cold, flu). She further pointed out to avoid close contact when one is experiencing cough and fever, to avoid spitting in public places and to seek medical care early and share previous travel history with health care provider for safety and to protect others from getting sick.

Dr. Asunu also demonstrated on how to put on and how to remove (donning and doffing) of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before and after visiting a treatment center or isolation unit with one of the volunteer present in the training.

### REVIEW MEETING ON COVID-19 HELD AT SATAKHA

Minister of Agriculture & Cooperation, Kaito Aye, visited Satakha on 22nd April 2020 and had a review on preparedness of SDL-Task Force on covid19.

ADC Satakha, EAC Satakha & MO Satakha shared the problems faced and requested for his guidance & intervention. The Minister donated a

sum of Rs1,00,000/- (one lakh) towards SDL-Task Force Satakha along with following items- Hand sanitizer 95 litres, 1500 masks, 4 sets of PPE, and 24 bottles of Disinfectant Phenyle. The Minister further assured that necessary facilities required at the designated quarantine centre will be provided and put in place at the earliest.

### DC DIMAPUR SETS UP COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BENEFICIARIES

As directed by the Home Department for distribution of relief to daily wage earners and labourers in the district, the DC of Dimapur has set up a Committee for identification of beneficiaries and distribution of relief packages with Executive Magistrates of the concerned area as Convener and Sector Commanders of the concerned area, GB of the concerned village/colony, Chairman of the concerned village/colony, Women representative of the concerned village/colony, youth representative of the concerned village/colony, 1 NGO representative of the concerned village/colony as members.

The committee is to identify the beneficiaries and submit the list within two days from

the date of issue of order. DC stated that in view of the lockdown, all economic and commercial activities has come to a standstill a relief pack of essential commodities like rice, dal, m oil, sugar etc will be given to 11,000( eleven thousand) beneficiaries under Dimapur District to mitigate the hardships being faced by the daily wage earners and labourers. Each beneficiary will have to produce his Aadhaar or voter ID card or any other government ID with photo, sign with receipt as per format and his photographs along with the supplied packet will be taken in a mobile phone or digital camera and the collected photos will be transferred into a pen drive and kept for record to be submitted to NSDMA.

### MON LAUNCHES MOBILE APPLICATION

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K IAS notified that given the unprecedented spread of COVID-19 and urgent need for tools to navigate this

global health crisis, District Administration, Mon has launched a Mobile Application 'NL-SOJOCOVID'.

The Mobile App will monitor the current,



pervious and future movements of people under observation for COVID-19. Additional features include tracking user locations and profiles, vital sign information, where people have last travelled and how they are progressing daily.

Communication includes receiving alerts

about users' locations for compliance with local safety guidelines, sending mass messages, email and SMS emergency calls.

The application is available in the Google Play Store. Citizens can download the app and use directly from their smartphones.

## TUENSANG DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON COVID-19

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID - 19 held a review meeting in the conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner (DC) office Tuensang on 25th April 2020 under the chairmanship of DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS

The meeting reviewed the present status of the preparedness in relation to COVID-19 and the return of stranded students/people from Dimapur, Kohima who are to be brought back to district. Detailed screening will be done which is to be followed by home quarantine for 14 days.

Discussions were also held on the

procedure for handling of dead bodies and its disposal in case of any eventually due to COVID-19. In this regard, members agreed to find out an isolated land of plot for burial ground. The meeting also resolved to have a plan of action in case of detection of any case occurs on COVID-19 and also to set up a "District War Room" as call and media centre. The DC presented the present status of preparedness on COVID-19 and its other relevant issues and urged everyone to be aware of infection prevention control at all times as the present situation may not stop at one go.

## LONGLENG DTF ON COVID-19 DELIBERATES ON IMMEDIATE POSTING OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST

An immediate posting of an Anaesthesiologist at COVID-19 hospital, Longleng was discussed at length in a review meeting of the Longleng District Task Force on COVID-19 held on 24th April at DC's conference hall. The representatives of the NGOs and civil societies who are the co-opted members of the DTF expressed their displeasure with the department for not deploying an Anesthesiologist to the lone hospital

and asserted that it was an injustice to the people of Longleng District. They informed to take the matter to the Government for necessary action at the earliest.

Pichano Kikon, EAC Yachem presented a power point on the structure of COVID-19 Incident Response System comprised of various sections, the roles and responsibilities of each sections and checklist for effective response to combat COVID-19.

