



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with legislators and officials during the inspection of District Hospital Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

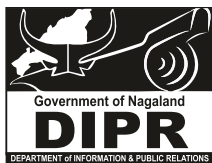




*Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye with officials during the launching of the State Nodal ATMA programme for distribution of face masks, hand washing soaps and pamphlets at his official residence on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



*Personnel during COVID-19 Contact Tracing training organized by Health & Family Welfare Department at Customary Court, ADC's Office, Jalukie on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## CHIEF SECRETARY NOTIFIES

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS has issued an order that all the existing guidelines with regard to the lockdown in all parts of the State issued vide Order of even number dated 20.04.2020, will continue to remain operative till the issuance of fresh guidelines.

1. With the extension of the lockdown period, the following activities will continue to remain prohibited across the State of Nagaland for two weeks w.e.f. from 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020:
  - a. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for medical services, air ambulance and for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA.
  - b. All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA.
  - c. Inter-state buses for public transport, except as permitted by MHA.
  - d. Inter-state movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities as permitted by MHA.
  - e. All schools, colleges, educational/training/coaching institutions etc. However, online/ distance learning shall be permitted.
  - f. Hospitality services other than those used for housing health/police/government officials/healthcare workers, stranded persons including tourists, and those used for quarantine facilities.
  - g. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
  - h. All social/political/sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions/other gatherings.
  - i. All religious places/places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
  - j. The movement of individuals for all non-essential activities shall remain strictly prohibited between 5:00 pm to 6:00 am. Deputy Commissioners and in respect of Dimapur district, the Commissioner of Police shall issue orders under appropriate provisions of law, such as prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC, for this purpose, and ensure strict compliance.
  - k. All persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the national directives.
2. As a matter of abundant caution, sealing of inter-state borders will continue in toto as existing before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2020 in the following border administrative sub-divisions and its subordinate administrative circles:
  - a. Dimapur Sadar
  - b. Niuland Sub-Division
  - c. Dhansiripar Sub-Division
  - d. Siethiekema Circle
  - e. Jalukie Sub-Division
  - f. Bhandari Sub-Division
  - g. Mangkolemba Sub-Division
  - h. Tuli Sub-Division
  - i. Tamalu Sub-Division
  - j. Naginimora Sub-Division
  - k. Tizit Sub-Division
  - l. Pfutsero Sub-Division
  - m. Meluri Sub-Division
  - n. Jakhama Sub-Division

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In all these sub-divisions, only movement of goods vehicles entering or transiting through the State shall be allowed after proper medical screening of the drivers and attendants of those vehicles through designated entry and exit points. This exception will, however, not be applicable to Bhandari Sub-Division.

The designated points of entry into and exit from the State for goods vehicles are:

- a. Mon district: Naginimora and Tizit
- b. Mokokchung district: Tsutapela and Watiyongpang
- c. Dimapur district: Dilai Gate and New Field Gate
- d. Kohima district: Khuzama Gate

All other roads will remain closed.

The International Border of the State with Myanmar shall continue to remain sealed as before.

3. In other areas not included in Para 2 above,
  - a. Inter-district movement of stranded persons in distress will be allowed in a regulated manner for a specific period for which separate guidelines will be issued. It may be noted that the whole State of Nagaland, till date, falls under Green Zone as per the criteria laid down by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and therefore there will not be quarantining of persons entering a district or town or village from within anywhere in Nagaland.
  - b. Inter-district movement of commercial passenger vehicles shall remain barred except vehicles carrying goods.
  - c. Taxis and auto rickshaws shall be permitted to ply with the condition that they carry not more than two and one passenger(s) respectively. Both the driver and passengers should wear masks. Further, the driver should make mandatory provision for hand sanitizer failing which the permit shall be cancelled. The fares to be charged shall be at the rate prescribed before the announcement of lockdown measures. This relaxation will not apply to those areas mentioned in Para 2 above. Movement of passenger buses, like city buses will continue to be prohibited.
4. For the general public
  - a. The general public shall continue to strictly maintain social distancing and wearing of face mask, even homemade, will continue to be mandatory.
  - b. In respect of people from Nagaland returning to the State from other states or from abroad during this period, separate guidelines will be issued.
  - c. Stand alone shops and outlets will be allowed to open as per normal hours. Opening of market complexes, malls, departmental stores will continue to be banned.
  - d. Salons, dine-in restaurants and eateries, shall also continue to remain closed. However, home deliveries from dine-in restaurants, food outlets and delivery of online orders of essential commodities shall be permitted. Such establishments are to ensure social distancing for staff as well as customers within their premises. Dhabas at strategic locations along the highway will be permitted to function to cater to the needs of persons involved in transportation of goods. The respective Deputy Commissioners will identify such establishments.
  - e. The proprietors of the shops and establishments which are allowed to open will make arrangements for keeping hand sanitizers or provide facilities for hand washing with soap and water for the public as well as for their own staff/workers. The proprietors of the shops and establishments should also get the door handles, surfaces and other objects which are frequently touched by people cleaned and disinfected. Social distancing measures will also be adhered to at all the shops and outlets.

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- f. Hawker stalls located in crowded areas and market complexes which offer no scope for enforcing satisfactory social distancing like the Hongkong Market, New Market in Dimapur, BOC Market in Kohima etc. shall remain closed except those shops/outlets dealing with food grains, vegetables, food items, medicines and other essential items and goods. Respective Deputy Commissioners shall identify such areas/market complexes and issue suitable orders in this regard.
- g. The use of common public toilets shall be prohibited.
- h. There shall be restrictions on gatherings at public places of more than five people.
- i. All the public places in the State like parks, museums, libraries, re-creation centres etc. and all religious places, movie halls shall continue to remain closed.
- j. Wedding receptions and all social/political/sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions/gathering will continue to remain barred.
- k. All other activities permitted vide Order NO. CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020 dated 23.04.2020 and 25.04.2020 and Order NO. GAB-I/COM/GEN-1/2020, dated 21.04.2020 shall continue to be allowed. However, it may be ensured that the prescribed physical distancing is strictly observed.

However, the respective Deputy Commissioners on assessment of the actual ground position may issue necessary orders regulating the provisions of this Order. The Deputy Commissioners shall, however, not dilute the provisions, but are at liberty to impose stricter measures as per requirement of local areas.

- 5. Offices and educational institutions:
  - a. All schools and educational institutions, including home tutorials and vocational institutions, shall continue to remain closed till further orders.
  - b. The Civil Secretariat and Directorates in Kohima and Dimapur and all the government offices in the districts shall function with attendance of officers of Deputy Secretary and above in the Secretariat and Deputy Director and above in the Directorate and the Heads of Office and immediate junior in the District Offices being mandatory. For other categories of officers and staff, a roster system shall be worked out whereby 50% staff attends office every alternate week. Concerned AHoD, HoD and Heads of Offices will work out such arrangements in detail. Those not attending office on a particular day will have to be available on telephone and electronic means of communication at all times.
  - c. District Administration, Police and Medical and Essential Service Providers like Treasury, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Prisons, PHED, Power, NIC, DIPR, Postal Services, Food & Civil Supplies, Social Welfare, IT&C, Municipalities/Councils, AIR, Doordarshan, Pharmacies, BSNL & Private Telecom Services, Internet Service Providers, Media, LPG, Banks & ATMs, Petroleum outlets, shall continue as per previous arrangements.
- 6. Identification of Containment Zones
  - a. Containment Zones shall be demarcated within Red (Hotspots) and Orange Zones by the District Administration based on the guidelines of MoHFW. The boundary of the Containment Zone shall be defined by District Administration taking into account the following factors: mapping of cases and contacts; geographical dispersion of cases and contacts; area with well demarcated perimeter; and enforceability.
  - b. The boundary of the Containment Zone will be a residential colony, municipal ward, municipal zone, police station area, towns etc., in case of urban areas; and, a village, cluster of villages, group of police stations, blocks etc., in case of rural areas.

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Protocol within Containment Zones:

- c. Intensive surveillance mechanism as outlined in the Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) issued by MoHFW is to be established within the Containment Zone. The District Administration shall ensure 100% coverage of Aarogya Setu app among the residents of Containment Zones.
- d. In the Containment Zone, following activities shall be undertaken by the local authorities:
  - i. Contact Tracing.
  - ii. Home or Institutional quarantining of individuals based on risk assessment by Medical Officers. This risk assessment will be based on symptoms, contact with confirmed cases, and travel history.
  - iii. Testing of all cases with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and other symptoms specified by MoHFW.
  - iv. House to house surveillance by special teams constituted for this purpose.
  - v. Clinical management of all cases as per protocol.
  - vi. Counseling and educating people and establishing effective communication strategies.
- e. In these Containment Zones, within Red (Hotspots) and Orange Zones, where maximum precaution is required, there shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of population in or out of these zones except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. The guidelines issued in this regard by MoHFW will be strictly implemented.
- f. Activities in Containment Zones
  - i. Strict perimeter control.
  - ii. Establishment of clear entry and exit points.
  - iii. Movement of persons only for maintaining supply of goods and services; and for medical emergencies.
  - iv. No unchecked influx of people and transport.
  - v. Recording of details of people moving in and out of perimeter.
7. Instructions for enforcement of above lockdown measures:
  - a. All the Deputy Commissioners shall strictly enforce the above lockdown measures and the national directives for COVID-19 Management, for public and work places, as specified in Annexure-I.
  - b. In order to implement these containment measures, the Deputy Commissioners will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
  - c. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
8. Penal provisions: Any person violating these lockdown measures and the national directives for COVID-19 Management will be liable to be proceeded 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, and other legal provisions as applicable.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES ON FUNCTIONING OF OFFICES

As per the new guidelines on lockdown measures which has come into effect from 04/05/2020 throughout the State vide Order NO.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020 dated 04/05/2020 issued by the Office of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, the Civil Secretariat and Directorates in Kohima and Dimapur and all the government offices in the districts are to function with attendance of officers of Deputy Secretary and above in the Secretariat, and Deputy Director and above in the Directorate and the Heads of Office and immediate junior in the District Offices being mandatory. As regard the other categories of officers and staff, a roster system is to be worked out whereby 50% staff attends office every alternate week.

All the AHoDs, HoDs and Heads of Offices are to immediately work out the arrangements and ensure the functioning of their offices in line with the above guidelines.

There will not be requirement of any separate pass for the movement of any government servant from his/her residence to office and back. Further, the vehicles being used by the government servant for his/her movement including private vehicles if any, will also not require any passes/permit for movement. The concerned government servant is advised to carry his/her official ID Card and produce wherever required so as to not face any inconvenience.

This is in supersession of Office Memorandum of even number dated 13/04/2020.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has informed the Heads of Institutions of all schools (both government and private) functioning under the Department of School Education, Nagaland to devise mechanism for preparation and circulation of 'Notes' to their students for those lessons being broadcasted through DD/AIR by the Department under the Lockdown Tele/Radio Tutoring Programme.

They shall ensure that all norms of social distancing etc. notified by the Government are adhered to while the exercise is being carried out.

### FAIR PRICE SHOPS INFORMED

In pursuant to the provision under the National Food Security Act 2013, Assistant Director of Supply, Dimapur has reminded all Fair Price Shops and Village Councils FPSs to strictly issue the foodgrains to the beneficiaries as prescribed rate and quantity.

The prescribed rate and quantity of PHH card is 5 Kg of rice per person at the rate of Rs. 3 per kg while AAY Card Holder will get 35 Kg of rice per card at the rate of Rs. 3 per kg. Failure to adhere to the order will invite action as per provision of the Act.

### DIRECTORATE OF H&FW INFORMS

In continuation of the Order NO. DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/1077-80 dated Kohima the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has informed that on referral of serious non-COVID-19 patients outside the State during the pandemic period, the under mentioned additional measure should be followed before the referral:



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The hospital outside the State to which the patient is referred (Referring-in Hospital), should be willing to accept the patient. A written document in this regard (an acceptance note by the Referring-in hospital) should be enclosed when the patient is applying for referral or movement order / permit. This is to avoid the situation where a patient is referred outside the State but the hospital refuses to accept the patient during this pandemic period.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAUTIONS

The Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has informed that it has been reported that few schools in the State have issued notifications regarding resuming of classes in a phased manner which is in violation of the Lockdown Order issued by the Government of Nagaland (No.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020, dated Kohima, the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020).

All concerned (government and private schools) have been cautioned that reopening of schools in any manner that is in violation of the Lockdown Order issued by the Government shall be prohibited and severe disciplinary action will be initiated against the violators as per appropriate provisions of law.

Further, all parents and guardians have been directed not to send their children to schools until official orders for reopening of schools are issued by the competent authority.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CLARIFIES

The Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has in a clarification stated that some confusion have aroused among few school authorities regarding matters related to the Tele/Radio Tutoring Programme being conducted by the Department. Therefore, the following clarifications have been issued for the information of all concerned so as to clear the confusions:

1. All DEOs, Sr. SDEOs and SDEOs were directed vide this office notification of even number, dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020, to coordinate with the District Administration and make necessary arrangements for students who do not have facilities to access the DD satellite telecast at home to view/listen the broadcast at a common place like Village Hall, School Auditorium etc. It is a well-known fact that number of students in the above stated category will be comparatively less in any class and the Department did not ask schools to summon all students to assemble at a place or to conduct/resume classes.
2. Further, it was clearly mentioned in the aforesaid notification that "The broadcast schedule is made in such a way that only two classes will be having the lessons on a particular day, so that children will not group up in large numbers in Schools/Village Council Halls where the telecasting is viewed."
3. Again, School Heads were directed vide this office notification of even number, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020, to devise mechanism for preparation and circulation of 'Notes' to their students for those lessons being broadcasted through DD/AIR observing all norms of social distancing notified by the Government. In this case too, schools were not directed to summon students to schools.
4. Further, the Department has been sharing the videos of the Doordarshan telecast through 'Youtube' and 'Facebook' so that parents/students could download the same and view as per their convenience.
5. It is expected that all concerned would understand the difference between 'resuming of normal classes' and 'facilitating under privileged students to view the Online/Tele Education broadcast.'

It is once again reiterated that severe disciplinary action will be initiated against those violating Government Order No. CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020, dated Kohima, the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and exposing students to the danger of the pandemic.

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## STATE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES ON SOP FOR PEOPLE ENTERING NAGALAND

The State Government, in a notification by the Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner & Convenor, Empowered Group, Sentianger Imchen, IAS, has informed on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for people entering Nagaland:

The Deputy Commissioners of the districts of Nagaland have been designated Nodal Authority for receiving stranded persons to the State.

1. Persons returning from Green and Orange Zones will be screened upon arrival and if found to be asymptomatic, shall undergo institutional quarantine for 3 (three) days and thereafter be placed under mandated Home Quarantine for 14 (fourteen) days. Necessary documentation and mandatory download of mobile app for monitoring shall be completed at the institutional quarantine facility.
2. Persons returning from Red Zones or crossing Red Zone areas en-route to Nagaland, shall be screened at designated Screening facilities and will undergo 14 (fourteen) days of Institutional Quarantine and thereafter undergo 14 (fourteen) days Home Quarantine.
3. The stranded returnees inbound for Dimapur, Mon and Peren shall be initially quarantined at Dimapur and sent to their districts to complete their mandated quarantine period in the designated District Quarantine Centres or Home Quarantine as the case may be.
4. The returnees inbound to the rest of the districts shall be quarantined at Kohima initially and thereafter be sent to respective districts to complete the remaining quarantine period in the designated District Quarantine Centres or Home Quarantine as the case may be.
  - a. By Road on arrival by State/self-arranged vehicles at designated Dimapur Check Gate (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM):
    - i. To avoid overcrowding at the Dimapur Check Gate, all returnees shall be escorted first to Agri Expo Dimapur.
    - ii. At Agri Expo, screening and segregation will be done. Those found asymptomatic shall be allowed to proceed to the Quarantine Center.
    - iii. The Health & Family Welfare Department will identify those returnees showing symptoms and forward them to the designated medical facility for further treatment.
    - iv. On arrival at the respective Quarantine Centres, the Health & Family Welfare Department will take over, starting with registration and documentation.
  - b. On arrival at Dimapur Railway Station:
    - i. Transport Department/Committee will arrange sufficient fleet of buses to ferry the returnees from the railway station to Agri Expo and thereafter to Quarantine Centre.
    - ii. The Health & Family Welfare Department will install sufficient numbers of Camera Thermal Scanners to screen multiple passengers at a time.
    - iii. Those found asymptomatic shall be allowed to proceed to the Agri Expo site under Police Escort, for registration and segregation and thereafter will be placed in various pre-designated Quarantine Centres.
    - iv. The Health & Family Welfare Department will identify those returnees showing symptoms and forward them to the designated medical facility for further treatment.
    - v. Upon arrival at the Agri Expo site, the returnees will be screened, segregated and despatched to various Quarantine Centres at Dimapur/ Kohima.

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- c. On arrival at Dimapur Airport:
  - i. Health & Family Welfare Department shall thermal screen every passenger. Asymptomatic passengers shall be ferried to the Agri Expo site in designated buses arranged by the Transport Department, with Police escort. Symptomatic passengers shall be taken to the designated medical facility for further line of treatment.
  - ii. On arrival at the Agri Expo site, returnees shall be screened, segregated and shall be placed in the various pre-designated Quarantine Centres either in Dimapur or Kohima.
  - iii. Vehicles will not be allowed into the airport area.
- d. By Road on arrival by State/self arranged vehicles at designated Kohima Check Gate (2:00-4:00 PM):
  - i. The Health & Family Welfare Department will screen the returnees and those with symptoms will be forwarded to the designated medical facility for further treatment.
  - ii. Those asymptomatic returnees shall be allowed to proceed to Quarantine Centres under Police Escort.
  - iii. On arrival at the respective Quarantine Centres, the Health & Family Welfare Department will take over, starting with registration and documentation.
- e. Entry by personal vehicles at Dimapur Check Gates/Kohima Check Gates (2:00 – 4:00 PM):
  - i. Those returnees entering through Dimapur Check Gates (Dillai Check Gate/New Field Check Gate) will undergo the institutional quarantining at Dimapur Quarantine Centres irrespective of the district to which they are finally bound for.
  - ii. Similarly, those returnees entering through Kohima Check Gate (Khuzama Check Gate) will undergo the institutional quarantining at Kohima Quarantine Centres irrespective of the district to which they are finally bound for.

### QUARANTINE CENTRES

- 1. Home Quarantine:
  - a. Protocol for Home Quarantine will be as per the provisions notified by the Medical Department.
  - b. All persons before proceeding for Home Quarantine shall be stamped with Quarantine Stamp on the back of the palm of the left hand at the quarantine centers. The stamp will mention the date upto which the person is required to be under Home Quarantine. In addition, the indelible ink will also be applied on the right-hand thumb from the top of the nail to the bottom of the joint.
- 2. Institutional Quarantine: Protocol for Institutional Quarantine will be as per the provisions notified by the Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 3. Quarantine of medical patients returning to Nagaland: Protocol for quarantining of medical patients and their attendants will be as per the SOP made by the Health & Family Welfare Department in this regard.

