



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Ministers, Advisors, Director General of Police, Nagaland, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland and others after inaugurating the 30 bedded COVID-19 Hospital at the Nagaland Police Referral Hospital, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.





Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo along with other members of Indian Red Cross Society, Zunheboto branch during the observation of World Red Cross Day at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



Director (Health), Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) department, Dr. Vikato Kinimi releasing the booklet, 'A pilot study on cost expenditure of tobacco consumption in Nagaland,' undertaken by State Tobacco Control Cell on World No Tobacco Day at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.



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## OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

### STATE GOVERNMENT DECLARES MORE STRICT RESTRICTIONS IN CONTAINMENT ZONES

In the interest of public health and safety, and with a view to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee has notified as Containment Zones the following areas:

#### A. DIMAPUR

- I. Dimapur Municipal Council,
- ii. Chumukedima Town Council,
- iii. Colonies/villages along Dimapur-Chumukedima four-lane road

#### B. KOHIMA

- i. Kohima Municipal Council
- ii. New Capital Complex, with effect from 7:00 PM of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for a period of seven days.

**All activities, including movement of persons, except the following permitted activities shall be suspended in the said areas during the period:**

- i. Movement of goods vehicles including vehicles carrying oxygen/oxygen cylinders and other medical equipments.
- ii. All healthcare facilities including animal healthcare, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and movement of healthcare workers.
- iii. All pharmacies, including those selling veterinary medicines.
- iv. All persons going for COVID-19 vaccination, COVID testing and medical emergencies.
- v. All officers and staff working in District Administration, Police, Security forces, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Department, Health & Family Welfare, Postal Services, NIC, NSDMA, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Power, Public Health Engineering, Food & Civil Supplies, Finance, Treasuries & Accounts, Banks/ATMs, Information Technology & Communication, Information & Public Relations, All India Radio and Doordarshan.
- vi. Construction activities.
- vii. Agri and allied activities.
- viii. Funeral services, limited to not more than 20 persons.
- ix. All vegetable, fish/meat vendors, milk booths may remain open from 6 AM to 2 PM.
- x. All local grocery stores including animal feed shops for public purchase may remain open from 6 AM to 2 PM.
- xi. Petrol pumps shall remain open as usual, while ensuring there is no crowding.
- xii. All establishments and personnel relating to electronic and print media, telecom/ internet service providers.
- xiii. Dimapur Airport shall remain open and movement of staff and passengers will be permitted.
- xiv. Hotels for lodging shall be allowed to remain open with minimum staff.
- xv. Restaurants shall remain closed for in-house dining. The restaurants may, however, cater through take-away or home delivery.
- xvi. Food delivery service providers and groceries delivery service providers.
- xvii. Small, stand-alone shops in colonies subject to regulation by the respective ward/colony authority.



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- xviii. Movement of all private passenger vehicles shall be allowed to ply on 'Odd-Even' system, with an occupancy of 50 %.
- xix. Public transport vehicles (both public and private) like buses, taxis, autos two- wheeler taxis etc. shall be allowed to ply with occupancy of 50%, with a maximum limit of 25% of such vehicles in the district, for which the District Task Force of the respective district shall lay down modalities.

The Administrative Heads of Departments/Heads of Departments/Heads of Offices shall form a core group of officers/staff in their respective departments to attend to urgent and essential matters including court cases who shall attend office. All other government employees should be available on call.

The districts/blocks/areas other than those mentioned in paragraph 3 of this order will continue to be covered under the guidelines issued as per the Order NO.NSDMA-ER-COV1D19- 301/2020(Part-II) dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, and they may decide the restrictive measures in their respective containment zones as and when needed. The respective District Task Forces may continue with the 'Night Curfew' and other restrictions in their respective jurisdictions, in addition to the above restrictions contained in this order.

The allowed activities, as listed in paragraph 3 above, shall be carried out in strict compliance with the COVID appropriate behaviour.

Strict enforcement of these restrictions shall be ensured by the respective District Task Forces. Strict checking shall be done by the District Task Forces at the district entry points to prevent non-essential movement of persons.

In addition to the activities banned as per the Order NO.NSDMA-ER-COV1D19- 301/2020(Part-II), dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, all places of mass gathering to be closed including religious places, except for solemnization of weddings with prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner, across the state.

Any person/group of persons acting in violation of this order shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

### STATE GOVERNMENT ISSUES ADDENDUM

**In continuation to the earlier office order of even number dated 03.05.2021, the following have been exempted from the purview of the notified restrictions:**

- i. Social Welfare Department including functioning of Sakhi - One Stop Centre/Women Helpline Child Protection Services and Anganwadi Services.
- ii. LPG Services including their delivery, distribution and transportation.
- iii. Private water tanker/carriers.
- iv. Prison and related services.
- v. Courier services.
- vi. Municipal services like cleaning and sanitation to be executed by the Kohima Municipal Council, Dimapur Municipal Council and Chumukedima Town Council.
- vii. Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench and District Courts.