## CMO OFFICE KOHIMA TRAINS SDRF AND NDRF PERSONNEL ON COVID-19

Personnel of SDRF and NDRF were given a one day training on how to effectively tackle the Covid-19 pandemic in Kohima on 25th April 2020 by the office of the Chief Medical Officer Kohima.

The training included a detailed

presentation on three important topics namely introduction to Covid-19, Kohima District Containment Plan and Personal Protective Measures. Deputy CMO Kohima, Dr. Hoito Sema was the resource person at the training.

## FREE RATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM UNDER PMGKAY LAUNCHED AT PEREN DISTRICT

EAC Peren, Seyievilie Pfukri in the presence of ADS Peren, Ward Chairmen of Peren

town and Civil Society representatives launched the Free Ration Distribution program under Pradhan

Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme at Fair Price Shop, Peren Town on 25th April, 2020.

While launching, the EAC stated that the government of India has launched the scheme for relief during the COVID-19 crisis and under PMGKAY Scheme, Priority Household (PHH) & AAY ration card holders under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) will receive 5kgs of rice per person per

family free of cost for three consecutive months i.e., for the month of April, May and June.

Meanwhile, in Jalukie town Free Ration Distribution program under PMGKAY Scheme was also launched by ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang. EAC Jalukie, representatives from various civil societies and Ward Chairmen from different blocks of Jalukie were also present in the launching program.

## **DIMAPUR DISTRICT CORE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Convenor, Empowered Group, Dimapur district, also the APC and Commissioner Secretary Agriculture, Y.Kikheto Sema, IAS convened a meeting of Dimapur district Core committee on 24th April 2020 in the conference Hall of hotel Saramati Dimapur.

The Committee was formed basically to oversee the preparedness for institutional Quarantine/ Observation and to facilitate the people returning to the state after the lockdown period.

In the meeting, Kikheto re-iterated that the government has been focussing more in Dimapur district owing to the fact that Nagaland would fail if Dimapur fails. To fight the pandemic, we need 4Cs, Cooperation, Coordination, Confidence and Contribution, he added.

Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Honje Konyak informed that he has physically verified all the hotel's at Dimapur and highlighted on the available accommodation.

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS, advised the various Committee

members to start planning and to start implementing their role as assigned.

The meeting also discussed for partitioning of rooms in the Government institution facility centers and also appealed to the churches through the JCF to discuss and work out whether Church Rest houses can be used as observation centers.

Various Sub-Committee's for Dimapur district has been constituted, comprising of Accommodation Committee with Revenue Officer, Mhalo Humstoe as the Convenor, Reception Committee with EAC Chumukedima, Thejavizo Nakhro as Convenor, Transportation Committee with AGM, NST, Thomas as Convenor, Control Room/ Grievances Cell with General Manager NIC Tokugha Achumi as Convenor, Fooding Committee with EAC, Avonuo Kire as Convenor, Media and Publicity Committee with DPRO, Lolano Patton as Convenor, Water Supply Committee I/c Er. Vikeduolie E.E Rural and Urban, Power Committee I/c E.E. Power, Er. Imsankaba, Sanitation Committee I/c Albert Ezung, Administrator DMC.

## **DC, DHO DIMAPUR DISTRIBUTE SEEDS**

Department of Horticulture distributed vegetable and fruit cartoon box to the farmers and vendors at FPO organic daily market, behind super market Dimapur on 24th April 2020.

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi, IAS, along with District Horticulture officer

Temsu Longkumer handed over the packaging materials in the presence of FPO members.

Meanwhile, DC Dimapur has consented to arrange two Tata Mobile vehicles for transporting farm / local produces to the market and also to provide permit for supplying the local produces to different locations.

## **DY. CHIEF MINISTER VISITS RALAN AREA**

Four Legislators from Wokha District led by Dy. Chief Minister, Home & Road and Bridges,

Y. Patton who is also In-Charge of COVID-19 for Wokha district visited Ralan Area to check the

preparedness level and held interaction with the public on 25th April 2020. The prime motive of their visit was to take firsthand information with regard to COVID-19 pandemic crisis as Ralan Area the lower range of Lotha shares a close border with Assam State.