### NAGALAND COVID-19 TOLL FREE HELPLINE

Government of Nagaland launched a COVID-19 toll free helpline on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for any caller from Nagaland or people from Nagaland residing outside the State. To avail the various services, the caller has to only dial the dedicated toll free number 1800 345 0019 which are available in English and Nagamese. On calling the number, the caller will be asked to choose a language preference and to choose one of the following services: To speak to a Doctor, Counsellor, nCOVID Nagaland Visitors App support, general queries on COVID-19 in Nagaland and complaints or grievances.

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The various services provided are elaborated below:

### **SERVICE 1: SPEAK TO A DOCTOR / TELE-MEDICAL CONSULTATION**

Under this service, there are two options: COVID-19 related illnesses and any other illness/other health issues, press 2. For COVID-19 related illnesses, the caller will be screened for COVID-19 related symptoms through interactive voice response. Then a medical doctor will call back and provide appropriate advice to the caller. Any other illness / other health issues, a medical doctor will pick the call and the caller will be able to discuss any health issue with the doctor. The doctor will accordingly give appropriate medical advice to the caller.

### **SERVICE 2: COUNSELLING**

Caller can speak to a professional counsellor for stress, anxiety, depression, or any mental health issue. For Counselling through WhatsApp, request to the number 7005251298 will continue alongside.

### **SERVICE 3: nCOVID NAGALAND VISITORS APP USER SUPPORT**

Caller will receive technical support for on-boarding onto 'nCOVID Nagaland Visitors App.' The App is used by in-bound travelers entering Nagaland, people who are in quarantine (facility or home quarantine), and people in containment zone for surveillance of COVID-19.

### **SERVICE 4: GENERAL QUERIES ON COVID-19 IN NAGALAND/COVID INFORMATION CENTRE**

Caller can ask general queries about COVID-19 in Nagaland.

### **SERVICE 5: COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL**

Caller can submit complaint or grievance related to COVID-19 related health services in Nagaland to the toll free no 18003450019. The Toll Free Helpline is not for people who are stranded or needing COVID-19 relief assistance. Such people may contact through: <https://iamstranded.nagaland.gov.in/> or call 03702291122/03702291120

## EXISTING LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES TO CONTINUE

The Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Temjen Toy, IAS has ordered that all the existing guidelines with regard to the lockdown in all parts of the State issued vide Order of even number dated 04.05.2020, will continue to remain operative till the issuance of fresh guidelines.

## INSTRUCTION FOR SCHOOLS WITH TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

In pursuant to the direction of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India regarding police verification of drivers/helpers of vehicles ferrying children to schools, the Department of School Education Nagaland has issued a notification on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 with the following instructions to be complied by all schools in Nagaland.

1. All schools shall take all possible steps to ensure safety of school children in their journey to and from school.
2. Police verification shall be carried out in respect of the drivers and helpers etc. of bus/van/auto rickshaw ferrying school children.
3. All drivers/helpers ferrying school children shall be engaged by the school only after completion of verification of their character and antecedents by the Police. A driver who has been known to have committed offences in the past such as drunk driving, rash driving, violation of traffic rules, etc. shall not be employed.



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4. Police verification shall be done after every 2 (two) years to ensure safety and well-being of the school children.
5. Medical checkup regarding the physical fitness of the school bus driver including the eye testing shall be carried out every year.
6. All schools shall adhere to these instructions. Action shall be taken against school authorities in case of violation/lapse.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON RADIO EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified for the information of all concerned that due to change in the broadcast schedule affected by the All India Radio, Kohima, the Radio Education Programme of the Department of School Education, Nagaland will be broadcasted from 9:20 am to 12:20 pm with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020. However, the sequence of broadcast of subjects for different classes will be the same as notified by the Department on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

All DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs have been hereby directed to disseminate details of the changes in the broadcast schedule to all Heads of Institutions under their jurisdiction through electronic media for further necessary action.

### AH & VS DEPARTMENT INFORMS

Additional Director & HoD, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Dr. Budhi Lama has informed that "Ban on import of pigs" into Nagaland has been enforced w.e.f. 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 due to outbreak of "African Swine Fever" disease in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

In this regard, the village functionaries/public/consumers of Nagaland especially districts of Dimapur, Wokha, Mon, Longleng and Peren which are bordering Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have been requested to remain vigil and refrain from importing/smuggled live pigs and pork cuts from Assam/Arunachal Pradesh as "African Swine Fever" disease is highly infectious with very high mortality rate upto 100% .

At present, treatment and vaccine are not available and the only option is to cull, humane slaughter and dispose the pig. It can wipe out the entire pig population in the outbreak area/ colony/village/ district etc. causing huge economic losses.

Accordingly, this information is issued for public awareness and dissemination.

### EX-GRATIA GRANT FOR FATALITIES TO FRONTLINE WORKERS DUE TO COVID-19

In continuation of Notification of even number dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the Home Department Relief & Rehabilitation Branch has informed that the provision of payment of ex-gratia amount of Rs. 10 lakh by the State Government to any employee of the Nagaland State Government suffering fatality due to COVID-19 while performing frontline duties is extended to cover drivers, cleaners, sanitary workers, caterers, and all such personnel/workers involved in the management of the Quarantine Centres in the State, as well as to any other non-government functionary involved in any other activities for combating COVID-19 under the District Task Force.

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### UNWARRANTED DIRECTIVES/STATEMENTS OBSTRUCTING ENTRY OF PERSONS TO WARDS/COLONIES AND SETTING UP OF QUARANTINE CENTRES

Reports have been received on unwarranted directives/statements being issued by certain individuals/organizations obstructing entry of person(s) returning to Nagaland from outside the State into their wards/colonies, even after completion of the stipulated quarantine period, or for home quarantining of the concerned person as per the existing orders and guidelines of the Government.

In certain cases, undue obstructions are being created for setting up of Quarantine Centre(s) by the State Government in the wards/colonies.

All the Deputy Commissioners have been asked to sensitize the concerned individuals/organizations/colony authorities in their district on such unwarranted actions which infringe on individual rights as well as in violation of Government Orders. Thereafter, immediate and effective penal action shall be taken against any such individuals/organisations obstructing entry of persons to their colonies or wards, or for setting up of Quarantine Centres by the Government under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005 besides other actions as deemed appropriate.

**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2020 FOR NAGALAND**

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha IAS stated that as on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, total of 664 samples have been sent for testing from the State. The results of 650 samples have been received and all are negative. Results for 14 samples are awaited. 1776 persons have been screened and 29 persons are presently under Facility Quarantine.

S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Health & Family Welfare inaugurated the TrueNat Machine for preliminary screening of samples at District Hospital, Mokokchung. The TrueNat Machines have been

received from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI for the districts of Mokokchung and Mon. The Minister also visited the COVID Hospital at Mokokchung.

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 13,962, comprising of 10,298 working people, 3,510 students and 154 patients. The total amount disbursed is Rs. 5.48 crore.

**REPORT ON LAW AND ORDER AND FACILITATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

Abhijit Sinha, Principal Secretary, Home, while issuing the daily report on Law & Order and facilitation of Essential Goods & Services in the State for the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2020 stated that 63(Sixty Three) violations of the lockdown were reported. 19 persons were bound down and an amount of Rs. 22,000 was imposed as fine under the Motor Vehicle Act.

According to the report, groceries and other food shops including milk shops were open in all the districts except in Mokokchung, where it was

closed to regulate public movement. Medicinal shops continue to remain open in all the districts of the State. There has been no report of shortage of essential commodities. The report also informed that suitable arrangements have been made for providing food and shelter to migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. In this regard, four relief camps are active where 481 migrant labourers are housed and five food camps are active. Also, more than 2,600 daily wagers and needy people were provided food/dry ration.

**ADDITIONAL CS ADDRESSES PRESS CONFERENCE**

Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner, Sentianger Imchen IAS while addressing the press fraternity at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, said that the impact of COVID-19 pandemic is not an issue to be viewed solely from the medical angle and its devastating impact in the social and economic spheres is to be taken seriously. The economic challenges are apparent with manufacturing and services sectors which have closed down with retrenchment of workers which has resulted in huge negative impact on the tax revenues of governments around the world over. He added that India having gone into lockdown since 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 has negatively impacted the revenues of the Central Government as well as that of the States and Union Territories.

Sentianger also informed that the COVID-19 pandemic leaves the Government with no choice but to allocate more funds for health infrastructure and other related areas which have not been budgeted, leading to increase in the levels of deficit. Therefore, the State Government has taken pre-emptive steps in the form of certain austerity measures which includes freeze on all fresh appointments, freeze on DA/DR in line with the decision of the Central Government, cut on non-development expenditure including ban on purchase of vehicles, and pro-rata cuts on developmental expenditure which is under examination.

The Finance Commissioner also explained that the State Government has taken steps to augment the revenues of the State by increasing the



rate of tax on petroleum products in the form of COVID-19 cess to supplement the resources of the State in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The levy of the cess on High Speed Diesel and Motor Spirit (Petrol) has been enforced effective from the midnight of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020. This is expected to generate additional revenue of Rs. 55.58 crore annually. The specific mention of COVID-19 in the cess has been done to ensure utilization of the revenue generated for COVID-19 pandemic related activities. This cess would be withdrawn once the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic is formally declared to be over.

Sentiyanger also said the State Government is aware of the misinformation being

circulated in the social media of the alleged huge amounts released by the Centre to the State for COVID-19 related activities and informed that the Finance Department has already issued a clarification earlier in the matter, stating that the amount of Rs. 346 crore claimed to have been released for COVID-19 related activities is actually the amount released by the Central Government as Revenue Deficit Grant and the amount of Rs. 20.50 crore for the State Disaster Relief Fund as recommended by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, and added that a further amount of Rs 20.50 crore has also been released as 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of SDRF for 2020-21 to which a maximum of upto 35% of this release can be used for COVID-19 related activities.

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### BRIEFING ON COVID-19 ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2020 FOR NAGALAND

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Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs stated that a total of 674 samples have been sent for testing from the State till date, and results of 661 samples have been received and all have been tested as negative. The results for the remaining 13 samples are awaited. 1397 persons have been screened and 21 persons are under Facility Quarantine.

The State Government has issued an order stating that, all the existing guidelines with regard to the lockdown in all the parts of the State issued vide an order dated 20/04/2020 will continue to remain operative till issuance of fresh guidelines.

Agricultural activities are completely exempted from any kind of lockdown restrictions. This is the sowing season, and every farmer of our State is urged to come out and carry out all the farming activities while maintaining social distancing. All concerned are also requested to ensure that the farming activities are carried out without any hindrances.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker, Ministers, Leader of Opposition, Advisors, Member, Lok Sabha, Member, Rajya Sabha and Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly discussed the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the State in a meeting.

The Chief Secretary, Nagaland also gave an overview of the various steps taken by the Government since the emergence of COVID-19 as a threat, and informed of the various measures

initiated for improving the level of preparedness of the State for combating COVID-19. In the health sector, the concerned department gave details of the steps taken for increasing their capabilities and the improvements carried out in the existing health infrastructure for combating the dreaded virus. The Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner gave an overview of the state of finances of the State in the wake of pandemic and the lockdown, and actions taken for mobilization of additional resources along with initiation of some of austerity measures for cutting down on expenditure. The Food & Civil Supplies Department also informed of the releases of PDS food grains as well as the relief rice during the lockdown period.

For combating COVID-19, the Health & Family Welfare Department has received 9 consignments by air and 13 consignments by road, of essential medical equipments and accessories, and medicines. Also, two consignments by Air, of the equipments for the upcoming BSL 3 Lab at Kohima and the BSL 2 Lab at Dimapur were received. The State now has more than 50,000 PPEs, about 2,75,000 triple layer masks, and more than 40,000 N95 masks.

In order to facilitate surveillance to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health & Family Welfare Department in collaboration with the Police Department has started digital monitoring of people at risk as well as to track patterns of disease clustering.





## TRAINING FOR NST DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS FOR COVID-19 DUTY HELD

A basic training for drivers and conductors of the Nagaland State Transport (NST), organised by the Office of Chief Medical Officer, Kohima was held in its Conference Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

The training was conducted for the NST drivers and conductors who have been detailed to perform emergency COVID-19 duties. Dr. Rupert, DIO Kohima as the resource person enlightened the drivers and conductors on the basic safety

measures with proper guidelines and protocols of COVID-19 to be followed while performing their duties.

During the training, Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) were also distributed to all the personnel for safety measures. Station Superintendent, Kevilhoutuo Sekhose and Yard Master, Kekhriengutuo from NST Department attended the training along with the drivers and conductors.

## NMC HIGHLIGHTS ITS ACTIVITIES

Due to the preoccupation of government doctors and declaration of civil hospitals as COVID-19 hospitals across the state, volunteers under the Nagaland Medical Council (NMC) has come forward to render their assistance to people in need of medical services. In this endeavour, they have carried out the following activities:

1. Kohima: The NMC is successfully operating two outdoor patient consultative services in Agri Forest Sub-Centre and PMTI.
2. Dimapur: The NMC team met the volunteers and the CMO, and according to the requirements, two outdoor patient consultative services have been made operational in Kachari Gaon Sub-Centre and Diphupar Sub-Centre since 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.
3. Wokha: The NMC team visited Wokha on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 where a pre formal inaugural programme was held in the presence of DC, Senior SP and CMO Wokha. The Sub-Centre to be manned by the volunteers has been made operational near the CMO Office.
4. Mokokchung: The NMC team visited Mokokchung and met with the CMO, MS and other medical officers on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020. After much deliberation and assessment, two outdoor patient consultative services have been made operational from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at Kumlong Sub-

Centre and Impur Clinic AM Road.

The NMC also highlighted the following for needful assistance from the Department:

- i. The outdoor patient consultative services will be open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for which the full cooperation of the existing staff of the Sub-Centre is requested.
- ii. Due to shortage of medicines in Wokha and Mokokchung, the NMC requests the Department to do the needful at the earliest in order to meet the need of the OPDs in the designated Sub-Centres.
- iii. Whereas as per CMO Wokha information, presently the CMC Vankhosung is converted to Civil Hospital in lieu of the District Hospital identified as COVID-19 Hospital. Mokokchung has no such alternatives. In this matter, the CMO Mokokchung expressed her concern to which the NMC team look forward to the Department for making any needful arrangement.
- iv. The Deputy CMO Wokha expressed challenges being faced for transporting samples to Imphal for which the NMC request the authority to kindly address.
- v. The offices in the districts, for effective implementations to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, felt the need for a proper chain of

**NAGALAND 1<sup>ST</sup> STATE IN THE COUNTRY TO RECEIVE  
MEDICAL LOAD THROUGH IAF**

Nagaland is the first state to receive COVID-19 consignment through airlift by Indian Air Force (IAF) in the country, in support of the public and the State Government.

The third and final consignment of BSL Lab by C-130 Super Hercules from Mumbai reached on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, which will lead to operationalization of BSL lab. Nagaland state under lockdown condition with zero movement of transport and shutting of entire industries after the imposition of Disaster Management Act 2005, the IAF played instrumental role and unflinchingly supported the State Government to get the basic emergency requirements with almost nine special air relief

mission comprising of latest C17 Globemaster, C130, IL 76 MD and Dornier-228 in short notice.

Indian Air Force on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 carried out aerial salute to all the frontline workers, flying past with flower petal dropped all over the country's COVID-19 hospitals using its helicopter fleet, to give respect and solidarity to the medical professionals and other frontline workers efforts to fight against the pandemic. The fleet included fighters and transport aircraft. The C-130 carried out fly past over Delhi and SU-30 MKI in Mumbai, marine drive area, other activities included playing of musical band in the COVID-19 hospitals extending its gratitude to doctors and nurses.

**CS ADDRESSES MEDIA ON REVISED GUIDELINES ON  
LOCKDOWN MEASURES IN NAGALAND**

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy interacted with the media persons about the consolidated revised guidelines on lockdown measures in Nagaland at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Toy addressing the press conference said that Nagaland is in the third phase of the lockdown which has extended to another two weeks comes into effect from 04.05.20 with some few relaxation and restrictions as Nagaland falls under the green zone. He stated that Nagaland Government has set their own lockdown guidelines incorporating points which are relevant to the State. He remarked the State has allowed inter-district movement of migrants and stranded persons in distress which will be done in a regulated manner. He further added that inter-district movements of commercial passenger vehicles shall remain barred except vehicles carrying goods.

Toy also said that taxis and auto rickshaws are allowed to ply with conditions that they carry not more than two and one passengers respectively. He however said that the relaxation of taxis and autos will not be applicable to the 14 border administrative sub-divisions namely Dimapur Sadar, Niuland, Dhansiripar, Siethiekema circle, Jalukie, Bhandari, Mangkolemba, Tuli, Tamlu, Naginimora, Tizit, Pfutsero, Meluri and Jakhama. He further informed that DCs have cautioned the taxi drivers and various associations

that limiting the number of passengers in taxis and auto should not lead to increase in fares.

The Chief Secretary said that even though Nagaland is in the green zone, there is still the danger of getting the virus through import of people coming in from outside the State and spreading the virus. He informed that the Government is in touch with various states, organization, railways and airlines on how to safely bring the stranded people of the State back home.

Also highlighting about the COVID-19 cess imposed on diesel and petrol by the State Government, Toy reiterated that the amount collected by the cess will be used only for the purpose of addressing the COVID-19. He added that covid cess is done for a good cause and also to bring about transparency, the Government has intentionally called the imposed cess as COVID-19 cess.

Toy also stated that the Civil Secretariat and Directorates in Kohima and Dimapur and all the government offices in the districts will start functioning with attendance of officers of Deputy Secretary and above in the Secretariat and Deputy Director and above in the Directorate and the HoDs and immediate junior in the District Offices being mandatory. He added that the other categories of officers and staff, a roster system shall be worked out whereby 50% staff attends office every alternate week.

**NEIPHIU RIO LAUNCHES NAGALAND COVID-19 HELPLINE**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched Nagaland COVID-19 helpline to address challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in the State on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

Rio said that the dedicated COVID-19 helpline 1800 345 0019 will provide medical assistance to potential COVID-19 cases as well as other health concerns across the State. Any citizen of Nagaland suffering from COVID-19 symptoms or any other health conditions can call this helpline. The service is completely free of cost for all citizens across the State.

Rio said that for COVID-19 specific tele-medicine, the State has partnered with Project Step One which is an organization providing technical support for tele-triage. Rio said that through this facility, citizens can stay at home and consult a doctor on the phone and take advice on what steps

they should follow. The same service is available for any other health concern including general counselling etc. which will be handled by the State local health professionals.

Rio also said that the State Government is grateful to all the medical professionals, both private and government sector, who have come forward voluntarily to offer their services free of cost. He called upon doctors willing to provide their services voluntarily in this fight against COVID-19 can register themselves on <https://www.projectstepone.org/volunteer> or email credentials to the Department of H&FW Nagaland at [pddhf@gmail.com](mailto:pddhf@gmail.com). Rio further appealed to all doctors from across the State to support the Government in this initiative. He hoped that Telemed Helpline will be of good service to fellow citizens.

**COVID-19 HORTICULTURE SPECIAL DRIVE HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS****KOHIMA:**

COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive District tour launching programme was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Conference Hall of Directorate of Horticulture with Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan as the special guest.