Para 8 of the aforementioned referred order dated 03.05.2021 shall be read as, 'In addition to the activities banned as per the Order NO. NSDMA-ER-COV1D19-301/2020(Part-II) Kohima, dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, all places of mass gathering to be closed including religious places, except for solemnization of weddings with prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner, across the state and shall be limited up to 50 persons.'

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### NEW OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS AT GUWAHATI

The Office of the Protector of Emigrants, Guwahati has been shifted and is now functional from the same premises as of the Regional Passport Office, Guwahati.

The Office, having jurisdiction over all seven North Eastern States, namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, is mandate under Emigration Act, 1983 to take care of large number of people migrating abroad from the seven North-East States, to provide them proper guidance and assistance in all Emigrants related issues.

**New Address:**

Protector of Emigrants, ADEE Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lalmati,  
Opposite Nidhi Bhawan, Guwahati, Assam - 781029.

**The contact details of the Office are as follows:**

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### GOVERNMENT RENEWS INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HEALTH WORKERS

Government of India has renewed the Insurance Scheme for the Health Workers fighting COVID-19 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package with effect from 24.04.2021 for a period of 180 days. The Insurance Scheme provides for a comprehensive insurance coverage for Health Workers fighting COVID-19 in Government Hospitals, Health Care Centres as well as Private Hospitals, whereby any healthcare worker, who, while treating COVID-19 patients, meets with some accident, will be compensated with an amount of Rs. 50 lakh.

The Government of Nagaland would provide an additional amount of Rs. 10 lakh as a compensation for all such workers covered under the said scheme.

### AUGMENTING HUMAN RESOURCES FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**In view of the need for increasing the availability of trained human resources to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the following guidelines are being issued to mobilize trained human resources for effective management of COVID-19 pandemic:**

1. Students of GNM or B.Sc. (Nursing) and Allied Health Care professionals courses who are undergoing internship or are in Final Year awaiting final exam, may be given full time Non-COVID essential services duties at Government/Private facilities under the supervision of Senior Faculty. The existing medical staff, wherever thus relieved of Non-COVID essential services duties, should be deployed for COVID-19 duties.
2. Students of ANM courses who are undergoing Internship or are in Final Year awaiting final exam may be given full time COVID Vaccination Nursing duties at Government/Private facilities under the supervision of Senior Faculty. The existing medical staff, wherever thus relieved of Non-COVID essential services duties, should be deployed for COVID-19 duties.
3. Students of GNM or B.Sc. (Nursing), ANM and Allied Health Care professional courses who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> year may be utilized in clinical documentation and other ancillary service but should not be given

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the responsibility of any clinical care and services.

4. Further, if any Intern or Final Year student of medical profession undergoing studies elsewhere but are presently in the State may also apply for engagement.
5. The above mentioned health professionals thus engaged shall be suitably remunerated at the rate approved by the State Government.
6. The above mentioned health professionals thus engaged will be covered under the Insurance Scheme of Government for health workers fighting COVID-19.
7. All such professionals who sign up for minimum 100 days of COVID duty and complete it successfully will be eligible for the Prime Minister's Distinguished COVID National Service Samman from Government of India as well as the incentives sanctioned by the State Government from time to time.
8. The respective hospital administrations are to ensure that the medical professionals sought to be engaged in COVID related work are suitably vaccinated.

### HOME DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

**In continuation to the Home Department office order of even number dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 concerning the composition of the State Level War Room Core Committee members for COVID-19 pandemic, the following officers shall also be included in the Core Committee:**

1. Agriculture Production Commissioner - Member
2. Secretary, PHED - Member

Further the following officer shall be attached to the State Level Control Room for COVID-19.

1. Temsuwati Longkumer, Deputy Secretary, Home.

The order shall come into force with immediate effect.

### STATE LABOUR DEPARTMENT INFORMS

Owing to the present pandemic situation, huge displacement of inter-state migrant workers is taking place all over the country. Therefore, in order to facilitate such workers, the Nagaland State Labour Department as per the direction of Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is opening facilitation centre in the Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner in all the respective districts.

Therefore, all inter-state migrant workers who have come from other states and presently working in the State of Nagaland and who have been working in other states and have returned to Nagaland (returnees), have been requested to register themselves in the facilitation centre of the district in which the worker is currently working/has returned. The department has also requested that employers of such workers should assist their workers in getting themselves registered in the respective facilitation centre. Further, only those who are registered in the facilitation centre will be considered by the department for assistance whenever required.