Ralan Area Lotha Hoho, Chairman, Samuel Oving while apprising about the preventive measures undertaken by the area people on COVID-19 pandemic he stated that the real challenges to contain the crisis is to have health care facilities and man power to manage the crisis, whereby he requested the Dy. CM and his colleagues to urgently post Medical Officer at PHC Ralan which is lying vacant and posting of additional security man power to curb frequent use of cross border activities undertaken by substance abusers and peddlers taking advantage of the total lockdown.

Y.Patton while appreciating the general

public for taking their responsibilities to contain the pandemic disease in spite of many challenges has assured the public that he along with his colleagues will pursue their grievances at the higher level.

Y.Patton also handed a cash amount of Rupees One lakh Twenty Thousand (Rs. 1,20,000/-) to Chief Medical Officer, Wokha for maintenance of four ambulance for smooth accessibilities during emergency situation.

The Dy. Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor, Horticulture & Border Affairs, Mathung Yanthan, Advisor, Higher Technical & IT, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon, MLA Dr. Chumben Murry, Jt. Secretary Border Affairs L. Jamithiung Lotha, DIG (Border) Videlalie Zashumo, Sr. SP (Border) James Mhonbemo Humtsoe, DC & Chairman District Task Force Wokha, Orenthung Lotha, CMO Dr. W. Tungoe and DDMA Wokha unit Mercy Kithan.

### KVC ISSUES 'NO OBJECTION FOR BURIAL OF COVID-19 VICTIMS'

The Kohima Village Council (KVC) Chairman, Dr. Neiphi Kire and Secretary KVC, Zeneizo Rutsa has issued 'No objection for burial of COVID-19 victims' stating that the decision was taken in an emergency meeting held at KVC Panchayat Hall on 26th April 2020.

The meeting was attended by KVC Executive body members including Khel Presidents, representatives of GBs, KMK, KVYO, KVG OA, VDB and village elders. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the controversial issue of burial of COVID-19 victims. The meeting was addressed by Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire, MLA Khriehu Liezietsu, Deputy Commissioner Kohima Gregory Thejawelie NCS, Principal Director Health & Family Welfare Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie and his team of senior Doctors.

In the meeting, a thorough discussion was held regarding the disposal and burial of COVID-19 patients in the event of an unfortunate death. The dilemma as to whether the dead body should be brought home/to the village for burial, after

being properly put in plastic body bags, disinfecting the coffin and after taking all necessary safety precautions was deliberated. To this end, the Health & FW Department unequivocally made clear that there would be no additional risk of infection after a dead body is properly attended and treated as per protocol. It was thus unanimously agreed in principle that the dignity of the dead, the religious traditions and their families should be respected and protected throughout. And that after observing all the standard precautions, the mortal remains of the COVID-19 patient would be allowed for burial in the Village/Cemetery/burial ground of the family or Church, without any discrimination taking utmost care.

The Kohima Village Council further expressed their appreciation to the Health & FW Department, the District Administration and all Frontline workers for their tireless efforts as they continue to fight the Corona Virus pandemic in the State.



## LEGISLATORS HOLD MEETING WITH MOKOKCHUNG DISTRICT TASK FORCE FOR COVID- 19

Legislators from Mokokchung district, Minister for Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Imnatiba, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship held meeting with the District Task force headed by the Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir at the ADC Planning conference hall on 25th April 2020. The meeting reviewed and discussed on the preparedness of Task force in the District in the eventuality of possible outbreak of COVID-19 in the district.

Preparedness activities like COVID

Hospital status, Quarantine facilities and disposal of dead bodies' return of stranded students/people to the district were thoroughly discussed. Addressing the meeting the Minister appealed all concern to contribute ones best. He also assured that he along with colleagues will pursue the grievances at higher level if there is any and asked the members to sensitize the general public especially the rural populous on the do's and don'ts in fight against the dreaded virus.

The meeting was also attended by representative from Ao Senden, ABAM, and NGOs.

## TSEMINYU DISTRIBUTES FREE FOODGRAINS

Department of Food & Civil Supply, Tseminyu under the Supervision of Inspector F&CS Sashila Pongen, distributed food grain (free of cost) to all nine Ward/FPS at its godown in Tseminyu town on 27 April 2020, for distribution to all ration card holders in Tseminyu Town. The distribution program was held in the presence of ADC Tseminyu Nokchasashi Kichu.

Inspector, Sashila Pongen thanked the

Centre and the State Government for releasing the food grain/free of cost for ration card holders as relief on account of Covid-19 pandemic for three months, April to June. Sashila also reminded that this time distribution was for the month of April and May.