The Advisor said that since COVID-19 is affecting crop cultivation and food supply chain in our State, COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive is a mission to work and make our State self sufficient in horticulture crops for nutritional and economic benefits. He called on all the officers to carry on the message to the farmers the standard operating procedure and the guidelines on COVID-19 issued by the Government. He informed that the touring programme will cover all the District Headquarters and all villages will be covered by respective District Horticulture Officer to collect necessary information and database for improvement of the horticulture sector in the State.

Director, Horticulture, Dr.R. Elithung Lotha said that the main focus of COVID-19 touring team is to create quick database/mapping of fruit and

vegetables growers in the State and to create massive awareness and motivational programmes through print, electronic and social media on the need for growing more crops. He added that it aims to impart training to farmers and providing necessary inputs to farmers on time and establishing strong network of market linkages for the surplus produces of farmers for efficient and timely distribution and better price.

The frontline staff of the Department is part of the COVID-19 frontline team to reach out and help farmers to intensify crop production and educate them on the preventive measures of corona virus.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Department also held a special drive for COVID-19 at the Directorate of Agriculture under the vision 'Grow more! Produce more! Earn more!'

Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture, Anenla Sato, IAS in her briefing stressed on the importance of kitchen garden and mentioned that the main source of nutrition to improve our immune system comes from fruits and vegetables. Nagaland is blessed with natural resources, fertile lands with





abundant rain and favourable climate, thus suitable for any type of crop, Anenla added. She also directed the officers and field workers to provide concrete data collection and come up with the details of surplus and shortage of the crops to streamline and analyse it.

In the programme, technical inputs were highlighted by Joint Director, Jerry Patton, Deputy Director, Dr. Moa Walling, Deputy Director, Mesetenuo.

### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

A team of officials led by the Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha visited Zunheboto on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, as part of their statewide tour creating awareness to the farmers on the importance of continuing to grow crops at the time of global crisis, COVID-19, with the theme 'Grow More! Produce More! Earn More!'

Addressing the gathering which included the Heads of Offices, NGOs, public leaders and farmers, the Director said that, there are presently 135 million people facing hunger globally which could be pushed to additional 130 million more, to the brink of starvation by the end of year 2020 because of COVID-19. He added that COVID-19 is affecting cultivation and food supply chain in our State as well as the nation which would threaten our food security ahead.

Lotha encouraged the gathering especially the farmers to continue farming to make our State self sufficient in horticultural crops for nutritional and economic benefits but with strict adherence to the Government's guidelines. Importance of washing hands well before lunch /tea breaks, after using toilets, putting on gloves during contact with farm animals, cultivating habits of disinfectant spraying at regular intervals around farming areas, store rooms, adequate washing points at toilets, temporary lunch shelters, equipment rooms etc were also imparted.

### **LONGLENG:**

Department of Horticulture led by Additional Secretary, Horticulture, Zarenthung

Ezung visited Longleng district on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and held a programme with various Agri & Allied departments of Longleng at EBRC Hall, Longleng.

Ezung said the purpose for the visit is to create awareness among farmers and know the clearcut assessment from the grassroot level and to collect data and identify the farmers. He also said that the mission is for new policy based on ground reality.

### **MON:**

The Special Drive on COVID-19 organised by the Department of Horticulture was held at Walo Guest House, Mon on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Additional Secretary Horticulture, Zarenthung Ezung and Deputy Director Horticulture, Meyashi held a meeting with District Horticulture Officer, Mon and staff.

Ezung said the focus should be on self-sufficiency and sustainability since the Government of India is giving primary focus on healthcare and food security to fight the pandemic.

### **PEREN:**

Department of Horticulture, Commissioner & Secretary, Anenla Sato along with Joint Director, Jerry Patton and Deputy Director, Moa Walling visited DHO Office, Peren and conducted COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive with the representatives of various department on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Conference Hall, DHO Office, Peren.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner & Secretary, Asenla Sato stated the outbreak of COVID-19 has immensely affected millions of people worldwide and it is also affecting crop cultivation and food supply chain in our State as well as the nation, thus causing a threat to our food security. Asenla mentioned Nagaland State is blessed with rich natural resources where land is fertile with abundant rain and favourable climate, thus sustainable for any crop.

Asenla added, the self sufficiency of the district in terms of horticultural crops and success of the farmers depends on District Horticulture Officer, therefore, she called upon the DHO Peren and his





staff to convey message or spread awareness to the farmers even at the grassroot level so that they can produce more crops to sustain themselves instead of solely depending on the food supplied from outside.

**PHEK:**

A team of officers led by Director, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha visited Phek district on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 to encourage the progressive farmers to utilize the season since agriculture activities are time bound.

The Director in his message urged the community to uplift the potential resource of our State to turn into a huge economy through farming and he also added that this is the right time to cultivate.

Deputy Director, Bhupham Phom stated that COVID-19 has brought two diseases- the virus and famine. The best way to avoid harsh reality of our future, Phom said, depends on the present action.

Later the team met the Deputy Commissioner Phek to discuss the potential marketing channel. The team said that a database of various fruits, vegetables and spices from villages for marketable surplus of the produces has been collected. According to the Department source, the Department is ready to create market linkages for surplus production.

**DIMAPUR:**

The COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive team led by Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture, Anenla Sato, IAS, held a meeting with officials of District Horticulture Office Dimapur, at State Horticulture Nursery, Green Park Dimapur on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Commissioner & Secretary in her keynote address said that the COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive mission is to work to make the State self-sufficient in horticulture products. She called on all the district officials to carry the message of grow more, produce more and earn more and further educate the farmers the Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in horticultural fields.

Joint Director, Horticulture, Jerry Patton

while giving the technical input maintained that the aim of the team is to carry the message of the alarming situation due to COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting the crop cultivation and food supply chain. He said that the database of fruits, vegetables and spices growers is being created to map the growers to know the present strength and to establish network of market linkages for surplus produces for efficient and timely distribution.

Deputy Director, Horticulture, Dr. Moa Walling suggested to revisit multi-layer cropping which was successfully practised by the forefathers and also to give thought on merging technical knowledge with the practice of the forefathers which might give better results.

**TUENSANG:**

Horticulture Special Drive District Tour reached Tuensang with the theme "Grow more! Produce more! Learn more!" The team had a consultative meeting with agri and allied, livelihood departments and KVK at Conference Hall Circuit House Tuensang on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The team was headed by Additional Secretary, Horticulture, Zarenthung who was accompanied by Deputy Directors of Horticulture Department, Y. Bongti and Meyasashi.

Zarenthung in his speech highlighted on calibrating the agri and allied sector and livelihood sector. It is high time to undertake the massive empirical data collection each extracted from the field with realistic approaches and to identify the excess production of different crops in each pockets and earmarking the same for export within the state.

Deputy Director of Horticulture Y. Bongti highlighted on the Government's effort in development of the storage and linkage of Indian railways, Jet Airways and Air India for export purposes where Jet Airways and Air India agreed in principle to help export 2000 kg each of perishable items to Central India and Indian railways agreed to carry 36 tonnes cargo of non-perishable items twice a week. The Government of Nagaland and the Airport Authority Dimapur has also agreed to make Dimapur airport a cargo laden airport.



**WOKHA:**

Department of Horticulture Government of Nagaland, held consultative meeting with department officials on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha.

Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture and Women Resource Development, Anenla T. Sato, IAS while speaking during the meeting, appealed to the department officials and other allied departments to help in collecting information and database of fruits, vegetables and spices growers so that department can come up with comprehensive strategy and marketing plans and activities.

Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha who also spoke during the meeting said, everything has come to a standstill because of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and if this lockdown continues, not only the farmers but the citizens will be adversely affected to a great extent and with a view to reach out to the farming community, the Department has come out with certain guidelines to encourage the farmers to carry on with their regular farming activities for self-sufficiency and economic development.

**TSEMINYU:**

COVID-19 Horticulture special drive concluded its district tour at Tseminyu on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, where the team led by Director, Dr. Elithung and Joint Director, N.Jerry Patton along with Commissioner & Secretary for Horticulture and

Women Resources Development Anenla T.Sato, held an interactive meeting at SDHO office Tseminyu with Field Officers of Horticulture and Agriculture departments of Tseminyu Sub-Division.

Commissioner & Secretary spoke about the necessity for maintaining social distancing with masks and maintaining proper hygienic by one and all which is the best weapon for protecting oneself from the deadly coronavirus. She also dwelt on dignity of labour and urged upon the people to take advantage of having sufficient cultivable land which is nearest to the State capital Kohima where there is no problem for supply and sale of Horticultural and Agricultural produces. She therefore called upon the Field Officers to encourage the farmers to work more, grow more and produce more for self sufficiency and income generating sources.

Director, Dr Elithung Lotha, speaking at the programme said that the purpose of COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive is to spread the awareness about 135 million people currently facing hunger globally, where COVID-19 is likely to push another 130 million to the brink of starvation by the end of year 2020. He therefore, sincerely urged upon the field officers of Horticulture / Agriculture and Allied departments to have very strong input to the farmers of various villages and to continue to work hard.

**BHAICHUNG BHUTIA CONTRIBUTES AND SUPPORTS  
SURUHUTO SUB-DIVISION TASK FORCE**

Padma Shri. Arjuna Award winner, Indian football legend and former captain of Indian football team, Bhaichung Bhutia contributed to Suruhuto Sub-Division Task Force under Zunheboto district, Nagaland against COVID-19 pandemic.

During the joint coordination meeting held to monitor the progress, Hotoshe Sema Awomi, member of the task force extended gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Suruhuto Area to Bhaichung Bhutia, for his financial contribution and

solidarity to SSTF. He stated that it would definitely boost the morale of the team and the people of the area. During this difficult time, such gesture shows his concern for humanity and his inherent leadership qualities.

Bhaichung Bhutia in a short video message encouraged and congratulated the task force for the great initiatives undertaken and encouraged them to continue working hard in supporting State Government plans, adding that he would visit the Sub-Division soon in the future.

## INTER-DISTRICT MOVEMENT FOR STRANDED PERSONS

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Commissioner and Convenor of Empowered Group, Nagaland, Sentianger Imchen, IAS has informed that the Government has allowed Inter-District movement for stranded persons of locals / indigenous who desire to return back to their home districts / villages during the period from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Sentianger asked all districts to make necessary arrangements as instructed earlier to

facilitate the movement of people to their respective destinations in consultation with their respective district NST officials. Free NST bus services will be provided for the transportation of such persons.

For people of Mon district travelling in NST buses, the buses will take the Nagaland- Assam route escorted by police without any stoppages in Assam, while private vehicles moving to Mon district shall take the Kohima-Wokha-Mokokchung-Longleng route.

## LEGISLATORS LED BY CM VISITS DISTRICT HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATE



CM, Neiphiu Rio distributing relief material to a daily wage earner arranged by Tuensang DDMA at DC's Office complex on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### TUENSANG:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visited Tuensang on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and inspected the COVID-19 Hospital Tuensang, along with Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton; Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Justice & Law, C. M. Chang and Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom.

A joint meeting with District Officers, civil societies, church leaders and NGOs was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall Tuensang

which was chaired by DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant.

While appreciating the hard work and efforts of the stakeholders, Chief Minister Rio updated on the video conferencing with the Central Government regarding law and order situation, loopholes and success stories of COVID 19 etc. He congratulated the efforts of the people and Chambers of Commerce Tuensang in materializing the much needed ICU. He asked the government



departments, civil societies, churches and NGOs to strive for the safety of the public. He also announced on the relaxation of the lockdown and movement of inter-district stranded individuals.

The Ministers appreciated the hard work of all the stakeholders in fighting the current disease. Deputy CM also asked the DC to direct all the villages to relax the strict village gates and allow the stranded people to enter the respective villages. Minister of Health & Family Welfare responding on the memorandum for the installation of ventilator at District Hospital Tuensang, said that presently it is being installed in Kohima and Dimapur, and other districts will follow suit shortly.

The DC reported on all the preventive activities conducted in respect to COVID-19 where he also highlighted on the total number of preventive gears, institutional quarantine centres of the district and on the establishment of the facilitation centres to assist the stranded individuals in the district.

SP Tuensang, Bharat Laxman Markad, IPS also reported on the activities conducted by the police to contain the pandemic in the district. Dr. Moa, CMO Tuensang highlighted on the medical activities and preparedness of the medical staff to fight COVID-19 in the district.

Rio distributed relief to daily wage earners which was arranged by District Disaster Management Authority Tuensang. Deputy Chief Minister donated walkie talkie sets to Village Guards of Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire and Shamator.

### **MOKOKCHUNG:**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton visited COVID-19 Hospital Mokokchung on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Chief Minister inspected the arrangement and preparedness on all round medical and security in the District TB Hospital and Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH) which were

converted into District COVID-19 Hospital. At IMDH, Rio distributed relief package (food) to the daily wage earners and labourers.

A meeting was held with officers and NGOs representing Ao Senden, Watsu Mungdang (women organization) AKM, ABAM, MTBA and all ward presidents at DC Bungalow Mokokchung. Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir highlighted on COVID-19 preparedness in the district.

The Chief Minister appreciated all for selfless contributions and co-operations extended in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted that the state economy during the lockdown period has suffered and appealed to all to reconstruct the state economy by going back to the land and start producing because if we fail in our economy, we will not survive simply depending on central grants alone; we all must work together and rescue ourselves.

The CM was accompanied by Deputy CM, Y. Patton; Minister for Higher Education & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjenlma Along; Advisor, National Highways, Longriniken; and Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and MLA Imkong L. Imchen.

### **WOKHA:**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visited District Hospital Wokha and held meeting with government officials, Lotha Hoho, Lotha Elo Hoho and Lotha Students Union on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

During the meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha, the Chief Minister expressed satisfaction regarding the preparedness and arrangements made by the District Task Force after personally inspecting the designated COVID-19 hospital. Stating that we are better prepared now to fight against the pandemic crisis, Rio said that it is all possible because of





collective efforts from all sections of the society which he termed as Team Nagaland.

Lotha Hoho also apprised the Chief Minister that on inspection of the District hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, it found out that the COVID-19 District Hospital does not have required doctors and medical equipments, for which the it requested for immediate replacement of doctors attached to Dimapur and the one who is on study leave, stating that the doctors are not posted as per the sanctioned strength for the district. The Hoho also requested to provide basic medical equipments as per the

requirement of the district such as X-Ray machine, ventilators, cardiac monitors, thermal scanners and standard PPEs. The Chief Minister informed the Hoho that he will take up the matter at the government level for deliberation at the earliest.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy CM, Minister for Home and R&B, Y. Patton; Minister, Minister for Rural Development Metsubo Jamir; Minister for Higher Education & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along. MLA Dr. Chumben Murry also attended the meeting.



*CM, Neiphiu Rio and his team inspecting the District Hospital Wokha on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

**MON:**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and his cabinet colleagues visited District Hospital Mon and held a meeting with DC, SP, health officials and other civil society organisations of the district at DC's Conference Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

During the meeting, cash were given to DDMA, Mon and other NGOs. Relief materials

were also distributed to daily wage earners.

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton; Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Law & Justice, C. M. Chang; Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and Minister, Transport and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak accompanied the Chief Minister.



## ZUNHEBOTO:

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton visited COVID-19 Hospital Zunheboto on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. They were accompanied by Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye, Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu and Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi.

The Chief Minister inspected the various arrangements made at the hospital like the isolation wards and the newly set up ICU facility.

A meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's residence with various officers and NGOs representing Sumi Hoho, Sumi Kukami Hoho, Sumi Totimi Hoho among others including church leaders.



CM, Neiphiu Rio along with other legislators visiting COVID-19 Hospital Zunheboto on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## PHEK:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visited Phek regarding COVID-19 on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 where he had a meeting with District Administration, officers and NGOs of Phek district. He was accompanied by Deputy CM, Y. Patton; Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom; Minister for Planning & Coordination and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu; Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu; Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi, MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu and MLA Kezhienyi Khalo.

The CM called upon everyone to give their best to fight against COVID-19, while thanking

District Administration, Police Department, medical staff and NGOs for giving the best effort in fighting against the disease. He also thanked church leaders for taking equal responsibility.

Short speeches were given by Minister S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister Neiba Kronu, MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu and CPO President Mikha Kenye.

CM Neiphiu Rio also visited District Hospital Phek to review the preparedness and measures taken against COVID-19. The meeting was chaired by Sachin Jaiswal, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Phek.



CM, Neiphiu Rio interacting with legislators, officers and NGOs at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**K. BADZE, MERIEMA QUARANTINE CENTRES READY FOR ACCOMMODATION**

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government has left no stone unturned in taking preventive and containment measures through different approaches, though so far no positive case of Corona virus has been reported in Nagaland.

To know the exact status of a person and to combat the menace of this dreaded disease from spreading before detection, the State Government under the initiative of the EG has set up Quarantine Centres at BSUP buildings Meriema and K. Badze, Kohima village for accommodation of people coming from outside the State.

Hitherto, these buildings were unusable without repair and renovation and its surroundings were piled up with debris and remnants accumulated over the years. However, with a concerted effort put in by a team of personnel from Housing, Health & Family Welfare, Municipal Affairs, PHE and Power, the buildings have been renovated and all the waste

materials have been removed.

The Empowered Group has provided logistics and basic amenities to the occupants and handed over to Health & Family Welfare Department for operation, wherein, 545 and 254 beds each with toilet and bathroom attached have been kept ready at K. Badze and Meriema for quarantine purposes. In addition to that, 10 beds have also been set up at ATI, Kohima. As of now, 22 persons coming from outside the State have been observing the quarantine period at Meriema Quarantine Centre. It is also reported that the Empowered Group has been in touch with government guest houses and private hotels for more accommodation in the event of shortage.

The Empowered Group is headed by Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Sentianger Imchen, IAS with subordinate officers from different departments. The Group has been assigned to look after the welfare and wellbeing of our people stranded outside the State.

**ESSENTIAL GOODS AVAILABLE IN THE STATE**

Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Hiazu Meru issued the report on law and order, and facilitation of essential goods and services regarding COVID-19 lockdown across the State as on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The report stated that 1(one) person violated the lock down and 2(two) persons were bound down. 746 (seven hundred and forty six) vehicles were imposed with fine that were challaned amounting to Rs. 1,41,050.

Regarding essential goods, shops for foodgrains and groceries, milk and also medicine were opened in all the districts. It also informed that there was no shortage in the supply of essential goods in the State.

The report also stated that the movements of essential service providers like electricity, telecom facilities, medical facilities etc. and personnel / workers in manufacturing units and commercial vehicles for distribution of essential commodities and e-commerce were not restricted in the State.

Suitable arrangements been made for providing food and shelter to affected migrant workers. As per the report, there are 4(four) active relief camps where 64(sixty four) migrant labourers are housed and in 4(four) active food camps, more than 350(three hundred and fifty) daily wagers and needy persons were provided with food and dry rations.

**RIO MEETS CIVIL SOCIETIES AT DIMAPUR**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio called an emergency meeting of all civil societies of Dimapur to seek their views, concerns and suggestions with

regard to COVID-19 on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Police Complex, Chumukedima, Dimapur.