#### **Name of the district**

Dimapur  
Kohima  
Peren  
Wokha  
Mokokchung

#### **Contact Number**

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Kiphire	8131091264/9862141681
Longleng	8014635916/8974706544

### ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT INFORMS

With a view to mitigate food security during the pandemic period, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services through NEC project has initiate promotion of Backyard Poultry Farming in the State. Fast Growing Birds are being reared in the Department Farm to cater the demand of poultry which will be available for sale in phased manner starting with Kohima /Dimapur scheduled on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

Interested persons may contact 7085982290 for advance booking. Demand based delivery shall be organized scheduling time and locality intimating the same to all concerned accordingly.

#### **General specification of the birds is as follows:**

1. Fast Growing (FFG) Low Input Technology Bird for dual purpose (meat and egg type)
  2. Targeted weight gain is 2.5 Kg to 3.5 Kg in 2-3 months time and 150-170 eggs in a year
  3. Currently available stock of Growers mixed coloured birds (31 days old).
  4. All birds have been duly vaccinated and have overcome the critical period of rearing.
  5. Concentrate feeding with 'Grower Feed' or partial replacement with kitchen leftover is recommended when rearing under intensive system for early maturity.
  6. Online consultation services and need based logistic support shall be provided
- During delivery and collection, all SOP protocols are to be maintained by all concerned.

### GOVERNMENT DESIGNATES NHAK AS COVID HOSPITAL

In view of saturation of COVID Beds in the Naga Hospital Kohima owing to exponential surge in new cases and detection of COVID-19 among patients admitted for other health problems increasing the risk of transmission to the HCWs, in the interest of public health and safety, the Naga Hospital Kohima has been designated as COVID Hospital till further order.

However, emergency services shall be continued till alternative arrangements are made for delivery of essential healthcare services. **The Managing Director & Medical Superintendent Nagaland is directed to undertake the following measures:**

1. To continue management of already admitted patients till they are fit for discharge, while ensuring utmost care to prevent the risk of transmission.
2. To maintain an Isolation Ward to keep suspected cases till result is declared.
3. To set up triaging system for prompt identification and delivery of services to serious patients.
4. Except for confirmed COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalization, no non-COVID-19 cases shall be admitted.
5. For optimum utilisation of resources, all asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic and mild cases which do not require hospitalization are to be admitted/transferred to CCC or Home Isolation.
6. To expand the capacity of oxygen supported beds and ICU, and to ensure adequate supply of oxygen and other essential medicines and consumables. To this effect, proposal may be submitted



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- to the undersigned for additional logistic requirements.
7. Ensure rational deployment of manpower on COVID duty based on caseload and for continuity of essential healthcare services, HCWs not on-COVID duty are to be put on delivery of essential healthcare services.
  8. Ensure rigorous in-house training of all category HCWs on various aspects of COVID-19 management.
  9. Arrange deployment necessary security measures through District Task Force.
  10. In coordination with District Task Force, identify suitable government health facilities and pooling of manpower for delivery of essential healthcare services including emergency secondary services.

### GUIDELINES FOR HOME ISOLATION OF MILD/ASYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 CASES

#### ASYMPTOMATIC CASES/MILD CASES OF COVID-19:

Patients who are clinically assigned to be mild/asymptomatic are recommended for Home Isolation.

The asymptomatic cases are laboratory confirmed cases not experiencing any symptoms and having oxygen saturation at room air of more than 94%. Clinically assigned mild cases are patients with upper respiratory tract symptoms (and/or fever) without shortness of breath and having oxygen saturation at room air of more than 94%.

#### 1. PATIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR HOME ISOLATION:

- The patient should be clinically assigned as mild/asymptomatic case by the treating Medical Officer.
- Such cases should have the requisite facility at their residence for self-isolation and for quarantining the family contacts.
- A caregiver should be available to provide care on 24X7 basis. A communication link between the caregiver and hospital is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation.
- Elderly patients aged more than 60 years and those with co-morbid conditions such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Heart disease, Chronic Lung/Liver/Kidney disease, Cerebro-vascular disease etc. shall be allowed home isolation after proper evaluation by the treating Medical Officer.
- Patients suffering from immune compromised status (HIV, Transplant recipients, Cancer therapy etc.) are not recommended for home isolation and shall only be allowed home isolation after proper evaluation by the treating Medical Officer.
- The caregiver and all close contacts of such cases should take Hydroxychloroquine Prophylaxis as per protocol and as prescribed by the treating Medical Officer.