ADC Nokchasashi along with officials had inspected FPSs where ration card holders were in queue, maintaining social distancing.

## ADC BHANDARI INFORMS ON SWINE FEVER

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari Tiameren Chang has issued an order for all the villages under sub-division Bhandari in Wokha District.

The order stated that the information has been received from the Department of Animals Husbandry and veterinary services, Government of Nagaland on reported occurrence of swine fever disease in Assam state of Jorhat and Sibsagar District.

Therefore in order to prevent Swine fever disease, import of pigs from outside Bhandari shall

remain totally banned until further notice. Any cases of swine flu disease have been asked to report immediately to the District Administration. Any person who intends to slaughter Local reared pigs should obtain clearance from the Authority, the order stated.

In addition, that any person found selling meat by the roadside violating the Covid-19 lockdown norms shall be penalized as per relevant sections IPC and Epidemic disease Act 1897. Therefore public has been asked to extend full co-operation.

## SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON COVID 19 AT MOKOKCHUNG

Area wise (Sub- Division) Sensitization on COVID-19 in Mokokchung District which is scheduled from 27th April to 3rd May 2020 began on 27th April 2020 at Town Hall Mokokchung. Representatives from 18 Villages and three Units from Ongpangkong Range attended the Sensitization programme.

Members present in the programme included

three members representing the Village Counsel from every Village/Unit, Pastor from all Village/Unit and two teachers from every Village/Unit. Sensitization Team on COVID-19 were Chief A.H & Veterinary Officer, Mokokchung, Dr. B.M. Sunep, ZLO, Dr. Yanger and EAC Ongpangkong (South), Sangpangchang Longkumer.



**TABLE TOP EXERCISE FOR COVID-19 AT TUENSANG**

In view of potential outbreak of COVID - 19 in the district, Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) on COVID and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) will conduct a Mock Drill on 29th April at GHSS Tuensang. In this regard, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) & CEO DDMA, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS conducted a Table Top Exercise on 28th April 2020 at Deputy Commissioner Conference hall, which is a preparatory to the event.

During the exercises for the mock drill members discussed capabilities of the district how to respond and manage the case of detection of COVID - 19 positive in the district. Exercising the event, Dr. John from District Hospital Tuensang highlighted the Case Scenario for this mock drill. Briefing the members John also reminded the responsible officers who will be instructed for the participation.

**TRAINING HELD FOR OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR COVID-19 DUTY UNDER INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (IRS)**

A one day training for Officers proposed for Covid-19 duty under Incident Response Team (IRS) was held in Kohima on 28th April 2020 at DPDB hall by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer Kohima. The main objective of the training was to ensure that the Incident Response Team was prepared to tackle any issue relating to the outbreak of Covid-19 in the District. The resource persons gave a detailed explanation along with visual presentations on seven vital topics which are: introduction of Covid-19, Containment Strategy, Roles and Responsibilities, Contact Tracing, Data Management, Personal Protective Measures and End of Life Care Management. The training was conducted by a team of Six resource persons led by Dr. Vezokhulu Theyo CMO Kohima and her colleagues Dr. Hoito Sema Dy. CMO, Dr. Ruyangulie Paphino MO,MMU, Dr. Aseno Rhetso DSO, Dr.

Asunu Thong DTO and Dr. Rupert Peseyie DPO (RCH/UIP).

Deputy Commissioner Kohima Gregory Thejawelie NCS thanked the Chief Medical Officer Kohima and her team for initiating and taking up the responsibility in providing proper training and awareness to different sections of the society and government officials with regard to the numerous issues related to Covid-19. He further expressed that all the concerned government officials, NDRF, SDRF, NYK and the NGOs after the training would now be aware of their respective roles and responsibilities and will be able to effectively tackle any issue that may arise with regard to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The training was followed by a brief discussion on a table top exercise for the District Incident Response Team with regard to conducting a District level mock drill on 30th April 2020.

**TRAINING FOR POLICE PERSONNEL, ASHAs & ANGANWADI WORKERS HELD AT JALUKIE**

Medical Department, Peren organised training for Police personnel, ASHAs & Anganwadi workers at ADC Jalukie, Conference Hall on 28th April, 2020 with DSO, Dr. Kevi Meyase, MO CHC Jalukie, Dr. Albert and DIO, Dr. Asangla as the resource person.