In the meeting, Rio expressed gratitude to







the civil societies, church leaders, District Administration, Police, public and all concerned for their concerted efforts in preventing corona virus and for sincerely implementing the SOPs given by the Government.

Rio informed that deporting of inter-district stranded people which started on 7<sup>th</sup> May is completed and people from other states have started arriving since 12<sup>th</sup> May as Delhi Government has opened movement of trains and other modes of transport. With the sudden announcement of movement of trains, Rio was of the view that individuals might start coming on their own. "The virus might come in Nagaland which is a green zone, if people staying outside come, however we cannot disown our own children/brothers and sisters," Rio said and sought the suggestions of the civil societies on how to handle the situation best when the stranded people in large numbers arrive in Nagaland.

If economic activities cannot carry on with the lockdown, we cannot take development forward and therefore Prime Minister has decided that MP fund will not be given for 2 years and 30 percent of their salary will be deducted, Rio added. Talking about petrol cess, Rio said that such steps are initiated in almost all the states for COVID-19 preparedness, improvement of hospitals but hinted that it will be reviewed according to situation.

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy informed that already 18,000 stranded Nagas have registered in the portal, 'Iamstranded' expressing their desire to come home. Toy said that initially Nagaland Government was all set in place to deport stranded people phase wise starting with inter-district, North East and followed by inter-state deportation through special trains. However with the Delhi Government opening of normal passenger trains, new SOPs would be issued, he maintained. He also informed that 70 percent of the stranded returnees from

different states would be quarantined at Dimapur while 30 percent will be sent at Kohima as per advice from the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Toy also clarified that Rs.10,000 offered by Government to stranded persons was not to appease them not to come home but to extend help if they do not desire to come home even after doing the registration and are facing financial problems. He also informed that for the convenience of the returnees and also the arrangements to be properly set, window period will be extended if needed. He also advised the district administration for bringing out guidelines on the use of PPEs, wearing of masks and to educate the people who are helping the Government in various work in the fight against the pandemic.

Several speakers including President, Western Sumi Hoho, President, Chakroma Public Organization, Chakesang Hoho, Lotha Hoho, Ao Senso Telongjem Dimapur, ENPO, Rengma Organization Dimapur, Naga Women Hoho Dimapur, Dimapur District GB association, DNSU, Dimapur Urban GB, Dimapur Christian Forum, Dimapur District Village Council Association also spoke during the meeting and expressed their desire to co-operate and work with the Government, if any assignments are given to them.

Besides others, Deputy Chief Minister Y.Patton, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi, Advisors Zhaleo Rio, Tovihoto, and government officials also attended the meeting.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, CM Neiphiu Rio also inspected the Reception Centre and the Quarantine Centres at Agri Expo, Dimapur. He also visited the new DC's Office complex, presently converted into a Quarantine Centre. He expressed satisfaction with the overall arrangements made and lauded the district administration, police, civil societies and all concerned for their contribution and participation in the fight against COVID-19.





**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTES FACEMASKS,  
HAND WASHING SOAP AND PAMPHLETS**

The Department of Agriculture launched the State Nodal ATMA programme for distribution of facemask, hand washing soap and pamphlets for small and marginal farmers on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at the official residence of Minister of Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye.

Kaito Aye said that the Government is contributing its best effort to tackle the pandemic and as agriculture is responsible for more than 70% of the population, field workers, farmers should be supported in any kind to help cater their needs. He mentioned that since no vaccine has been developed till now, social distancing is the only preventive measure to tackle the virus and

appealed to the agri and allied departments to emphasis more on the farmers and extend the message to the field workers and farmers to maintain social distancing and extend any support particularly the women farmers.

Director, Agriculture & SNO (ATMA) Nagaland, M. Ben Yanthan in his introductory message said that in the past few days during the lockdown, the Agriculture Department has initiated few activities such as distributing 40,000 cotton face masks, hand washing soap and pamphlets to small and marginal farmers including women from ATMA-Nagaland, to encourage social distancing and sanitation.

**1<sup>ST</sup> GROUP INTER-STATE RETURNEES FROM NE REACHES DIMAPUR**

The first group of inter-state returnees from North East comprising of 11 persons from the Jain community reached Dimapur by bus around 6:45 pm at Agri Expo Dimapur on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020. On arrival at the reception centre put up at Agri Expo Dimapur, all the returnees filled in the form with necessary details and proceeded for screening in the medical facility centre. Thereafter they were quarantined at Jain Bhavan in Marwari Patti which was approved by the district administration and medical department as it fulfills all criteria to be set up as quarantine centre.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of returnees numbering 20 reached Dimapur from Jorhat, Mariani and

Titapur in 4 buses around 9:10 pm. After going through the necessary protocols, they were kept in the quarantine centers.

Meanwhile DC Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS, APC and in-charge for Dimapur district for COVID-19, Kikheto Sema IAS, CP Dimapur and officials from Health & Family Welfare Department visited Agri Expo site in the morning to oversee the preparations and logistics in place for receiving the returnees. Principal Director, H&FW, Vizolie, CMO and Deputy CMO Dimapur and host of medical officials also welcomed the returnees at Agri Expo site Dimapur.

**ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE ON AGRICULTURE CROPS  
BY NATURAL CALAMITIES DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN**

During the past few weeks, the impact of heavy rainfall, thunder squalls and hailstorm were experienced causing crop losses in various parts of the State. An assessment on the scale of damage in terms of the area and types of field crops affected were surveyed by the Field Officers and

functionaries in their respective posting districts and sub-divisions. And, as per their field reports, a total of 522.45 hectares of agricultural crops were damaged. The details of district wise field area and crops affected from highest to the least affected submitted till filing of this report is as follows:



Sl.No.	District	Field areas in ha	Crops affected
1.	Zunheboto	212.5	Maize, Kholar, Potato, Cucumber and Watermelon
2.	Kiphire	182.0	Maize, Kholar and Potato
3.	Tuensang	59.0	Potato, Cabbage, Kholar and Maize
4.	Kohima	20.0	Potato, Maize, Job's tear, Cabbage and Carrot
5.	Longleng	18.5	Paddy, Maize and Vegetable
6.	Dimapur	12.45	Maize, Tomato and Vegetable
7.	Mokokchung	9.6	Paddy, Maize and Vegetable (Cucumber, Yam etc.)
8.	Phek	8.0	Maize, Bean and Cabbage
9.	Peren	0.4	Maize

According to the Director of Agriculture, M.Ben Yanthan, the names of the affected farmers has been collected by the respective DAOs and SDAOs even at times of state-wide

lockdown measures and travel restrictions, for onward submission to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Gol, Kolkata division.

### FAW INFESTATION DURING KHARIF 2020

Fall Army Worm (FAW) (*Spodoptera frugiperda*. J.E Smith 1797) is a species in the order of Lepidoptera of the family Noctuidae. This armyworm is native to the tropical and subtropical region of America, distributed widely in the eastern and central region of North America and South America. It was reported in Africa in 2016 and has seen its spread to 28 countries causing huge economic losses. In India, for the first time it was reported during May 2018 in Karnataka and the pest was identified during June 2018 and by July 2018, it subsequently spread out widely to the other states. In Nagaland, the first outbreak was reported in May 2019.

In 2019, 4470.17 ha. of Kharif maize was infested by FAW, however it was brought under control without causing any economic losses. This year, infestation reports estimates to 2961.95 ha. Input support from the Agriculture Department has been dispatched to the affected areas. Human resource support from ATMA, KVKs, CIPMC and extension personnel of the Department are involved in the surveillance, monitoring and control operations.

Another new pest, a semilooper, commonly known as inch worm has been reported from Kohima and Zunheboto districts. The pest is found to feeding on crops like potato, chilli and beans. The total area infested by this pest is approximately 700- 800 ha.

Mechanical control and Bio-pesticides such as *Bacillus Thuringiensis*, *Beauveria bassiana* and *Azadirachtin* is being used for control measures which will also be followed by release of egg parasitoids i.e. *Trichogramma pretiosum* which is produced by the Department's Bio-Control Laboratory in Medziphema.

This semilooper infestation with high population above economic threshold level is being noticed for the first time in the State. It is presumed that it could be a migratory pest. The identification this pest is under process which would take some time. However, general control operations for semilooper are in progress to prevent further spread. In case of severe outbreak, the recommendation would be destruction of crops and take up alternative crop/resowing.

This has contained the peak periods of incidence, thereby, reducing the economic losses of the farmers to an extent. Moreover, plant protection sprays in the affected fields and awareness creation among the farming communities even in the midst of the present COVID-19 lockdown are being taken up as immediate measures since the agriculture activities are fully exempted. The ongoing Surveillance and Monitoring and logistic support to the districts and sub-divisions is supported through the State ATMA programme as interventions in a gap filling mode.

## JACOB ZHIMOMI INSPECTS AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURES AT GANESHNAGAR

Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi visited Ganeshnagar, Dhansiripar under Dimapur district on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to take stock of the infrastructures/facilities available, and also to see its feasibility to be used as quarantine centre by the Government. Members had suggested for utilising the buildings at Ganeshnagar during the cabinet meeting held at Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020. In this regard, Jacob Zhimomi visited all the double and single storeyed blocks and also the godowns to make accurate assessment of the availability of

bedrooms, toilets, electricity and water supply facilities. With the new arrangement to be taken up by the Government, assessment for finalisation will be decided at the earliest, Jacob informed.

The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS; Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo IPS; Deputy CMO, Dimapur, Dr. Antoly; DPRO, Dimapur, Lolano Patton; Land Records & Survey Officer and GBs of Ganeshnagar, Dhansiripar areas amongst others.

## STATE OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

International Day for Biological Diversity with the theme, "Our solutions are in nature" was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at Forest Office Complex, Kohima.

Speaking at the event, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Justice & Law, C.M. Chang stated that biological resources provides the basis of life on earth. He stated that human society depends on biological resources for almost all the food supply, medicines, clothing, fuel, building materials besides recreational and spiritual aspects. He stated that Nagaland is very rich in biodiversity having variety of flora and fauna and despite being a small state, has six types of forest with the support from the Centre, the State has upgraded the Conference Hall of Forest Offices Complex at Dimapur, Nagaland Zoological Park Rangapahar and Botanical Garden at Kohima into Nature Learning Centres under the National Mission of Himalayan Studies (NMHS) for imparting training to children, students and communities on "Co-existence of human beings with nature," the Minister stated.

Meanwhile, CCF and Member Secretary, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), Supongnukshi Ao IFS stated that due to excessive consumerism and over exploitation of the biological resources, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1993 as a pledge to conserve biodiversity. As mandated by the convention, India formulated the Biological Diversity

Act in 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules in 2004 which was followed by Nagaland State Biological Diversity Rules in 2012, he stated.

Supongnukshi briefly highlighted the structure of the NSBB and some of its mandates which includes formation of Biodiversity Committees in all local bodies i.e. villages and documentation of bio-resources like plants, animals and traditional knowledge. He stated that documented resources belongs to the villages and if infringed upon, can be appealed in the court hence providing legal protection. He stated that there are 17 mega biodiversity hotspots in the world of which one is in India where Nagaland falls under an area called Indo-Burma Bio-Diversity Hotspot. Falling under a bio-diversity hotspot, he stated that there is huge natural potential and opportunity to be tapped by the State while simultaneously stressing on the urgent need to conserve and protect nature with proper planning and assessment and awareness outreach.

Also speaking at the event, Chairman, NSBB, Satya Prakash Tripathi stated that biodiversity is a very vast subject involving many departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and other stakeholders. He stated that the ownership of forest land in Nagaland is different compared to other parts of the country with 88.3 percent forest area under private ownership. Hence, he stressed on the importance of educating and

spreading awareness about the conservation and protection of nature and bio resources to the people and community especially the students.

At the event, C.M. Chang also released a short film and illustrative booklet on "Our solutions are in nature" aimed at spreading awareness about

conservation and protection of nature and biodiversity.

The event was organized by NSSB in collaboration with Kohima Press Club (KPC). It was chaired by General Secretary KPC, Atono Kense, while words of gratitude was delivered by President KPC, Alice Yhoshü.

## STATE GOVERNMENT SPONSORS TO TRANSPORT 1600 MIGRANT WORKERS

Government of Nagaland has sponsored transporting thousands of migrant workers by Shramik special train from Dimapur to Bapudhan Motihari (East Champaran). The special train carrying 1600 left Dimapur at 9:00 pm from the railway station Dimapur on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. ADC, Dimapur, Lovitoly Sema informed that the Government of Nagaland paid for the tickets of 1600 migrant workers.

15 buses from Kohima with 339 migrant workers arrived at DDSC stadium Dimapur on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 around 3:00 pm while another 5 buses from Mokokchung ferried 158 of them at the same venue where the medical personnel took the task of thermal screening them, while officials from the district administration verified their documents after which they were issued the train tickets.

## RETURNEES FROM CHENNAI REACH KOHIMA

The returnees of Kohima, Longleng, Mokokchung, Tuensang, Wokha, Phek, Kiphire and Zunheboto who came from special Shramik Train from Chennai to Dimapur reached Kohima IG Stadium at 1:49 am on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

A total of 399 returnees which included Kiphire-52, Wokha-37, Zunheboto-17, Longleng-8, Phek-45, Mokokchung-17, Kohima-50 and Tuensang-173 were received by Joint Secretary, Border Affairs and Convenor of Reception Centre, Jamithung Lotha; ADC

Kohima & Co-Convenor of Reception Centre, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa; CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu and her medical team and other district and Police officials at IG Stadium, Kohima.

On their arrival, the returnees were made to wash their hands set up at the entry point followed by thermal screening, data entry and other necessary safety protocols were conducted by the management team, after which they were escorted to Meriema Quarantine Centre, Kohima.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS VISIT FARMERS AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Amidst the growing nationwide COVID-19 pandemic, officials from the Directorate of Agriculture visited farmers in Mokokchung district on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

During the visit, awareness on preventive measures and agricultural advisories against COVID-19 were taught to the farmers. Issues and problems faced by the farmers were also deliberated including crop damages caused by natural calamities and insect-pests infestations. Field

inspection of affected areas was also carried out by the officials.

Around 500 numbers each of face masks and hand soaps were also supplied by the visiting team to be distributed to the farmers. The visit was headed by Letkholal Hangsing, Joint Director and Dr. James Kuba, Deputy Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima along with officials and staff from the District Agriculture Office, KVK and ATMA, Mokokchung. The district officers were further



appraised to remain vigilant and dedicated towards the service of the farmers during the current global economic crisis.

On 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, an official team led by I. Amenla, Joint Director and Velhusalu Vero, Deputy Director from the Directorate of Agriculture toured Peren district with an objective to create awareness, preparedness, encourage and motivate the extension personnel and the farmers of Peren district.

During the tour, the team interacted and deliberated with host of officials from the Agriculture Department, KVK, ATMA and the farmers on issues pertaining to agricultural activities, Fall Army Worm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) and cotton bollworm

(*Helicoverpa armigera*) infestations in maize and potato crops respectively. Later on, the team launched the release of 2000 numbers each of masks, hand washing soaps and pamphlets on farming advisories during COVID-19 for the small and marginal farmers of Peren district.

The team accompanied by DAO, Peren and SDAO, Jalukie also called on the Deputy Commissioner, Peren and apprised him on the various agricultural activities in Peren district and State Agriculture Department preparedness and actions during the pandemic COVID-19 and pest infestations. Winding up with the tour, the team visited various ATMA Farm Schools, Oil Palm areas and interacted with the farmers with issues and challenges.

### H&FW DEPARTMENT APPEALS

Nagaland reported three COVID-19 positive cases as of 11:00 am on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A press release issued by the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Menukhol John stated that the conditions of the 3 (three) individuals are stable and are being monitored/treated in the COVID-19 hospitals. Besides, contact tracing is actively underway to prevent any further spread. In this regard, the following points are being brought to the notice of the public.


In this regard, the Department has appealed to the public not to panic while at the same time, continue to be cautious and follow the safety guidelines issued from time to time. The infected persons and their families at this juncture need our prayer and support and not discrimination and stigmatization, the release stated, further appealing to everyone to join hands to support the efforts of the frontline workers. The Department further re-iterated not to spread unconfirmed news items / messages in such trying times.

### GOVERNOR R. N. RAVI REVIEWS STATE PREPAREDNESS AGAINST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Governor, Nagaland, R.N. Ravi on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 reviewed the preparedness of the State Government in the backdrop of some recent COVID-19 positive cases reported in the State. Senior officials including Chief Secretary Temjen Toy, Additional Chief Secretary Sentianger Imchen were present. He laid emphasis on rigorous contact tracing of all those who came in contact with the COVID-19 positive patients in the last 14 days and quarantining them either at home or institutions depending on their health symptoms. Contact tracing and their management is the most crucial preventive protocol against spread of COVID-19. He stressed the need for more BSL Labs in the

State. He insisted on improving the conditions of all the District Hospitals, which are also the COVID-19 Hospitals.

Governor praised the Frontline Warriors – our health professionals for their dedication and selfless service to the people and exhorted the senior officials to be in touch with them and be responsive to their legitimate needs and apprehensions. He urged the people of the State to continue observing safety guidelines including social distancing and not to panic, not to stigmatise the COVID-19 patients and be compassionate to them, adding that they are our own people who have become victims for no fault of theirs.



**AUTOMATIC BODY SANITIZER INSTALLED AT NLA**

As part of its preparedness to facilitate the functioning of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat in the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Secretary, NLA, Dr. P.J. Antony on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 informed that NLA has installed an Automatic Body

Sanitizer at its Main Entry Door. The sanitizer developed by the Kudatech Skill Centre, Dimapur was set up along with the automatic hand sanitizer dispensers in the context of the series of meetings of the Assembly Committees scheduled in the coming days.



*An Automatic Body Sanitizer was installed at the main entry door of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

**CM RIO VISITS GANESHNAGAR IQC AND LAUDS POLICE FOR THE VISIBLE FACELIFT IN RECORD TIME**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 visited Ganeshnagar, Dimapur under Dhansiripar to take stock of the ongoing renovation works at Ganeshnagar which has been converted to COVID-19 Institutional Quarantine Center (IQC) as per decision of the Cabinet. The infrastructures at Industrial Estate Ganeshnagar has been left

abandoned for several years as no potential Naga entrepreneurs came forward to stay and work there.

As more stranded Naga people are arriving from other states, accommodation is becoming a challenge specially for Dimapur as out of the 18,000 plus returnees, Dimapur district has to shoulder the responsibility of housing more than 70%. In view of



*CM, Neiphiu Rio inspecting Ganeshnagar Industrial Estate, Dimapur with his entourage on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



*Governor, R. N. Ravi and senior officials of the State Government during the review meeting on COVID-19 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with other Ministers addressing officers and NGOs at DC Bungalow, Mokokchung on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*





*Legislator in-charge of Peren district COVID-19 and Minister, H&TE and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along and Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang visiting District Hospital, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



*Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha speaking at the COVID-19 Horticulture Special Drive held in Zunheboto on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*





*Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom serving refreshment to police personnel on COVID-19 duty on World Red Cross Day at Longleng on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



*Advisor, IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung with officials during his visit to Shamator on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo with other dignitaries during the launch of fully equipped ambulance service at Hiezükhu Memorial District Hospital on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.*



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and his colleagues at the inaugural of BSL-3 Laboratory at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.*



this, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Kohima, decided for converting Industrial Estate Ganeshnagar into IQC where the Nagaland Police under the initiative of DGP Nagaland, John Longkumer and DIG Training, Aotemsu spearheaded for giving a complete facelift to the abandoned buildings, the renovation works of which started on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

In a brief programme during his visit, Rio on behalf of the Government and his colleagues expressed profound gratitude and appreciation to the Nagaland Police, from DGP John Longkumer to all rank and files for making the area possible for habitation in record time.

The Chief Minister also informed that Government would support the quarantinees at Ganeshnagar by imparting motivational training on business entrepreneurship, to those who desire to stay in Nagaland and earn their living. Rio emphasised for focussing in Agri and Allied, Entrepreneurship, Sports, Tourism in building the economy and informed that strategy group has been set up and are working on it. He further added that henceforth if anyone plans to go and work outside Nagaland, he or she has to register with the Government and unless that is done, Government would not be responsible. "Government will discuss and take decision very soon in this regard," he maintained.

Mentioning that Nagas in mainland India who have registered, have started arriving, Rio informed that accommodation set ready in place comes to

around 4500 presently, including Ganeshnagar. Rio appreciated and thanked the tireless efforts rendered by the frontline workers including the District Administration, Police, civil societies, DTF, NGOs, churches and the public in general. "We have to fight Corona virus unitedly," Rio said.

Meanwhile, PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi highlighted on the issue of shortage of medical staff at Dimapur to which the Health & Family Welfare Minister, Pangnyu Phom assured to send additional force of medical team by the following week.

Rio and his entourage visited all the three sectors where sector A and B has been completed with everything put in place with a capacity to house around 600 persons. The 3<sup>rd</sup> sector which has total capacity for accommodating another 600 people would be ready by the following week.

DGP Nagaland, John Longkumer highlighted on the command flow chart, items to be provided to the inmates on arrival, expenditure incurred in renovating the Industrial Estate and budget requirement for catering, police mess and sanitation and scavenging duty. Longkumer also suggested to the Empowered Committee for sending quarantinees in large numbers at Ganeshnagar instead of sending in small batches.

A host of Ministers and Advisors including Neiba Kronu, Temjen Imna Along, Zhaleo Rio, K. T. Sukhalu, MLA Azheto, DIG Training Aotemsu, DC Dimapur Anoop Kinchi IAS, CP Dimapur Rothihu Tetseo IPS were among others who were present during Chief Minister's visit to Ganeshnagar.

## OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2020

The HSLC Examinations 2020 commenced from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and concluded on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and the HSSLC Examinations 2020 commenced from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and concluded on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In HSLC examination, a total of 22,393 candidates were enrolled and in the HSSLC examination, a

total of 15,461 were enrolled for the examination.

### A. HSLC Examination 2020:

Out of 22,392 candidates, a total of 15,680 candidates qualified the examination with a qualified percentage of 70.03%.

The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
68.29%	66.01%	70.19%	65.42%	63.11%



8470 girls and 7210 boys qualified in the examination. In the Top 20 list, there are 55 candidates out of which 16 are boys and the rest i.e. 39 are girls. 96 schools secured 100% qualified/pass

percentage. Out of 96, 83 are private schools and 13 are government schools. This year, 34 schools have zero/nil result out of which 30 are government schools and 4 private schools.

Government Schools qualified / pass percentage	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	32.81%	42.60%	40.77%	43.32%	47.40%

In terms of district wise performance for government schools, Kohima district again topped the table with a percentage of 64% followed by Mokokchung and Peren districts at 57%. Longleng district is at the bottom with 10%.

In respect of private schools, Kohima district is at the top with a percentage of 89% followed by Mokokchung at 88%.

The number of candidates who secured

80% and above in aggregate is 986. Out of 986, 11 candidates are from government schools.

#### **B. HSSLC Examination 2020:**

8(eight) institutions under Arts stream, 6(six) institution under Science stream and 5(five) institutions under Commerce stream secured 100% pass result.

The performance of boys and girls stream wise in terms of pass percentage is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	77.24 %	66.44 %	90.03 %
Boys	65.51 %	68.99 %	75.07 %

The overall percentage in Arts stream is 71.87%, Commerce stream is 75.47% and Science stream is 80.99%

The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Arts	74.44%	73.42%	77.28%	72.10%	69.90%
Commerce	74.68%	73.75%	70.92%	73.80%	66.86%
Science	81.37%	84.39%	86.94%	82.46%	79.64%

There are two toppers from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Merit list at the HSSLC Examination 2020.

The number of boys and girls in the top 10 list stream wise is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	13	8	6
Boys	3	4	5

### **WORLD 'NO TOBACCO DAY' OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE**

#### **KOHIMA:**

The District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) Kohima in collaboration with the Tobacco Free

Educational Institutions under Kohima district celebrated World No Tobacco Day on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 by maintaining social distancing. The day was





celebrated with the theme "Preventing youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use."

State Nodal Officer NTCP, Dr. C. Tetseo's message on the World No Tobacco Day stated that the tobacco industry has employed all the possible tactics for decades to attract new generations of tobacco users to replace millions of people dying every year. Stating that this year, the WHO has chosen the theme which exposes this lie and also seek to empower the youth with knowledge and engage them in the fight against tobacco. He was glad that tobacco free schools in Kohima have actively participated in this fight in spite of the difficult time.

The participating educational institutions included students from Vineyard School, Genesis School, G. Rio School, Baptist School Botsa, Government Primary School CWSN Lerie, Vikeself's Vision School, Government Middle School Botsa, Dainty Buds School, Fernwood School, Government Middle School Lerie Chazou Aradura, Regimental School 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Thizama, Trinity School, Azedon School, Government Middle School Dzüvürü Poterlane, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Holy Family Higher Secondary School, Bethel Higher Secondary School Khedi, Baptist Higher Secondary School, Minister Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School, Mt. Hermon Higher Secondary School, Model Higher Secondary School, Mt. Sinai Higher Secondary School, Modern Institute of Teachers Education and colleges included Mt. Olive College, KROS College, Capital College, Baptist College and Oriental College.

Some of the slogan reads "Tobacco Industries

cannot manipulate my personal choice," "Be smart, don't start," "Be smart, don't fall into the trap," "Stop cremating yourself," "Quit tobacco, choose health choose life," "Tobacco companies kills their best customers," "If you can't quit tobacco, Cancer will."

#### **DIMAPUR:**

On this occasion, District Tobacco Control Cell Dimapur carried out IEC (Information Education Communication) activities and released a short video to raise awareness on the urgent need to intervene and protect the vulnerable children from falling prey to tobacco industry tactics. The Department has requested all stakeholders and policy makers to strengthen the tobacco control laws in the State.

#### **LONGLENG:**

In Longleng, the World No Tobacco Day was held with Deputy Commissioner Longleng M. Shayung Phom as the special guest on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 at DC's Office complex under the theme "Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use."

Speaking on the day, the Deputy Commissioner Longleng called upon the NGOs and civil societies of the district to come forward with innovative ideas and valuable suggestions to ban use of tobacco in the district and asserted that without the cooperation and support of the NGOs and civil societies, the District Administration and Police alone cannot combat against tobacco. Stressing on bad effects of tobacco Shayung appealed to the gathering to be an agent of change by dissemination the information to their family and community.

### **REPORT ON COVID-19 STATE LAW & ORDER AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2020**

The COVID-19 Control Room and State Emergency Operation Centre Home Department issued the report on law and order across the State as on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Hiazu Meru stated that remedial steps have been taken against violations and 50 vehicles under various Sections of MV Act were imposed fines of Rs, 8,700/- (Eight Thousand Seven Hundred).

Further, the report stated that shops for food grains, groceries, medicine and milk were opened in all the districts. There was no report of any shortage of food grains, groceries, milk or medicine in the State.

There was no restriction on movement of essential service providers like electricity, telecom facilities, medical facilities etc. and personnel / workers in manufacturing units and commercial vehicles for distribution of essential commodities and e-commerce.

Suitable arrangements have been made for providing food and shelter to migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. The report stated that from 1 (One) active relief camps and from 2 (Two) active food camps, 70 (Seventy) persons of daily wagers/needies were provided with food and dry ration by the Government and NGOs.





## H&FW MINISTER VISITS MOKOKCHUNG

State Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom visited Dr. Imkongliba Memorial Civil Hospital Mokokchung on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, which was converted into COVID-19 hospital. Phom inaugurated and handed over one ambulance, with basic life support level and TrueNat Kit for screening and testing COVID-19 cases. A review meeting was also held at ADC Planning Hall with District Task Force COVID-19, Ao Senden, Watsu Mungdang, AKM and ward representative on the preparedness in the eventuality of possible outbreak of COVID-19 in the district.

Addressing the meeting, Pangnyu stated that to fight COVID-19 pandemic one should be

well prepared and contribute one's best to win the fight against the dreaded virus. The Minister called upon all to disseminate information and to strictly follow the protocols and be disciplined in fighting the virus.

The Minister also expressed gratitude to all the frontline workers, governmental and non governmental organizations led by the district administration for working tirelessly with new strategies to combat the COVID-19.

Pangnyu was accompanied by Minister Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba and MLA, B.S. Nganlang.

## ADVISOR IPR VISITS TUENSANG AND SHAMATOR

Advisor Information & Public Relations, Village Guards, SCERT, Toshi Wungtung visited Shamator on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 and took stock of the situation for COVID-19 in Shamator. The Chairman of Task Force of COVID-19 Shamator, Lankonsen Tsanglao highlighted the

immediate needs to the MLA and Advisor. The meeting was held in the presence of selected YTC, Public Forum Shamator, Chambers of Commerce, Shamator, Police, VG, 45AR, NDPP 58 A/C office bearers and COVID-19 Team Shamator.

## MINISTER FOR H&FW VISITS WOKHA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Health & Family Welfare Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom visited Wokha COVID-19 District Hospital to oversee the preparation taken by the District Task Force (DTF) and Health & Family Welfare Department to contain COVID-19 pandemic in the district.

The Minister stated that Wokha district is a vulnerable and high-risk zone area as the district shares long stretch of border with Assam and there may be many challenges to contain the disease. Pangnyu also appealed to the District Administration, H&FW Department, police and civil societies to be more united and co-operative to face any eventuality in the fight against the pandemic.

Lotha Hoho led by its Chairman who had inspected the District hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020,

found out that the COVID-19 district hospital does not have required doctors and medical equipments for which the Hoho appealed for redressal at the earliest. The Hoho also requested for basic medical equipments as per the requirement of the district such as X-Ray machine, ventilators, cardiac monitors, thermal scanners and standard PPE.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman DTF, Orenthung Lotha said that Wokha district, borders Assam covering almost 80 Km has a porous border which puts the district at high risk zone. The DC urged the Minister to immediately post Medical Officer at Yimpang, Yanmhon, Moilan, Aree and Ralan and to provide better healthcare facilities to combat and to contain the pandemic crisis. Pangnyu also handed over one new Ambulance to the district.



**DTF KIPHIRE MEETING HELD**

The District Task Force, Kiphire held its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at DPDB Hall, chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Sarita Yadav, IAS.

CMO said that proper screening will be carried out for incoming citizens from outside the district and they will be home quarantined for 14 days which can also be extended depending on the case of individual.

DTF chairperson notified that all the existing guidelines given on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 such as no social gathering, no religious gathering, number of funeral attendees not exceeding 20, and to maintain social

distancing shall be followed till further order is issued. Police Department and Assam Rifles have been requested to intensify monitoring in their respective duties.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department informed the members in regard to the outbreak of African Swine Flu in the neighbouring states and requested the administration for passing order banning import of pigs from other states. Church and civil societies informed that the public have no objections towards burial in the eventuality of death due to COVID-19.

**MOCK DRILL ON COVID-19 CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS****MOKOKCHUNG:**

To check the preparedness of different agencies that has been set to tackle the situation in the event of positive case of COVID-19 in the District, a mock drill was held at Mokokchung on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

The simulation involved a number of important Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) activities such as patient management and treatment, containment of COVID-19 positive area, dead body management of COVID-19 positive patient, and management of unclaimed dead body of suspected COVID-19.

The mock drill was followed by a debriefing session at the Incident Command Post (Town Hall, Mokokchung) by Deputy Commissioner, Limawabang Jamir who is also the RO (Responsible Officer).

**LONGLENG:**

Health & Family Welfare Department Longleng conducted a mock drill at District Headquarter Longleng in collaboration with District Administration, Police, Fire & Emergency Services on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, to review the emergency preparedness of the Department and to evaluate SOP of the prevailing COVID-19 situation within the district.

**DIMAPUR:**

Mock drill simulating treatment and subsequent death of COVID patient in the ward and the protocols to be followed in such scenario was conducted at District Hospital Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. During the mock drill, doctors, nurses and health workers strictly followed the guidelines for PPE donning serially (hand hygiene, shoes, hairnet, gloves, gown, mask, goggle, cap gloves) and doffing.

Doctors from Dimapur District Hospital informed that there are four teams divided into A, B, C and D with a team leader for each group. Mock drills and PPE donning and doffing practice are conducted daily team wise, as per COVID duty roster, doctors informed.

**ABOI:**

With a view to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the Aboi Sub-Division under Mon district led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Aboi, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS issued various advisories and guidelines for the safety of public. Block level training has been conducted phase wise for all the CHOs, ANMs, ASHAs, Anganwadis, Ward Task Force representatives with Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Neiphrezo Sorünuo as the resource person.





The simulations involved a number of Standard Operating Procedure activities such as patient management, referral of patient for sample collection, testing ward task force

meeting, activation of frontline health workers, defining of containment zone, public announcement and the role of ward task force members and volunteers.



Mock drill on COVID-19 being conducted at Community Health Centre, Aboi.

#### BHANDARI:

A mock drill was held at Public Local Ground Bhandari on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The mock drill was conducted for the purpose of familiarization of COVID-19 quarantine Standard Operating

Procedure for the frontline workers and also to identify practical gaps for systematic and safe management of the returnees for health safety and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Guidelines were also made for the returnees at the quarantine facility.

### MP RAJYA SABHA MEETS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS AT KOHIMA



Nagaland MP, Rajya Sabha, K. G. Kenye as member of Nagaland Standing Committee, holding a meeting with Kohima District Administration and others at DC's Office chamber, Kohima on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Nagaland, K.G.Kenye had a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie along

with Senior SP Kohima, CMO Kohima, Administrator KMC, ADS Kohima and KCCI in DC's Office Chamber Kohima on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



The MP informed that the National Standing Committee is taking stock of food grains and essential commodities position across the country, where he has been appointed as a member for the whole North Eastern states. He therefore said that he will be visiting other districts of the State as well as the other NE States to take stock of food grains and other essential commodities position. Kenye

further asked ADS to update the demand of the grassroot level and also give monthly report on the stock position to the District Administration.

In the meeting, the District Administration, KMC, ADS and KCCI gave report on the relief distribution activities and arrangement for availability of food grains and other essential commodities being carried out during the lockdown period in the district.

### DC DIMAPUR INSPECTS MOBILE ATM

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Anoop Kinchi IAS on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 inspected the Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Mobile ATM, which continues to facilitate customers in the rural and border areas, an initiative of NSCB in collaboration with District Administration Dimapur. Kinchi said that during lockdown, when people were unable to come out, the mobile ATM went at the doorsteps to allow them to draw cash enabling them to buy essential commodities from their respective colony markets.

Apart from that, specifically the villagers in the Assam boundary who were using services from

Dimapur were unable to come towards Nagaland after the borders were sealed and therefore the mobile ATM were taken in the border areas to ease the burden of the people staying in the border areas.

General Manager NSCB Dimapur, Ningsangwaba pointed that although there are a number of ATM booths in the city, rural and border areas lack the presence of ATM booths and therefore to cover up the uncovered areas, the mobile ATM was introduced on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 during NSCB Golden Jubilee celebration.

*Customers queuing up to avail the Mobile ATM facility.*



**MDTF COVID-19 LAUNCH FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION**

Launching programme of Face Mask Distribution by Mokokchung District Task Force on COVID- 19 was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at the Community Hall, Khensa village.

Speaking at the launching programme, Deputy Commissioner & Convenor District Task Force on COVID- 19, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir said the citizen funded project to stitch two lakh washable masks is to ensure that every single person in the district has a mask to wear so that compulsory wearing of face mask would help contain the spread of COVID- 19.

DC said, the battle against COVID-19 would continue until a vaccine is found. Therefore, as responsible citizens, every individual need to be self disciplined, maintain personal hygiene and strictly follow the directions being given by the authorities. He also appealed to the civil societies and the churches

for their continuous support in the days ahead.

The campaign has created a website where all the latest information about the face mask project is available including the details of the work progress. The various SHGs and volunteers also use an integrated dashboard platform online where one can track the progress of work. Volunteers can simply request for more material or get readymade masks at the click of a button from their mobile phone.

The Nodal Officer also expressed appreciation to Dr. Vivek Choudhary, currently working at INSEAD, Singapore who is selflessly volunteering in creating and designing and operating websites and apps for the Face Mask Project. He also monitors the entire online dashboard from Singapore using the hashtag # iamwithmokokchung.



DC, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir handing over face masks during the launch of Face Masks Distribution programme at Community Hall, Khensa village on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**TRAINING ON COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING HELD AT JALUKIE**

As part of COVID-19 preparedness, Health & Family Welfare Department, Peren conducted training on COVID-19 Contact Tracing for Police personnel and personnel of SDRF at Customary Court, ADC Office Jalukie on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Training was imparted on contact tracing and sample collection, rational use of PPEs

under different situations, donning & doffing of PPEs, containment zone and dead body management and quarantine and isolation guarding tips and use of disinfectant.

The resource person in the training programme were DIO, Dr. Nukshisangla, MO CHC Jalukie, Dr. Albert, QAM, Dr. Neime Kuotsu, DF NHP, Amongla and DPO DAPCU, Vime.

### DTF PEREN MEETING ON COVID-19

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Task Force Peren, Sentiwapang Aier chaired the Peren DTF meeting on COVID-19 in the Conference Hall of DC's Office, New District Headquarter, Peren on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The meeting deliberated on several issues pertaining to the guidelines by the State Government and how to go about in the district and outside the district. DTF Peren have set up sub-committee headed by SDO (Civil HQ Peren) as

Convenor, AGM NST, SDPO Peren, Dr. Asang, Bus Union and Taxi Union Peren to deal with the stranded people from outside the district. DTF Peren decided to construct temporary shed at Sainik School Punglwa Gate as facilitation centre.

Ongoing data collection and proper screening will be done at two entry points to the district. 10 volunteers each from all the villages, all primary school teachers will be given training by Health & Family Welfare Department in block wise in due course of time.

### ICU INAUGURATED AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL ZUNHEBOTO

A three bedded ICU was inaugurated at District Hospital Zunheboto on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by CMO Zunheboto, Dr. Zhehokhu Chishi. The ICU will be

available to all patients who require the facility in the district. The unit was inaugurated in a function attended by various stakeholders and the medical fraternity.