The trainees were trained on different topics which includes; cluster containment strategy and

community surveillance, COVID-19 contact line listing, house to house search of suspected COVID-19 cases in a cluster, daily reporting format for Supervisor/block, contact listing & follow-up for frontline health workers and COVID-19 dead body management.

The participants were also demonstrated on proper hand washing technique and donning & doffing of PPEs.

## MEETING ON COVID-19 AT NOKLAK

A Sub-divisional Task force meeting was held in Noklak which was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS. All the initiative taken so far with regard to quarantine center upgradation, sanitation measure, patrolling duties and essential commodities was discussed with the members. The members suggested the need to further sensitise the interior village with

regard to usage of mask and social distancing. SMO, Noklak Victor NC highlighted shortage of Doctor in Noklak. The house agreed to recommend to the government immediate posting of gynaecologist. The members also dwelled on the need for PPEs and body bags as precautionary measures. It was decided to write to higher authority to ask for additional protective equipment and disinfectant.

## DC LONGLENG INFORMS ON CONTACT TRACING OF COVID-19 CASES

DC Longleng, M. Shayung Phom has informed that a training of "Contact Tracing of COVID-19 cases" for the Department's and organisations will be held at Deputy Commissioner's lobby as scheduled below.

1. The Surveillance team Longleng block and Police force on 29th April 2020 at 11.00 Am.
2. The Red Cross society Longleng, NYKS, Ward Authorities and Phom Students'

Conference (PSC) on 30th April 2020 at 02:00 Pm.

Therefore, all concerned are directed to attend the training positively as scheduled. In addition the Medical Officer at the block level are also directed to conduct the said training in their respective blocks positively and submit an action taken report supported by photos of the training conduct at their blocks.

## MOCK DRILL ON COVID 19 SITUATION CONDUCTED ACROSS THE STATE

### TUENSANG:

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) conducted a mock drill at GHSS Tuensang on 29th April 2020. This is only a simulation of real emergency situation and exercise to measure the readiness and preparedness plan of the district and also tackling actual situation in event of unfortunate outbreak of COVID - 19.

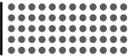
According to the mock drill situation as soon as the news broke about a patient from District Hospital (DH) Tuensang that patient was tested positive for COVID - 19, the stated that the positive patient was 24 years male residing with his parents at 'B' colony High school area in Tuensang Town, he was arrived from Dimapur by taxi on 14th April 2020. Then the hectic case scenario was started with the following exercises:

The family members of the positive patient

were taken away by ambulance to designated Quarantine centre and collected their samples and sent for testing. The driver, passengers and friends of the patient were instructed to undergo strict home quarantine on the same day by the CMO control room. Basing on the information from Rapid Response Team (RRT) and after the urgent District Administration and Police sealed the containment zone along with the District Hospital seal immediately.

Disinfecting the containment zone, district administration also deployed the field level workers of Anganwati / Asha / Trained Volunteers for contact tracing. Mock drill exercises witnessed development of the actual resources personnel like medical workers, security personnel, trained volunteers and other officers and machineries and equipments like ambulance, trucks, protective gears/PPEs, sealing ribbons etc.





DC Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS briefing the mock drill on Covid-19 at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 29th April 2020.

### **PHEK:**

The district Administration, Phek and District Task Force on COVID-19 conducted a Mock Drill on 29th April at Phek Town to test the preparedness of the DTF in handling emergency situation in the event of COVID-19 outbreak in the District.

Through the conduct of the Mock drill the district Task Force aims to review the COVID-19 response plan and containment strategy, enhance coordination with the various Government resources, manpower, logistics and communication.

The scenario for the Mock drill included reporting to the Control room regarding a person showing symptoms that are associated with COVID-19, transporting of patients to COVID Hospitals, swab sample collection, sending of sample to the testing centres, handling of COVID-19 patients and quarantine of relatives.

The Mock drill was followed by debriefing by the Deputy Commissioner and chairman of District Task Force on COVID-19 at DCs Conference hall where certain gaps and suggestions noted by the observers were deliberated upon.

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### **SMO NOKLAK INFORMS ON OPD SERVICES**

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Senior Medical Officer, Noklak Dr. Victor N.C notified that, in view of Covid-19 pandemic and also for effective screening and monitoring of patients coming to Community Health Centre, Noklak, the OPD timing and screening of patients will be done in the main gate from 9.00am to 2.00pm. The Covid-19 suspected patients will be transported to the Covid-19 isolation ward after screening and the general patients without having Covid-19 symptoms will be allowed to enter into the hospital along with only one patient attendance. Hospital admission will be done only for the serious patients

and the minor illness to be disposed off after necessary treatment.

This is in order to effectively isolate the Covid-19 suspected patient from general clients and also prevent cross infection among the people. No vehicle except hospital ambulance will be allowed to enter inside the hospital compound. The main hospital gate will be under lock from 2.00pm to 8.30 am however, serious patients who are unable to walk will be allowed to enter the gate after screening and the vehicle to be immediately send outside hospital compound.

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### **FREE RICE DISTRIBUTION UNDER PMGKAY AT MON**

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Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, along with the Assistant Director and other Personnel of the Department of Food and Civil

Supplies and Manager, Food Corporation of India, Mon launched the first phase of free rice distribution for the month of April and May under Pradhan



Mantra Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) Scheme in Mon Town on 27th April 2020.

Under the PMGKAY Scheme, 5 Kg of rice per month shall be distributed free of cost to every member of a PHH and AAY Ration Card household for April, May and June.

Advance distribution of rice (Regular) for the month of May and June for PHH and AAY beneficiaries has been completed. The free rice under PMGKAY for June will be distributed in the

second phase in May 2020. In the first phase, free rice will be distributed only for April and May.

Criminal proceedings will be initiated against any Individual/Organisation/Village or Ward Council/Fair Price Shop found selling the free rice.

All FPSs are to mandatorily use the e-POS device during issue of rice as directed by the Department.

If there is any complaint in this regard, one can call 8974406511.

### **FREE RICE AND RATION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AT VANKHOSUNG, WOKHA**

Free rice was issued to residents of Vankhosung and its adjoining areas to the PMGKAY (AAY & PHH) ration Card holders on 28th April 2020.

Chairman, Vankhosung Community, Sukumo Patton and Secretary, Yentsao Enni who distributed the rice stated that under community initiative, daily wage earners and construction workers residing within the community were also given relief ration to assist them to tide over the

lockdown period.

On earlier occasion, Self Help Group, Sharon VLO Wokha village, Vankhosung also distributed free rations that included Rice, Potatoes and Canned fish products to the elderly persons and needy families in and around Vankhosung. The VLO office bearers led by its president, Mrs, Lireni Kikon also visited and delivered the ration items to the aged citizens at their homes.

### **MEZOMA COVID-19 COMMITTEE DONATES PACKAGES OF ORGANIC GREEN VEGETABLES TO KMC**

Mezoma COVID 19 Committee donated 600 packages of organic green vegetables to Kohimal Municipal Council (KMC) on 29th April 2020. The KMC Administrator Kovi Meyase expressed his thanks and gratitude to the committee for their support and their act of humanity. Meyase also stated that the donation will not only go towards

helping his staff but bulk of the vegetables will be handed over to the district relief centre at the local ground, Kohima for distribution to the poor and needy.

In appreciation, the KMC also handed over a hand spraying machine, disinfectant liquid and masks to the village.

### **ADC ABOI NOTIFIES ON MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Additional Deputy Commissioner Aboi, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS has notified that in order to combat the spread of Covid-19, it is important to maintain practices of social distancing in the lives of every citizen. Since the imposition of lock down in certain places like banks and ATMs have witnessed extraordinary rush in order to avail various govt. benefits under PMGKY. As a result, maintaining social distancing in such places have become a challenge.

Therefore, need has been felt to redesign such market places to enable automatic adherence to social distancing. Keeping this in view, Aboi Anti covid-

19 task force has installed social distance Queue sheds outside the Banks and ATMs and the number of permitted inside the bank is also restricted.

The sheds are therefore to be used by citizens while waiting for their turns and seats in the sheds have been set up at the gap of two metres as per the recommendation of WHO. All seats are numbered as per the position in queue so as to help pregnant women, old age, pensioners and differently abled persons. Therefore, the public as well as the departments have been asked to comply with the preventive measures.



## MEETING WITH VARIOUS SAMAJ HELD AT DIMAPUR

APC and Commissioner & Secretary & Convenor, empowered Group, Dimapur District, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, held a meeting with various Samaj in Dimapur to discuss issues relating to arrangement of Quarantine facilities in the district for stranded people of Nagaland who will be returning to the state from different parts of the country post lockdown period, at Hotel Saramati on 30 April 2020. Briefing the gathering about various measures that are being taken up by the government to stop and contain the spread of COVID-19, APC maintained that Dimapur being the gateway of Nagaland has huge responsibility and special attention was also given by the government in fighting the pandemic. Seeking the cooperation of everyone, Sema said that Administration, Police and Medical cannot alone fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlighting the ongoing preparations of quarantine facilities for stranded people, he informed that the committee has identified some government owned buildings as quarantine centres

where renovation works have already started.