### LEGISLATORS VISITS COVID-19 HOSPITAL AT MOKOKCHUNG

Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and Minister Rural Development Nagaland Metsubo Jamir visited the COVID-19 District Hospital Mokokchung on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and interacted with the medical officials on the preparedness of medical response in the eventuality of outbreak of COVID-19 in the district. They also inspected the ongoing

improvement and new development of necessary infrastructures undertaken in the hospital.

Minister in charge COVID-19 Mokokchung, Metsubo Jamir held a review meeting on preparedness of COVID-19 in the district with the District Task Force COVID-19. The meeting was held in the Planning Hall, Mokokchung.



Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir during their visit to COVID-19 District Hospital Mokokchung on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



**JACOB ZHIMOMI CONVENES MEETING AT DIMAPUR**

In the light of outbreak of Corona virus, Nagaland PHE Minister, Jacob Zhimomi convened a meeting with the Dimapur District Administration, Police, Health & Family Welfare Department, Naga Council Dimapur, Western Sumi Hoho Dimapur, Chakhroma Public Organization Food and Civil Supplies besides the elected legislators of Dimapur district. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of DC Dimapur on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020, to oversee the system put in place at Dimapur in its fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

In the meeting, Jacob reminded that nationwide lockdown is still on and appealed to the public to refrain from unnecessary movement in town/ colonies unless urgently required for the benefit of all. Re-iterating his concern about price rise of essential commodities, Jacob reminded the district administration and DMC to keep track on the availability of essential commodities and also for effective regulation and monitoring of price of essential commodities.

Clarifying on COVID cess issue raised by NGOs, Jacob said that since the State has no internal revenue and dependent on GIA from the Central Government COVID cess has been initiated for supporting the poor, during such extraordinary times. Further, he also expressed gratitude to the GBs and village council for strictly manning the border areas and also asked the police/ district administration to continue to seal the border areas.

Advisor, Zhaleo Rio, while sharing his concern and observations dubbed Dimapur as the most vulnerable district for various reasons and expressed gratitude to all the frontline workers administration, police, NGOs, civil societies for their participation and support in the fight against COVID 19.

Advisor Tovihoto, while underlining the importance of social media as a strong medium for educating people, also cautioned that it misleads people with fake information and appealed to one and all from misusing social media.

**WORLD RED CROSS DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG**

The Longleng unit of the Indian Red Cross Society observed the World Red Cross day at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with Deputy Commissioner Longleng, M. Shayung Phom who is also the Chairman of the IRCS, Longleng as the Special Guest. The programme was held under the theme "Keep clapping for volunteers."

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appealed to the gathering to actively respond to the global pandemic COVID-19 disaster through their voluntary and humanity service with impartiality and neutrality and, further urged to extend prayer support to the patients and families battling with COVID-19 across the world for their speedy recovery.

**COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING TRAINING FOR NVBDCP STAFF HELD AT JALUKIE**

Health & Family Welfare Department, Peren organised COVID-19 contact tracing training for NVBDCP staff (SWs, PFWs and Lab Technician) at Customary Court, ADC Office Jalukie on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with DSO/DVBO, Dr. Kevi Meyase and MO CHC Jalukie, Dr. Albert Pochury as the resource person.

Training was imparted on contact tracing with reporting format, sample collection, rational use of PPEs under different situations, donning and doffing of PPEs, containment zone, dead body management, quarantine and isolation guarding tips and use of disinfectant.





**TUENSANG OBSERVES WORLD RED CROSS DAY**

The programme for the World Red Cross Day was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

Addressing the programme, DC Tuensang reiterated the aim of Red Cross and impressed on serving humanity without discrimination and respect for human dignity. He stated that today the battle is

against COVID - 19 and the Red Cross has an important role to play.

T. Y. Sangtam, Honorary Secretary Red Cross Tuensang, gave a brief highlight on the formation and history of the Red Cross organisation. He also highlighted on the activities of Red Cross in the district and stated that their volunteers are trained and ready to assist in combating COVID-19.

**FAW OUTBREAK ADVISORIES DISSEMINATED TO FARMERS**

With the incidence of the exotic Fall Army Worm pest in farmers fields, a team comprising of the District Agriculture Office, KVK and ATMA, Mokokchung have been visiting and monitoring fields in different villages under Mokokchung district.

Consequent to the information received from the Farmers' Friends (FF) from different villages, the DAO-KVK-ATMA team has been undertaking pest surveillance and monitoring round ups in the entire FAW incidence reported villages. During the field monitoring visits, nature of damage, life stage of the pest and levels of damages are ascertained before recommending any remedial solutions. Accordingly, prophylactic and management measures are recommended including various mechanical, cultural and chemical approaches. The pest was found to be at the larval stage feeding pre-dominantly on the inner whorls of the young maize plants of knee high

plant height or shorter leading to almost 80-90 % destruction.

Inputs such as Emamectin Benzoate 5% and IPM kits were distributed to the affected maize growing farmers. Additionally, Rodenticides (Roban Cake) were also distributed to cucumber growing farmers for rodent management in cucumber fields. So far reports of FAW infestation is received from villages namely Yimchalu and Mopungchuket under Kobulong block, Khensa, Kinunger and Mangmetong under Ongpangkong South block, Ungma and Mokokchung Village under Ongpangkong North block only. The area of coverage by the pest varies from village to village ranging approximately between 0.5 Ha to 5 Ha. Research experts and extension functionaries have been working to further disseminate the FAW awareness and management advisories to the farmers through various extension media.

**TRAINING ON END LIFE CARE FOR COVID-19 HELD AT TSEMINYU**

All Village Chairmen of Tseminyu Sub-Division, Ward GBs of Tseminyu town and Rengma NGO leaders from various villages attended the training programme held at Town Hall Tseminyu, on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

SMO Tseminyu, Dr. Avilie Zao as resource person informed all about the norms/rules laid down

by the Government in which disinfectant would be properly applied/put on the coronavirus infected dead body and after that experts from the Health & Family Welfare Department would take the infected dead body till burial site. He urged upon the village authorities to allow burial of coronavirus infected dead body, in case, if such situation arise.



## SANITIZATION DRIVE IN MEDZIPHEMA

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, ICAR Mithun Jarnapani in collaboration with Medziphema administration on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 launched a sanitization drive at Medziphema. The drive was initiated by Dr. Kobu Khati, ICAR Mithun who personally monitored the sanitization drive and provided all disinfectants.

ADC Medziphema and ICAR Mithun

Jarnapani made significant efforts by sanitizing the subdivision, especially areas including Community Health Centre, MTC, ICAR Mithun Jarnapani and areas which are risk prone for local spread of corona virus. ICAR collaborated with Nagaland Fire & Emergency Service, Chumukedima which used water wash pumps to sanitize all the areas in Medziphema town by spraying disinfectants.



Sanitization drive being carried out at Medziphema on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## CHC JALUKIE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

International Nurses Day was celebrated at CHC Jalukie on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020. During the programme CMO Peren, Dr. Denis Hangsing, SMO CHC Jalukie, Dr. Yetovi Tuccu and DPO (RCH& UIP), Dr. Nukshisangla Jamir encouraged the nurses to

continue the spirit of hard work, dedication and compassion especially in times of COVID-19 crisis.

The nurses were also apprised to continue as a role model and embrace the values to work for the humanity amidst COVID-19 crisis.

## MINISTER TONGPANG OZUKUM AND TEAM VISITS TSEMINYU

Minister for Housing & Mechanical and in-charge of Kohima District COVID-19, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisors Dr. Nicky Kire, R. Khing along with Kohima District Task Force for COVID-19 led by Senior SP Kohima, K. Sophie Angami, DTO Dr. Asunu Thong visited Tseminyu Headquarter on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, and held a meeting at ADC's Conference Hall with all concerned department officers and all the responsible stakeholders / NGOs on

COVID-19 problems.

Minister Tongpang stressed on preventive and protective measures that are being undertaken by the Government and appealed to all stakeholders and citizens in the sub-division to be more active in fighting against the deadly virus. He also gave assurance that sufficient PPEs would be issued immediately to Tseminyu in addition to three already available at CHC Tseminyu.

## LEGISLATORS LED BY S.PANGNYU VISITS PUNGRO

Minister of Health & Family Welfare S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister of Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, Kashiho Sangtam, Advisor to IPR, SCERT & VG, Toshi Wungtung along with the Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare visited Pungro Sub-Division on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to take stock of the preparations for COVID-19 pandemic.

During the visit, Phom interacted with the Health & Family Welfare Department and conveyed satisfaction on the preparations with available equipments. He also appealed to the gathering to extend full cooperation to the administration and Health & Family Welfare Department. Later, the team headed to GA rest house for short interaction

with civil societies where the meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS.

Speaking to the NGOs, Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining Kashiho Sangtam asked all to unite and stand firm together in the fight against the pandemic.

Advisor to IPR, SCERT & VG Toshi Wungtung appreciated the Village Guards for their immense effort in taking charge of duty during this crisis. He also assured to supply of high transmission frequency walkie talkie to the Village Guards for emergency use. He further encouraged the farmers to uphold traditional means of farming and storing grains for emergency situation.

*Minister, H&FW, S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister, S&WC and G&M, Kashiho Sangtam, Advisor, IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung with officials during their visit to Pungro sub-division on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



## RELOCATION EXERCISE OF STRANDED PEOPLE IN KOHIMA CONCLUDES

The relocation exercise of stranded people in Kohima which started on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 came to an end on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Kohima District Administration worked tirelessly throughout the eight days and has facilitated the relocation of 4,444 stranded people from Kohima to all districts of the State and has dispatched a total of 166 buses in total. Out of the 166 buses, 6 buses carrying 176 passengers were dispatched to Mokokchung, 42

buses carrying 1212 passengers to Mon, 33 buses carrying 893 passengers to Tuensang, 18 buses carrying 566 passengers to Kiphire, 12 buses carrying 340 passengers to Longleng, 3 buses carrying 76 passengers to Peren, 4 buses carrying 129 passengers to Noklak, 12 buses carrying 394 passengers to Phek, 25 buses carrying 337 passengers to Dimapur, 6 buses carrying 191 passengers to Zunheboto and 5 buses carrying 130 passengers to Wokha.



**TRAINING FOR ASHAs AND AWWs ON COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING HELD AT PEREN**

Block & Health Unit Level training for ASHAs and AWWs was held at PTWWO Hall, Peren Town on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with BAC, Ipunggringle and DCM, Sekholu.

The trainees were oriented on contact

listing, follow up details of any person with travel history, duration of travel, house to house search in suspected COVID-19 cases in a cluster, to list down serial number of household and other details required for containing the spread.



*Participants during Contact Tracing training for ASHAs and AWWs at Peren on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

**JALUKIE:**

Block & Health Unit Level training for ASHAs and AWWs on Contact Tracing was held at Customary Court, ADC's Office Jalukie on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with BAC, Samzai and SHP Coordinator, Ramok as the resource person.

The participants were trained on different topic including cluster containment strategy, contact line listing, house to house search of suspected COVID-19 cases and daily reporting format. Altogether, 24 ASHAs

and 44 AWWs attended the training.

**TENING:**

Tening organised Block Level Training for ASHAs and AWWs at PHC on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Resource person, Medical Officer, Dr. Neilasakuo Linyu, briefed on the duties of frontline workers and contact tracing. He demonstrated the use of PPE suits. Menuleho Toso, BPM and Kewidinbiliu Rentta BAC highlighted on the steps and procedures for contact tracing in the crowd.

**10993 LOCAL STRANDED PEOPLE LEAVES DIMAPUR**

With the Government relaxing COVID-19 lockdown measures and allowing stranded people to move to their home districts, the Dimapur District Administration successfully moved a total of 10,993 persons stranded in Dimapur due to COVID-19 lockdown since 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, to their respective districts and sub-divisions.

As directed by the Government, deporting of Inter-District stranded people exercise began

from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, which was further extended till 14<sup>th</sup> due to increasing number of people opting to go to their own district.

The total 10,993 stranded people who left for various districts comprises of 3,304 persons to Mon, 812 persons to Longleng, 1,717 persons to Tuensang, 1,014 persons to Kiphire, 1351 persons to Mokokchung, 563 persons to Phek, 482 persons to Wokha, 202 persons to Peren, 167 to Kohima and 1381 persons to Zunheboto.



**CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD AT GHATHASHI**

Ghathashi PHC staff led by Medical Officer Dr. Khriekuolie Liezietsu, held a consultative awareness and preparedness meeting at Ghathashi Adhoc Town Council Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The meeting was attended by

the Police personnel and administration staff (DBs), VCCs, VDB Secretaries, and GBs, from 12 neighbouring villages. The MO stressed on the importance of preparing quarantine facility at the village level.

**TENING SUB-DIVISION TRAINING TO COMBAT COVID-19**

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Rhosietho Nguori organised a one day training to combat COVID-19 at auditorium of Government High School, Tening on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

ADC Rhosietho Nguori asked the volunteers to be mentally and physically prepared to combat the pandemic.

Tumben P. Tsanglao, EAC highlighted on the rules and regulations to deal with and follow up for the combat of COVID-19. Tsanglao said one

police personnel will be deployed at each quarantine centre for security and surveillance. No entry and exit will be allowed for unauthorised people at the quarantine centre.

Dr. Neilasakuo Linyu, Medical Officer of CHC expressed gratitude to the volunteers for coming forward and appealed to the people to use mask and practise social distancing for self protection. Further, he requested not to discriminate the returnees.

**WOKHA DISTRICT EXPECTING 600-700 RETURNEES: DC WOKHA**

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman District Task Force, Wokha Orenthung Lotha while briefing the media on district preparedness to receive the returnees coming from different states of the country, stated that Wokha district is expecting around 600 to 700 hundred persons in the coming days.

The district is also coming up with another two more quarantine centers, 20 bedded at Bailey Baptist College and 50 bedded at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School to accommodate the incoming returnees as the district is expecting both registered and unregistered returnees.

The DC appealed to all the public of the district not to panic and instead they should have special concern for them and there should not be any stigmatization and each and every individual and organization should come forward and help the District Administration and District Task Force to overcome the crisis.

The DC appealed to the public to follow all the government guidelines and directives such as maintaining social distance using of face mask, ban on spitting at public places etc. in order to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

CMO further said that since the district hospital has been converted into COVID-19 hospital, he said that normal OPD patients will be treated at the Christian Medical Center, Vankhosung, Wokha which is presently functioning as the district hospital for other related treatment.

SP, Wokha, Imtitoshi stated that initially, the police force were concentrating for border sealing and social distancing and to conduct surprise checking on unauthorized movement, but with the arrival of the returnees, monitoring the returnees at the quarantine centers is the main focus and the district police personnel are trying its best that no law and order situation arises in the district.



## NOKLAK SUB-DIVISIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID-19 REVIEW MEETING HELD

The Noklak Sub-Divisional Task Force against COVID-19 held a review meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in the office premises of Additional Deputy Commissioner. The meeting was chaired by ADC Noklak, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS.

During the meeting, the DTF deliberated and approved to constitute a managing committee for the quarantine centres as the returns of the locals from outside have begun. The Task Force has identified three quarantine centres namely: Model School Hostel at Danlepdong, KGBV Hostel and IAH Ayush Hospital Noklak with a total capacity of 50 beds. The DTF also agreed to appeal to churches and civil societies for assistance for the smooth running of the quarantine centres.

The DTF unanimously agreed to appeal the higher authority to quarantine the returnees at the district headquarter institution facilities at first and may send them to the sub-division only after the district headquarter facility is saturated. This was

rationalized on the lack of proper facilities, personnel, evacuation means etc in the sub-divisional level.

The DTF further agreed to request the higher authority to allot atleast 2000 masks and 50 PPEs to the sub-division on urgent basis.

On reviewing the market timing, it was agreed that the category of shops deemed essentials may be allowed to open from 7:00 am till 2:00 pm. However, all necessary measures such as maintaining of social distance, compulsory wearing of mask shall be strictly adhered to. The shopkeeper shall reserve the right to refuse sell/merchandise to customers without mask.

The DTF took serious note on the observation that there has been a spike in movement of public in the town areas and therefore decided to make public announcement, encouraging people to stay home and not move around unless absolutely necessary.

## MINISTER NEIBA KRONU HOLDS CO-ORDINATION MEETING AT PFUTSERO



*Minister, Planning & Co-ordination and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu speaking at a co-ordination meeting at GHSS Pfütsero on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

In view of the COVID-19 lockdown and stranded Nagas from outside the State returning to Pfütsero sub-division, Minister, Planning & Co-ordination and Land Revenue Neiba Kronu, held a co-ordination meeting with the village councils, church leaders and public leaders on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Government Higher Secondary School, Pfütsero.

In the meeting, each village was represented by Village Council Chairman, Head GB, pastors from different churches, VDB Secretaries, Town Colony Chairmen, Colony GB and civil societies at the meeting were Kalos Society Pfütsero, Mother's Association Pfütsero, Pfütsero Town Youth Organization, and Pfütsero Town Welfare Committee.

## LEGISLATORS VISITS PEREN

Legislator in-charge of Peren district COVID-19, Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang, and Minister for Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along along with Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang visited Peren on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 and held a coordination meeting with Peren District Task Force, department officers, civil societies and church organizations of Peren district at DC Conference Hall, District Headquarter, Peren.

In the meeting, CMO Peren gave a brief report on the basic equipments available at Peren district designated COVID-19 Hospital, CHC Jalukie. He said basic requirements will increase as and when any eventualities related to positive case of COVID-19 arise in the district.

During the official visit, Imna Along said the safety of the district depends on the District Administration and all the stakeholders, therefore he called upon all the civil societies and church organizations to extend constant support to the District Administration in the fight against the

pandemic. Along appealed to the District Administration and medical team, that besides thermal screening, returnees from outside the State have to undergo proper test and they should not be immediately sent to their respective village quarantine centres so as to avoid the spread of virus.

Speaking in the meeting, T.R. Zeliang said we are fighting an unseen war and danger lies ahead of us, so we must not remain complacent during the fight against the pandemic. He further asserted, it is the responsibility of the Health & Family Welfare Department to protect the frontline workers and asked the Health & Family Welfare Department to organize sensitization and awareness programme for civil society leaders, church leaders, village leaders, frontline workers as well as create their own quarantine guidelines for Peren at the earliest.

Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang also appealed the gathering to maintain discipline and adhere with the guidelines issued by the Government.

## MINISTER FOR H&amp;FW VISITS CHC JALUKIE



Minister, H&FW, S. Pangnyu Phom, Advisor IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung and Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang interacting with officials at CHC, Jalukie on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom visited designated COVID-19 Hospital, CHC Jalukie on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 to oversee the ongoing preparedness of Peren District Task Force to contain COVID-19 crisis in the district. The

Minister was accompanied by Advisor, Information & Public Relations, Village Guards and SCERT, Toshi Wungtung and Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang.

During the short briefing session at CHC

Jalukie Conference Hall, CMO Peren, Dr. Denis Hangsing highlighted the present status of Peren COVID-19 District Hospital as well as preparedness of quarantine centres. He also highlighted on the basic requirements and poor infrastructure of COVID-19 hospital. After the briefing session, the visiting team inspected isolation ward and the PPEs supplied and also had a meeting with Peren DTF, Health & Family Welfare Department and JAC at Customary Court, ADC Office Jalukie under the chairmanship of DC Peren-cum-Chairman of DTF, Sentiwapang Aier.