The convenor also sought suggestions from different Community present in the meeting besides the place and number of people from their community who are willing to come to the district so that proper arrangements can be done accordingly. All the representatives present in the meeting assured all possible help such as their community owned buildings which can be used as quarantine centres for people from their community under strict supervision of medical department and police. Marwari Samaj and Punjabi Samaj came forward to bear all the expenditure for their community during the quarantine period.

Representative from medical highlighted the various steps to be followed while receiving the stranded people. District Administration and Police also thanked every organisation for their support and contribution and sought the same support and cooperation in fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF DISTRIBUTED AT MON

Deputy Commissioner, Mon informed that a total amount of Rs.15,16,500 (Fifteen lakh sixteen thousand and Five hundred) only which was allotted to Mon District by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Kohima for emergency relief of the victims affected by recent storm was distributed and handed over to the victims on 27th April 2020 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall by the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DDMA, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

An amount of 4 lakhs each as ex -gratia was handed over to the family members of two people who passed away, Rs.1,01,900/- (One Lakh one thousand and Nine Hundred) only to the victim of 1 (One) fully damaged house, Rs.1,01,900 (One Lakh one Thousand and Nine Hundred) only each to the victims of 6 (Six) severely damaged houses and Rs.3,200/- (Three Thousand and Two Hundred) only to the owner of one partially damaged house.

## MOCK DRILL ON COVID-19 HELD IN KOHIMA

A real life simulation of the prepared action plan on dealing with positive Covid-19 case was carried out in Kohima by District Administration on Covid-19 in collaboration with DDMA and the Medical Department on 30th April 2020. The mock drill was held to check and test the preparedness of the different government agencies that has been set in place to tackle every aspect related to a Covid-19 outbreak in the District.

The simulation involved a number of important Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) activities such as Patient Management and Treatment, contact tracing and quarantine of known contacts, containment and sealing off of Covid-19 positive areas and dead body management of deceased Covid-19 positive patients.

The mock drill was followed by a debriefing session in the office chamber of the Deputy

Commissioner and Chairman DDMA Gregory Thejawelie, NCS who is also the RO (Responsible Officer). Incident Commander under the Incident Response System ADC Kohima Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa gave a detailed report of the entire Covid-19 mock drill exercise followed by brief reports from all three Section Chiefs namely Operation Section Chief, Planning Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief. A number of procedural lapses were

highlighted by the three section chiefs from their on-field experiences which was duly noted by the team for future reference and to ensure that if any Covid-19 related situation arises it is tackled effectively.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DDMA Gregory Thejawelie NCS concluded the debriefing session by thanking all the officers and individuals who contributed towards the success of the mock drill.

### NAMRI NCHANG VISITS SDO(C) OFFICE, ATHIBUNG TOWN

Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang who is also the Legislator incharge of Peren District visited SDO(C) Office, Athibung town along with DC & CMO Peren to have an interaction with Medical staff, town councils and various organization on 30th April, 2020.

During the meeting, Namri Nchang lauded the District Administration, Medical Teams and all Frontline workers for their pro-active roles amidst the outbreak of COVID-19 and also urged the general

public, town councils, GBs of various villages under Athibung Sub-division of Athibung town to extend support to the District Administration even in the days to come. He also requested Medical team, SDO (C) and town councils to strictly adhere with the quarantine protocols issued by the Government once those stranded students and workers are allowed to enter the district as well as create awareness on how to respond if any incident related to COVID-19 arises.

### MOKOKCHUNG CART DONATES FRESH VEGETABLES & PULSES TO NEEDY FAMILIES

In a noble gesture, the Mokokchung Cart Home delivery initiated by the District Administration Mokokchung donated fresh vegetables & Pulses to more than a hundred families in Mokokchung Town by delivering it to their doorstep.

EAC Mokokchung and Nodal Officer for Mokokchung Cart, Sentilong Ozukum said that the home delivery of fresh vegetables project was initiated to meet the needs of some genuine needy families in the town who had been identified by the volunteers and delivery personnel. For more than a month, Mokokchung Cart Team has been relentlessly trying to find market for the local farmers who couldn't sell their vegetables during the lockdown by going and picking up the vegetables from the villages and selling the vegetables through the Mokokchung Cart App.

The Mokokchung cart App is powered by delivery personnel from Online Express, such as the Trail Hounds team who have been home delivering essential commodities, medicines and vegetables



by following strict COVID-19 protocol.

The nodal Officer expressed appreciation to the Horticulture Department for donating crates for storing the vegetables, Mokokchung Town Lanur Telongjem for donating cotton delivery bags, Team Impact marep, Mokokchung for donating paper carry bags for use during the delivery and also NSRLM Mokokchung, SHGs for coordinating with the local farmers.

## AGAINST ALL ODDS

(A DIPR feature by Morotsung Longchar IA Kohima)

Every once in a while, we come across stories that truly touch our hearts and makes us look at life in a completely different way. They stay with us long after we have read about them and inspire us all our lives. The story is of Niji Kath, a young girl who defied all odds to secure first division with the highest aggregate marks from among all government schools students under Kohima district in the HSLC examinations 2019. It is a story of pain, hardship, struggle, tears and sacrifices. It is also a story of success, sheer grit and determination, a story that teaches us to never give up and that everything is possible if we work hard and believe in ourselves.

Niji Kath, daughter of Ahichu Kath, grew up in Kohima and had a very normal childhood. She excelled in her studies and was a star student in her early school days and her parents as well as her teachers had high expectations on her. But unluckily fate had other plans for her. It was in the year 2012, when she was in class 6, that she began to have health issues and she began to fall ill frequently, making her unable to attend school regularly. The next year, she had to miss school for the whole year as she and her parents went from one hospital to another seeking a cure for her illness. However doctors could not rightly diagnose her illness and she continued to struggle.

Despite her illness and pain, she decided to enrol herself in school and continue her studies. She joined St. Joseph School, Chandmari in 2014 as a student in the 7th standard, however, she still could not attend regular classes as her health failed to improve and she was bedridden most of the time. But the school authorities were kind enough to understand her situation; infact they went out of their way to help her and allowed her to sit for examinations even though she could not attend any of the classes. The same story continued for the next two years as she continued to struggle and her health showed no signs of improving.

It was during these three years that Niji's mother made the greatest sacrifice for her daughter. Along with the duty of looking after her three other

children and managing a household, she fully committed herself to help Niji achieve her dreams and began to homeschool her daughter. She also made daily visits to Niji's school to collect all the school notes from her classmates and also to submit her assignments regularly. It was only through her mother's sacrifice that Niji was able to get promoted to class 10. Her father also tried his best to help but could not always be there for her as he was posted in Botsa.

It all seemed hopeless and Niji's health showed no signs of improvement and the family began to despair. It was on the morning of 26th December 2017, a day after Christmas that Niji and her family was blessed with a miracle. Their prayers were finally answered as Niji was miraculously healed of her illness. Her health improved tremendously and she began to feel normal again. The following year with her health restored, Niji joined Government High School Botsa, where her father was a teacher and began attending classes after a gap of four long years. The rest as we all know is history. Niji cleared her HSLC examinations in flying colours with distinction in four subjects.

Niji today is a happy girl who despite her struggles and hardships is thankful for the life she has and the unending love and support of her near and dear ones. She will be joining Rüzkhkrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima where she would be pursuing her higher secondary education in science stream. She one day hopes to become an administrative officer and serve the state and the Naga people.

Niji's only message for her fellow students is "to challenge themselves and compete with others to be the best, to never give up even when facing hardships, to work hard and be dedicated."

Niji's story has truly inspired one and all and we are thankful to her for showing us what life is all about and giving us valuable life lessons. All we can do now is wish her all the best in all her endeavours and let her know that we are indeed all proud to have a daughter of the land like her.





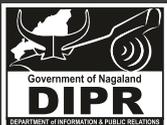
*Chief Secretary Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS giving away cheques to registered home delivery companies at Chief Secretary's office on 30th April 2020.*



*Chaplain District Hospital Dimapur, Y. Thong offering a dedicatory prayer for the 10 Ambulances in the presence of Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio at Dimapur District Hospital premises on 28th April 2020.*



*Advisor NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi with IAF officials and other State Government officials at Dimapur Airport on 11th April 2020.*



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