Addressing the meeting, S.Pangnyu Phom extended his appreciation towards the District Administration, Health & Family Welfare Department, Police personnel, JACs and all other frontline workers for rendering their selfless services to contain COVID-19 in the district. Phom expressed satisfaction in regard to preparedness of the district and further

encouraged all to continue the same in coming days. He also called upon the gathering that irrespective of tribe, race, colour, religion and political parties, we should come forward with collective efforts in the fight against the global pandemic.

Advisor IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung spoke on the rational use of PPEs and on how to maintain personal hygiene and public hygiene. Toshi further urged the members present in the gathering to maintain social distancing and to strictly follow the 'dos and don'ts' issued by the health department.

Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang said the State Government is trying its best to provide the best infrastructure to all the district hospitals. He also extended congratulatory note to the civil societies, church organizations for coming forward to assist the District Administration and Health & Family Welfare Department during COVID-19 crisis.

### **KOHIMA DTF EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON MANAGEMENT OF QUARANTINE CENTRES**

An emergency meeting of the Kohima District Task Force (DTF) led by Legislator in-charge of Kohima district, Minister Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Dr. Nicky Kire was held at DC's Office Chamber on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020. The meeting chaired by DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawellie was convened to discuss issues on the management of quarantine centres of the district by the DTF as directed by the Empowered Group.

Noting that the Kohima DTF was given the responsibility to supervise the day to day management of the quarantine centres of the district, the forum discussed the following issues for better co-ordination and improvement of the system which has been put in place. The forum decided to deploy more security personnel at the centres for safety of the inmates and also to appoint four officers for the quarantine centres to co-ordinate with the people at facility centres for smooth function of the management system.

In regard to hotels to be utilised as paid quarantine centres, the forum decided that medical workers will be made available on calls as and when needed, security personnel will be put in place and

other issues will be implemented as per the SOP submitted by the CMO Office, Kohima. It was also decided to put forward the suggestion to the Government for returnees to be put up first in the facility centres and later to the paid hotels as and when the capacity at the centres are fully accommodated for better management of the system.

Besides the management issues at the centres, unwarranted directive issued by some individuals/organisations obstructing entry of returnees into their colony/ward even after completion of the quarantine period was also taken up where DC informed that meeting has been convened in this regard and directive will be issued in this matter to the concerned individual / organisations. He also informed the members that the Western Angami Public Organisation (WAPO) has decided to take care of their own people coming from outside the State at the quarantine centres set up in villages under their jurisdiction.

Highlighting the detailed management activities taking place at the quarantine centres, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima Dr. Vezokholu informed that nine medical teams have been



formed for the quarantine centres consisting of 11 medical staff and one doctor in each team who will be stationed at the centres on rotation wise basis. She informed that 1,360 beds in K. Badze and 501 beds in Meriema quarantine centres have been put in place while renovation is going on at JNV Navodaya with a target of 200 plus beds in addition. Two teams were also formed for data

entry at the centres from the CMO's Office with seven staff in each team, she added. Besides this, catering the inmates and the working staff and also cleaners and others management were also being taken care at the centres. She also informed that Faith Harvest Church has provided pack lunch to the inmates and working staff at K. Badze centres for four days.

## **MON DISTRICT TO TEST ALL RETURNEES FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE**

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS has notified that in view of the arrival of stranded persons from different parts of the country and with mandatory institutional quarantine arrangements in place, all asymptomatic and symptomatic returnees to Mon District will be tested using the TrueNat machine.

The TrueNat system is now a comprehensive assay for screening and confirmation of COVID-19 cases. Pooled testing will be undertaken to test every single returnee starting from the fifth day of their institutional quarantine period in Mon. Pooling of samples will be done up to a maximum of five at a time to increase the screening capacity and to avoid the effect of dilution leading to false negatives.

A pooled testing algorithm involves the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) screening of a specimen pool comprising multiple individual specimens. This will be followed by individual testing (pool de-convolution) only if a pool screen tests

positive. Random testing of samples will be used in parallel if there is an urgent need to test some returnees based on certain pre-defined parameters. The cartridges currently available in the District Hospital, Mon will be reserved for testing as per the latest Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Protocol. The COVID-19 District Task Force, Mon and the Empowered Group for COVID-19, Mon are in the process of purchasing a fully automatic real time quantitative micro PCR analyzer (two channel-three wavelength system) in addition to new cartridges to test about 5000 people who are likely to return in multiple batches to the district over the course of the next few months. The cartridges and the quantitative micro PCR analyzer are being sponsored by the Konyak Union (KU).

The entire district official machinery extended appreciation and gratitude to the KU, KBBB, KNSK and KSU for their continued support in bolstering the district's COVID-19 response strategy.

## **WE CANNOT DEPEND ON OTHERS FOR OUR SURVIVAL: DEPUTY CM**

Nagas are becoming very lazy, we depend too much on others for our survival, the window of opportunity has opened for us through this COVID-19 pandemic crisis to become self-reliant from consuming to producing state, stated Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, while interacting with the public of Wozhuro Range on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

Patton, who is also Minister in-charge of Wokha district on COVID-19, visited Wozhuro range to take stock on the preparedness to contain COVID-19 crisis undertaken by the Primary Health Centre (PHC) and the area people. Y. Patton said our state economy has been hit by this Corona virus pandemic and we have to go back to our land like our forefathers who were hard laborers, we have to learn

how to cultivate our land and take up farming as our profession if we are to sustain ourselves instead of depending on outside supplies for food.

Agriculture is the most important sector of our state economy and it is the process of utilizing land for growing different varieties of crops, Patton said further stating that the State is in the process of establishing cold storage in all the 11 districts for marketing the surplus production within and outside the State. On livestock production, he said that due to absence of large scale production, the State annually spends 250 crores outside the State, and if our youth take up the opportunity to produce our own, it will also minimize the State job crisis as 67% of our State are government servants and it has



come to saturation point for the State Government to provide job opportunity to all its citizens of the State, he added.

Wozhuro Range Public Organization (WRPO) submitted a representation on setting up of Police Outpost and Check Post and maintenance of Range approach road. In connection to the representation, the Deputy CM assured the people of the area that immediate necessary arrangement will be made at the earliest. Patton who also visited Chukitong Range later in the day apprised the

people of the area that one police outpost at the locality will be placed as and when a strategic location is been identified.

After visiting Wozhuro and Chukitong Range, Y. Patton held a short meeting at the Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall, Wokha along with the members of DTF and civil societies to review the preparedness activities/level of the district.

Y. Patton was accompanied by Advisor for Horticulture Mhathung Yanthan, MLA Dr. Chumben Murry and DGP Nagaland, T. John Longkumer.

### **MMHONLUMO KIKON ADDRESSES MEETING AT BHANDARI**

Advisor Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon conducted a co-ordination meeting with the Block Task Force, Bhandari, on COVID-19 at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

Chairing the meeting, the Advisor in his opening remark appreciated the Block Task Force, Bhandari for its commendable state of preparedness and handling of the COVID-19 situation ever since its outbreak, observing that it is now ready with five quarantine centres and is in process of receiving stranded citizens.

Stating that he has been in contact with some of the parents of stranded students personally in case

there is any need for medical attention to be given, Kikon added, every returnee should be treated equally with care during these distressing times. He also told the BTF committees and its members to streamline a functional system for a smooth running of the quarantine centres. For redressal of needs arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, he asked the BTF to keep the concerned authorities and departments updated on time so that there would be no lapses in handling any kind of situations or eventuality.

The Advisor also called on the concerned departments, agencies or individuals engaged in distribution of rice or other essential goods to the public to continue to give transparent assistance and support to the Government to overcome the present pandemic together.

### **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HOLDS MEETING WITH ZOAN AT PEREN**

District administration and Health & Family Welfare Department of Peren held a meeting with Zeliang Officer's Association Nagaland (ZOAN) on 23rd May 2020 at Customary Court, ADC Office Jalukie. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of ZOAN President, Hiazu Meru.

Deputy CMO Peren, Dr. Supongmenla Walling, DSO, Dr. Kevi Meyase and SMO CHC Jalukie, Dr. Yetovi Tuccu highlighted on the action plan and preparedness status of quarantine centres and COVID-19 hospital. The Health & Family Welfare Department officials also briefed the ZOAN office bearers on the inadequate infrastructure, shortage of PPEs as well as lack of manpower at designated COVID-19 hospital, CHC Jalukie.

ZOAN President, Hiazu Meru stated the purpose of the meeting is to ascertain the preparedness of Peren DTF in the fight against the global pandemic as well as to extend solidarity to all the frontline workers for their selfless services rendered and further encouraged them to continue to work selflessly with equal zeal. He also assured that, ZOAN will look forward to assist the district administration and Health & Family Welfare Department in all possible ways.

The visiting officials donated an amount of Rs.1 Lakh to DC Peren to utilise in the management of quarantine centres. They also inspected Peren district designated COVID-19 hospital, CHC Jalukie to assess the preparedness and also to take stock of the resources available.

The team later headed to Jalukie Town Local Baptist Church, Conference Hall for an interaction with Joint Action Committee (JAC) on COVID-19 wherein an amount of Rs. 30,000 and a total of 50 face masks were donated to JAC which was received by JAC Convenor, Dr. Tumda Newme. While interacting, ZOAN President urged the JACs to work collectively with utmost sincerity and further spoke on the need to organise sensitization programme even in village level on the importance of social distancing, proper use of face masks and use of hand sanitizers.

Facility Quarantine Centres Nodal Officer, SDO (C), Kemciyile apprised the visiting officials that plantain or banana leaf being biodegradable products, it will be used as an alternative for packing food items for serving the inmates in quarantine centres due to its eco-friendly waste disposal.

ZOAN officials along with Facility Quarantine Centres Nodal Officer also inspected identified Facility Quarantine Centre at JNV School and St. Xavier College Auditorium.

### **COVID-19 HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME AT MOKOKCHUNG**

SDO (C), Sadar, Mokokchung Thungchanbemo Tungoe launched the COVID-19 Hygiene Kits Distribution programme on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at the District Agriculture Office, Mokokchung, which is an initiative of the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Mokokchung of the Department of Agriculture, Nagaland.

While appreciating the efforts made by the Department in assisting the farmers especially during the ongoing economic crisis, Tungoe urged the Agriculture Department in particular and allied Departments in general to remain dedicated and vigilant in addressing emergency situations that may possibly arise particularly as a result of global

warming. Addressing on the importance of sharing COVID-19 advisories to the farmers by the department, he further stressed on the importance to develop possible action plans in case of any possible attack of locusts and other pests on crop plants along with weather forecast advisories to be disseminated to the farmers.

The programme was held understanding that, farmers being the primary agents of our food supply chain, prior and due attention have to be given to ensure their well-being and safety. Around 5000 numbers each of face masks and hand soaps along with COVID-19 advisory pamphlets were handed over to all the nine (9) ATMA Farm Information and Advisory

### **TSEMINYU QUARANTINE COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING**

Tseminyu COVID-19 Quarantine Committee held an emergency meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at GHSS, Tseminyu town. The meeting discussed ideas about management of returnees in quarantine centres where various groups consisting of NGOs/Volunteers, GBs and government officials have been set up to facilitate reception and liaison, logistic and centre management, medical, security, information and publicity, sanitation and water supply, electricity, waste disposal and disinfection. All concerned department officers participated in the discussion.

ADC, Nokchasashi Kichu chaired the meeting, where he acknowledged the responsibilities shared by NGOs/Rengma Hoho, RSU, RSZ, TYO, Traders Union, Town GBs. ADC reminded all the leaders of NGOs which also include Team CRBC led by Executive Secretary, Haiwalo Apon and government officials in Tseminyu

sub-division to continue their much needed efforts for indefinite management duty on COVID-19.

RSU President, Heiko Kent invited the government employees and public of Tseminyu sub-division to continue to come forward in any possible ways for the cause of preventive and protective measures on COVID-19. President Rengma Selo Zi, Kenneth Kath, spoke about the sincere concern from public for safe stay of the returnees in Tseminyu quarantine centres.

Concerning ready accommodation rooms for returnees in five quarantine centres at Tseminyu, EAC Rozy Sangtam, informed the meeting that there are 15 for women and 30 for men, for which construction works for immediate completion of makeshift/temporary toilets and others at GHSS building is being undertaken in a systematic manner.





## MOBILE VAN FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION LAUNCHED AT MON

The Mon District COVID-19 Task Force has launched a Mobile Van for collection of COVID-19 samples. Considering the logistics and time involved in collecting the nasal throat swabs, the Mobile Sample Collection Van ensures that people do not have to travel to the COVID-19 Hospital to have their samples collected.

The Mobile Sample Collection Van helps guarantee the safety of the health workers and reduces the use of PPEs as the Doctor/Lab Technician collecting the sample from inside the Mobile Van do not have to wear PPEs. This initiative will supplement the COVID-19 Walk-In Sample Kiosk (WISK)/ Sample Collection Booth already in place at the District Hospital, Mon

## MEETING OF DTF MEMBERS AT KIPHIRE

District Task Force members held a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at DPDB Hall with Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Sarita Yadav chairing the programme.

While deliberating on returnees, Health & Family Welfare Department advised that virus (COVID-19) incubation period is zero to a fortnight, so persons released from institution quarantine should be followed by obligatory fortnight in home quarantine. It was decided that male returnees to be sent to respective quarantine centre in Seyongchung and Pungro, and females to be placed at the institution quarantine at Kiphire town.

SP, Erie Kajire thanked the civil societies

and public for co-operating with the department through which law and order situation in the district is smooth so far.

As appraised by Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, the members decided to control free forms of movement of animals especially canines, felines and poultries in town/villages, as a measure in containment of COVID-19.

Food & Civil Supplies Department apprised that so far, 13 villages under Pungro have distributed food grains from PMGKAY. And normal supply will commence from 27<sup>th</sup> May onwards. Food grains is to be distributed to migrant workers under 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat programme.'

## WORLD HEALTH GROUP PLATFORM LAUNCHED IN MON

The World Health Group Platform was launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 in the NIC Video Conference Room, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mon. Representatives from the KU/KNSK/KSU/KBBB/IRCS/World Vision/Nagaland NGO's Forum attended the programme.

The online platform was launched by Mon Deputy Commissioner, Thavaseelan K, IAS. Founder of World Health Group, Nimith Agrawal, gave a briefing to the audience about the online platform ([www.worldhelpgroup.com](http://www.worldhelpgroup.com)) entirely dedicated together to the needs of the individuals and families whose livelihoods were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with essential requirements such as food, rations and basic medicines. The '111' app known as "Ek Aur Ek Gyarah" that can be easily downloaded from the Google Play Store is another mode to seek help through the Platform.

Short speeches were given by Honang

Konyak, Vice President of Konyak Union, Chemyuh Konyak, Executive Secretary of Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Bangjum (KBBB) and Wennyei Konyak, NCS, Convener of the Empowered Group for COVID-19, Mon District.

In a first of its kind in Nagaland, Mon District Administration has tied up with World Help Group Foundation to ensure that the poorest and hardest to reach communities will get the help and assistance that they require.

The online platform had also been designed to enable Local Authorities/NGOs/Civil Societies to disseminate information and provide assistance in a prompt manner.

The Mon District Administration has set up a Call Centre at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mon for implementing the initiative. The Helpline Number is 9862793629/9612014688 for queries and assistance.





**DEPUTY CM HOLDS MEETING WITH DTF**

*Deputy CM, Y. Patton addressing the review meeting of Wokha DTF at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland and Wokha District in-charge for COVID-19 Y. Patton held a review meeting with the District Task Force on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Deputy Commissioner, Conference Hall, Wokha.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Task Force, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting, said that now we are facing the real challenge whether our preparation is up to the expectation or not, and called upon all concerned involved in combating the crisis to be brave during such situation and try to give their best in their own ability to overcome the pandemic.

Y. Patton while addressing the meeting expressed his appreciation to all the frontline workers, doctors, administration, police and civil societies for the services they have been rendering thus far in fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and further urged all to re-strengthen and gear up their activities and give their best.

Patton also directed Deputy Commissioner to come up with orders for reinforcing and streamlining of guidelines like social distancing, shopping timing

and restriction of public movement and vehicles for precautionary measures. He further stated that Head of Offices who are not in their place of postings will be viewed seriously and stern action will be initiated against those officers and further directed the DC to recall all officers who are not in station.

Taking serious note of business communities in the district issuing permit for transporting animals from Merapani, Patton warned that such activities should be immediately stopped as recently 5 animal (cows) were reported dead after reaching Wokha town and directed the Deputy Commissioner for immediate sealing of Wokha-Merapani road.

ADC, Bhandari, ADC Sanis and SDC (C) Ralan apprised the gathering about the preparedness activities undertaken for the returnees and healthcare facilities in their areas.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha who also spoke during the meeting said the district has so far received 61 returnees out of which 36 are males and 25 females, the returnees are under institutional quarantine and home quarantine following all laid down procedures.

**LEGISLATORS HOLDS EMERGENCY TDTF MEETING AT TUENSANG**

Tuensang District Task Force held an emergency meeting with Government of Nagaland representatives led by Minister, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom, Advisor Information & Public Relations, Village Guards and

SCERT, Toshi Wungtung and Principal Director Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie who visited Tuensang on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang.

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar

Ramnikant chaired the meeting. Representatives of ENPO, CKS, YTC, USLP, COC, All Wards Union Tuensang, Church Associations and Red Cross Society spoke on the lapses that occurred in sending Tuensang bound buses which ferried returnees of Chennai before the results were determined which caused colossal damage to the preventive measures done by the district functionaries. The stakeholders also demanded on the construction of BSL-3 Laboratory at Tuensang at the earliest and also on the shortage of manpower to run the COVID-19 hospital.

Minister S. Pangnyu Phom called upon all to learn from the incident and come together to fight for the safety of public. He acknowledged the contribution of the civil societies and churches for working tirelessly along with administration. This is the time all stakeholders should come together for the common cause, he added.

Advisor Toshi Wungtung shared the

epidemiology and history of COVID-19 for the information of the house. It is unfortunate and we totally share your feelings and let us now do the damage control and we shall fight collaboratively, he added.

Principle Director, H&FW, Vizolie Suokhrie replying to the grievances raised by the stakeholders said Government has decided to install BSL-2 laboratory after every procedure and formalities are over and at the earliest, and before that, to contain and to test the spread of virus, two TrueNat Beta test will be provided to Tuensang District Hospital, which can do upto 40 tests a day. The PD also informed on readiness of the Government to issue jumbo oxygen cylinders, oxygen line and oxygen regeneration system which are under process. He also advised the medical staff to work hard to manage zero mortality rates since all the patients are asymptomatic and falls under the high immune age group category.



DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant speaking at the emergency meeting of Tuensang DTF at DC's Conference Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## NEED TO IDENTIFY DEDICATED BUILDINGS FOR KEEPING COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS: JACOB ZHIMOMI

PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi convened a co-ordination meeting with the Dimapur District Administration and Police and discussed pertinent issues and action plan to be taken up in combating COVID-19. Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio and MLA, Azheto were also present in the meeting held in the Residential Office of the Minister on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

In the meeting, Jacob expressed concern while stating that Dimapur Hospital which has been designated as COVID-19 hospital may run out of facilities and felt the urgency for keeping additional

COVID-19 hospitals ready, owing to the fact that stranded Naga returnees have started arriving from other states in large numbers. Jacob noted that action plan has to start for identifying dedicated buildings for keeping the positive patients with dedicated doctors. Jacob also mentioned that COVID-19 positive patients ought to be given priority for accommodation in the hotels. There is no medicine for COVID-19 so the best option is prevention, he maintained. In the meeting, the ongoing renovation at Ganeshnagar to be converted as quarantine center was also discussed.

In this regard, Jacob informed that water supply and electrification works at Ganeshnagar are in full swing and the center would be operational as quarantine center very soon.

In the meeting, the issue for arranging protective gears for the designated team at quarantine centres was also highlighted for necessary action.

Advisor, Zhaleo Rio lauded the enforcement agencies of Dimapur district and noted that they were doing very well. He also highlighted the requirements needed under Medziphema including pool vehicle for transporting health workers to which DC, Dimapur assured to provide a vehicle for the same.

MLA, Azheto, while lauding the police for keeping vigil on the border areas, encouraged them to continue to guard the borders as a preventive measure

against the pandemic. Azheto also highlighted on the need for strengthening the medical facilities at CHC and PHC Dhansiripar as quarantine centres are to be operational very soon.

The meeting also discussed for total lockdown of Dimapur district when special trains carrying stranded Naga people in large numbers reaches Dimapur. However if the train reaches at night, the lockdown will not be enforced, the members decided.

The legislators of Dimapur district acknowledged with gratitude and thanked all the civil societies from various tribes, NGOs, churches and the public in general for coming forward to help/ assist the Government during such extraordinary times.

The meeting was attended by DC Dimapur Anoop Kinchi, IAS and Commissioner Police Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS.

## MHATHUNG YANTHAN URGES PUBLIC TO FOLLOW LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan during his visit to Lakhuti village and Sanis ADC Headquarter on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, who is also one of the members in-charge for Wokha district on COVID-19, was on a two day visit to Lakhuti village and Sanis ADC Headquarters on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Yanthan held an interactive session with the Village Councils and public leaders at Lakhuti village and said that the disease may be curable but the best way is to follow the preventive measures or the lockdown guidelines. He also reviewed the preparedness level to contain COVID-19 pandemic crisis and how to receive the returnees from outside the State.

During the meeting with various stakeholders and department officials at Sanis ADC Office, the Advisor appealed to all concerned to gear up their

activities and put more effort as our state is no more a green zone because of the recent detection of positive cases. He urged the people not to panic during such time but to take outmost precaution and strictly abide by the laid down regulations and guideline issued by the Government on COVID-19.

Yanthan also stated that despite the shortage of doctors and nurses in the district, the authorities are giving their best for the safety and wellbeing of the society where he sought the co-operation and support from all section of societies in order to contain and combat the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. He also informed the area people that the district has so far arranged 18 quarantine centers which will accommodate around 662 persons.



Focusing in a situation we are in, Mhathung said that, it is not only containing the present crisis on COVID-19, but also stressed on the need to focus on socio economy of the State. We need to explore strategy and policy to make effective implementation on production on our food grains through agriculture and other allied sectors as we largely depend agriculture as our mainstay, he said. He also opined

that Government has a crucial role to play, imparting enabling environment, help unleash the potential of the young people, prepare young people how to live and contribute to the world of tomorrow as it is no longer enough to simply impart a knowledge on some specific academic skills, we have to teach them sophisticated social skill that will enable them to become change maker in our society, he added.

### LEGISLATORS VISITS ZUNHEBOTO



*Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye and Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi at a meeting during their visit to the District Hospital Zunheboto on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*

Legislators in charge of Zunheboto, Minister Agriculture & Cooperation, Kaito Aye and Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi visited the district on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The legislators had a review meeting at the DC's Bungalow with the Zunheboto District Task Force, District Administration, Police, and Health & Family Welfare Department over the preparedness strategy of the district in the wake of outbreak being reported in the state. The legislators in charge were apprised by the District Administration and Health & Family Welfare Department of the designated quarantine centres and the quarantining protocol for the returnees received so far.

Kaito Aye, while appreciating the efforts being undertaken in the district, called upon the authorities to be on the vigil against the generation of any panic or fear psychosis. He also

thanked the churches for taking the initiative to provide catering services to the returnees currently lodged at the institutional quarantine centre in Zunheboto town.

Khehovi Yephthomi, in his address maintained that social distancing and personal hygiene still remains the best preventive option and reminded all to do so. He also assured his personal attention for any kind of need or grievance while coping with the pandemic. Both the legislators in-charge encouraged and assured the frontline departments of their advice, support and cooperation at all times and especially for containing the pandemic in Zunheboto to the best possible extent.

The meeting, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner was attended by the District Task Force members.



**LONGLENG DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

District Task Force for COVID-19 Longleng held a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at DC Conference Hall, Longleng. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Longleng and Chairman COVID-19 (DTF), M. Shayung Phom.

The meeting agreed to accept the representation of the Phom People's Conference, Phomla Hoichem and Phom Students Conference with regard to extension of Institutional quarantine period from 14 days to 21 days. After completion of the institutional quarantine period, inmates will be sent to their respective village/homes for home quarantine and thereafter to be under surveillance as per the SOP for seven days. All expenses for the additional seven days institutional quarantine period will be borne by the civil society.

Civil society organizations in the district led by

the PPC offered to buy one TrueNat Machine for testing of COVID-19 in the district. The offer was accepted and the Board further decided that purchase of the aforementioned machine will be made at the earliest. The cost for procurement of the machine, transportation of the machine, installation of the machine and all other aspect of expenditure will be borne by the civil society organizations and after installation will be handed to the Health & Family Welfare Department.

All villages and colonies who have erected gates are to ensure free movement of government servants and other personnel on duty. The Senior Superintendent of police, Longleng is also to relook into the security arrangement at the quarantine centres and work out the modalities to strengthen the same.

**LEGISLATOR IN-CHARGE OF PEREN DISTRICT COVID-19 VISITS DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

Legislator in-charge of Peren District COVID-19, Temjen Imna Along, Minister of Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs and Advisor Water Resources, Namri Nchang, visited District Hospital, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to oversee the ongoing preparedness of the hospital and also to take stock of the infrastructure available at District Hospital, Peren.

The officials after inspecting COVID-19 Isolation Ward and Special Operation Theatre had an interaction with the medical staff of DH Peren, civil societies and NGOs.

Addressing the meeting, Imma Along lauded the medical fraternity and other frontline workers for rendering their selfless services to contain COVID-19 in the district. He said that the ventilator for the hospital will soon arrive in the district, however, the hospital

may need a specialist to operate the ventilator. Since there is no Anaesthesia doctor in the hospital, he assured to discuss the matter with higher authority.

The Minister asked the gathering to maintain social distancing in every possible ways. Using of N-95 mask is compulsory for all the frontline workers, he added.

Advisor, Namri Nchang also lauded the District Administration, NGOs and Police personnel and all other frontline workers. He encouraged the gathering to stand united in fighting against the global pandemic. He further requested all to maintain discipline and adhere strictly with the guidelines issued by the Government and appealed to the gathering to extend full cooperation with District Administration, Police personnel and medical fraternity.



## **AMBULANCE SERVICE LAUNCHED AT ZUNHEBOTO**

Fully equipped ambulance service was launched at Zunheboto by the Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at Hezükhu Memorial District Hospital, with a dedicatory prayer programme.

In his address to the gathering which included frontline workers, public leaders and Heads of Departments, the Deputy Commissioner appealed to

the department concerned to make use of the ambulance service with utmost sincerity, benefiting the public to the fullest and to yield blessings through it. He also expressed appreciation to the Government for making the service possible at the district. The keys for the ambulance which was handed over by the Deputy Commissioner was jointly received by MS and CMO, Zunheboto.

## **CM INAUGURATES BSL-3 LAB AT KOHIMA**

State Referral Biosafety Level (BSL-3) laboratory for research and diagnostic work on COVID-19 virus and other various microbes which can be transmitted by aerosols and/or cause severe diseases, was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

In his inaugural speech, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that it is another milestone in the State's journey towards healthcare and particularly to fight the novel corona virus. He also expressed his gratitude to the different states that has helped in this time of crisis.

Rio said that the stranded people who are coming back to Nagaland from different states, should abide by the directives given by the Government on quarantine. The only way to control and contain the spread of the virus is by running tests on quarantined people since there is no cure yet for it. Social distancing is necessary to avoid the spread of the virus. He urged the public not to socially stigmatize the returnees and appealed to the citizens to continue their support and to co-operate with the Government to avoid the spread of the virus.

Padma Shri Neidonuo Angami, mentioned that BSL-3 Lab is applicable to clinical, diagnostic research or production facilities where work is performed with agents that may cause potentially lethal diseases through inhalation to the person working within it and may contaminate the surrounding without proper measures. She also said

that the basic essential features of BSL-3 laboratory include the Bio-safety Cabinet, unidirectional air flow, using room pressure gradients of negative pressure, exhaust air being HEPA (Highly Efficiency Particulate Air) filtered and producers for proper disposal of lab waste. Sensing the urgency to have a COVID-19 testing facility in the State, the State Government had approved to set up Bio Safety Laboratories - BSL Level 3 in Kohima and BSL Level 2 in Dimapur.

Neidonuo also added that while this facility has been set up immediately for the purpose of COVID -19 testing only, this specialized Bio-Safety Lab has huge prospect in future which includes:

1. Rapid response to unidentified new infections whenever such an occasion emerges.
2. Characterization of a lot of disease conditions in the State and the region. Such studies will help our medical professionals with better understanding of disease profiles and address them more effectively.
3. Greater facilities in cancer and genetic research.
4. Collaboration with several other research centres in the country. This Lab can become a focal hub for research works in the NE region.
5. It will also help encourage our people with scientific temperament to enter into molecular biology thereby creating a pool of qualified human resource besides providing working employment.

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom said the making of Nagaland's first BSL-3 COVID-19 state-of-the-art testing laboratory has faced a lot of challenges during its construction due to the prevailing lockdown. He also gave credit to the four dedicated Research Scientists volunteers who rendered their service for the completion of the lab.

The Minister while highlighting about the setting up of the laboratory, said the work began in April 2020 which started with the lab design and layout plan but due to the lockdown all over the country, extraordinary logistic support was required to bring all materials which has to be made according to the need of the building, and skilled manpower were also brought from different places. He also mentioned that the Government of India helped in airlifting the goods from different parts of the country

through the Indian Air Force.

Lamenting on the difficulties faced during the project, the Minister said there was delay in flight landing due to weather conditions and the scientific instruments were imported from USA, Germany and Singapore. He also added that when the consignments reached Nagaland, the team faced difficulties with local logistics, such as crane, transportation and manpower.

Minister Pangnyu also mentioned that such type of work requires six months or more for a place like ours but the laboratory was possible in about a month, with world-class instruments and containment building having the best facility in the whole of NE-India approved by ICMR to carry out COVID-19 testing with expert guidance in the development and quality check of the lab from Nagaland Institute of Science and Technology (NIST).



**ONLINE/TELE EDUCATION: DoSE, NAGALAND'S SUCCESS STORY**

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken many developed countries and our country is vigorously fighting to contain the spread of the deadly virus. The Education Departments of states have been exploring ways and means to ensure keeping the young students in the right track during the lockdown. The only option parents have is to keep the energetic children occupied with TV and mobiles for the whole day and this may eventually leads to psychological depressions in children. Therefore, it is very much essential that children needs to be kept engaged in the continuous process of education, even during the lockdown period.

The Department of School Education, Nagaland commenced its milestone Tele/Online Education Programme of broadcasting Video and Radio Lessons through Doordarshan and All India Radio, Kohima from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The Department has invited applications from serving government and private school teachers residing in and around Kohima for delivering lessons through the digital media. Nearly 50 teachers have volunteered for rendering their services and a total of 23 teachers (11 from government schools and 12 from private schools) were selected through a screening process for executing the project. Presently, the telecast of lessons is being done for students of classes 8 to 10 and 12 and it is proposed to extend the same for students of classes 5 to 7 in the near future.

Recording of the video lessons is being done at the newly set up temporary studio at the Directorate of School Education under the supervision of DoSE officers and the team 'Take One Nagaland' has been wholeheartedly carrying out the task of the production of the video and audio recordings. Officials of Doordarshan Kendra and All India Radio, Kohima have been extending cooperation and support beyond their call of duty for the successful execution of the programme.

As ensuring maximum coverage for the DD and AIR broadcast across the State including the remote areas is very much essential for achieving the objectives of the programme, all the DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs and School Heads were requested to work in association with District Administration in each district and make necessary arrangements for students who do not have the facilities to access the

DD satellite telecast at home to view/listen the broadcast at a common place like Village Hall, School Auditorium etc. The broadcast schedule is made in such a way that only two classes will be having the lessons on a particular day, so that children will not group up in large numbers in Schools/Village Council Halls where the telecasting is viewed. As people viewing TV telecast using private DTH service providers are unable to view the telecast as the service providers have not included the DD Kohima satellite transmission in their telecast list, the matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

All the videos telecasted through Doordarshan are also shared with public through the Youtube channel of the Department, 'DoSE Nagaland' and also through the Facebook page 'School Education, Nagaland' so that students, parents and teachers could download/access the videos during their leisure time and make best use of the telecast. The Department also directed schools to device mechanism for preparation and circulation of notes for the lessons being broadcasted. The Department proposes to make class wise DVDs of the entire telecast and distribute to interested persons at a nominal charge.

The Tele/Online Education Programme of DoSE Nagaland has made a sensational hit in the social media with its Youtube registering 14,200+ subscribers within a short span of time of its launch. The Tele/Online Education Programme has earned the appreciation of people from different walks of life and thousands of students from other states have also subscribed to the Nagaland's Youtube channel.

It is worth mentioning here that as on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Nagaland is the 14<sup>th</sup> State in India to launch the Tele/Online Education Programme during the COVID-19 Lockdown. The Department proposes to carry forward this initiative even after the lifting of lockdown so that the student community could make use of the expertise and experiences of the best teachers serving in the State Capital.

*(Source: Directorate of School Education, Nagaland, Kohima)*





## THE DIMAPUR COVID-19 KITCHEN

*(A DIPR feature by Watimenla, IA, Dimapur)*

Dimapur, being the entry point for all stranded people of Nagaland who are stuck in different parts of the country due to COVID-19 lockdown, the everyday challenges faced by officials assigned to take care of the homecoming citizens cannot be ignored.

The Food Committee constituted by the Empowered Group for COVID-19 Dimapur District has been shouldering a huge task since day one, supplying packaged meals to all institutional quarantine centres and transit camp at Agri Expo, Dimapur district.

The Committee met on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to work out modalities such as SOP for caterers, volunteers and delivery. After consultation with the Empowered Group, the Committee established four kitchens. The first two kitchens headed by Mikato, are stationed at 3<sup>rd</sup> Mile and in Dimapur, the third kitchen which is stationed at Agri Expo site is headed by Kawaljeet Singh, Shan-e, Punjab Hotel and the fourth kitchen is at Khermahal headed by Benthungo Kithan, Aroma Eatery. The caterers have been doing a commendable job in preparing nutritious meals with adequate variety as per Dietician Menu under CMO Office Dimapur and sending out the food packed in disposal papers, ensuring hygiene and safe handling. The kitchen in Agri Expo transit camp is functioning 24/7 to supply food to all passengers in transit to

different districts of Nagaland.

Regular checking of the quality, quantity and hygiene of the meals prepared are being carried out by two teams. The Dimapur team consists of CDPO, Dimapur (Urban), Robert Odyuo, Sungsabeni, Naga Women Hoho, Rev. Yanbemo, Dimapur Lotha Baptist Church, Pramod Sing, Bhojpuri Samaj and Chandu Agarwal from Agarwal Samaj. The team supervises the preparation and distribution within Dimapur town, while the second team consisting of CDPO (Rural), Bonathung Ngullie, Rev. Fr. S. Charles, DAN, Catholic Church, Dolly, Punjabi Samaj and K. K. Paul, Bengali Samaj supervises the preparation and distribution from Purana Bazaar to Chumukedima.

The distribution of food packs for breakfast, lunch and dinner are being carried out by dedicated volunteers from Bhojpuri Samaj and Nehru Yuva Kendra in Dimapur and volunteers from Development Association of Nagaland in Chumukedima region.

Every day, food is prepared for around 2500 people including people in quarantine, police personnel, medical personnel and other persons engaged in COVID-19 duty which is surely to go up with the arrival of more stranded people from different parts of the country.

*(With inputs from Food Committee, Dimapur)*

## DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE LIFE

*(A DIPR Feature by Temjenkaba, IA)*

Donation is the only way of obtaining blood. In the presence of medical and technological advances, it is wrongly thought that blood can currently be made but the only source is through blood donation. In developed countries, donors are volunteers who donate for their community and whereas in developing countries, many people often donate only when their family and friends need it. The prospective donors are being checked that their blood is safe for use.

Specialist medical staff are available at all times during the donation drive and it is a safe and painless procedure. There is no risk for donors irrespective of the age factor.

There is a constant need for regular blood supply because blood can be stored for only a limited time before use. Regular blood donations by a sufficient number of healthy people are needed to ensure that safe blood will be available whenever





and wherever it is needed.

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life or even several if your blood is separated into its components - red cells, platelets and plasma - which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.

The reason to donate is simple because it helps to save people's lives. In fact, every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood. Since blood cannot be manufactured outside the body and has a limited shelf life, the supply must constantly be replenished by generous blood donors only. Many patients are waiting for operation in hospital but because of non-availability of blood donors, they have to wait unless they find a reliable source. Every two seconds, someone in the world needs blood which are required for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries etc.

Voluntary Blood Donor Associations Kohima which was formed way back in 2011 has

been working all the year round by organising various blood donations camp seminary, motivational camp in collaboration with the Naga Hospital blood bank to support the needs of the people but it can hardly meet 10% requirements of blood for the people. Due to the lockdown and shortage of blood in the blood bank, after a long deliberation, it was decided that mass gathering scheduled for blood donation drive is not possible at this juncture due to COVID-19. However with the shortage of blood in the blood bank, it decided to appeal to all the public and voluntary donors in Kohima to visit Naga Hospital blood bank from 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm onwards on all working days for the donation drive as donors are needed more than ever to help maintain safe and adequate blood supply for those patients who are in need of blood. Altogether, 10 persons donated on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. For more details, one can contact on the following numbers – 8119897460 / 9436689425 / 9436062823.





*Mock drill being conducted at Mokokchung on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.*

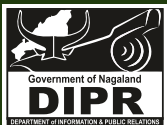


*A Mobile Van was launched by the Mon COVID-19 District Task Force for collection of COVID-19 samples.*





*Nurses celebrating International Nurses Day at Community Health Centre, Jalukie  
on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020.*



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