#### 2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PATIENT:

- Patient must isolate himself from other household members, especially elderly and those with co-morbid conditions like hypertension, cardiovascular disease, renal disease etc.
- Patient should be kept in a separate well-ventilated room with cross ventilation and windows should be kept open to allow fresh air to come in.
- Patient should at all times use triple layered medical mask. Discard mask after eight hours of use or earlier if they become wet or visibly soiled. Both caregiver and patient may consider using N95 mask.
- Patient must take rest and drink lots of fluids. Frequently wash hands with soap and water.
- Do not share personal items with other people. Follow respiratory etiquettes all the time.

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- Ensure cleaning of surfaces in the room that are frequently touched (tabletops, doorknobs, handles etc.)
- 3. **SELF MONITORING OF BLOOD OXYGEN SATURATION WITH AN OXIMETER IS STRONGLY ADVISED:**
  - If pulse oximeter is not available, a single breath holding test may be done (Patient has to take a full but not too deep breath and hold it as long as possible). **Based on duration of breath holding, patients are categorized into:**
    - 25 seconds – Normal cardiopulmonary reserve.
    - 15 to 25 seconds – Limited cardiopulmonary reserve (Review with the Medical Officer)
    - 15 seconds – Very poor cardiopulmonary reserve (Shift to hospital)
- 4. **THE PATIENT WILL SELF-MONITOR HIS/HER HEALTH WITH DAILY TEMPERATURE MONITORING AND REPORT PROMPTLY IF ANY DETERIORATION OF SYMPTOM AS GIVEN:**

Fever - Any temperature of 100.4F (38 degree celcius) or greater is considered as fever.
- 5. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE-GIVERS:**
  - The caregiver should wear a triple layered medical mask.
  - N95 mask may be considered when in the same room with the ill person.
  - Hand hygiene must be ensured following contact with ill person.
  - Avoid direct contact with body fluids of the patient, particularly oral or respiratory secretions.
  - Patient/Caregiver will keep monitoring their health. Immediate medical attention must be sought if serious signs or symptoms develop.
- 6. **TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH MILD/ASYMPTOMATIC DISEASE:**
  - Patients must be in communication with a treating physician and promptly report in case of any deterioration.
  - Continue the medications for other co-morbid illness after consulting the treating physician.
  - Patients to follow symptomatic management for fever, running nose and cough, as warranted.
  - Patients may perform warm water gargles or take steam inhalation twice a day.
  - In case of falling oxygen saturation or shortness of breath, the person should require hospital admission and seek immediate consultation of their treating physicians/ surveillance team.
- 7. **WHEN TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION:** Patient/care giver will keep monitoring their health. Immediate medical attention must be sought if serious signs or symptoms develop. **These could include:**
  - Difficulty in breathing
  - Dip in oxygen saturation (SpO2 less than 94% in room air)
  - Persistent pain, pressure in the chest
  - Mental confusion or inability to arouse
  - High grade fever/severe cough, particularly if lasting for more than five days.
- 8. **WHEN TO DISCONTINUE HOME ISOLATION:** Patient under home isolation will stand discharged and end isolation after atleast 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms (or from date of sampling for asymptomatic cases) and no fever for three days.
- 9. **MILD DISEASES:** Upper respiratory tract symptom (and/or fever) without shortness of breath or hypoxia.
  - \* **MUST DOs**
    - Physical distancing, indoor mask use, strict hand hygiene.

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- Symptomatic management (hydration, anti-pyretics, anti-tussive, multi-vitamins)
- Stay in contact with treating physicians.
- Monitor temperature and oxygen saturation (by applying a SpO2 probe to fingers).
- \* **MAY DOs:** Therapy based on low certainty of evidence
- Tab Ivermectin (200mcg/kg once a day for three days). Avoid in pregnant and lactating women.

### OR

- Tab HCQ (400mg BD for one day f/b 400mg OD for four days) unless contraindicated.
- Inhalational Budesonide (given via metered dose inhalers/dry powder inhaler) at a dose 800 mcg BD for five days) to be given if symptoms (fever and/or cough) are persistent beyond five days of disease onset.

**Note:** All medicines should be taken only under medical prescription and advice.

### \*High-risk for severe disease or mortality:

- Age>60 years
- Cardiovascular disease, Hypertension, CAD
- DM (Diabetes Mellitus) and other immune compromised states.
- Chronic lung/kidney/lung disease.
- Cerebrovascular diseases
- Obesity

**Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland:** Contact your nearest health units for more information. State Helpline No: 1800-345-0019. The guidelines on Home-quarantine for other members are available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforhomequarantine.pdf> shall be also followed.

## DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has informed that with the designation of District Hospital Dimapur as COVID Hospital for the treatment of surging COVID cases in the district, alternative arrangements are to be made for delivery of essential healthcare services. **In this connection, the District Task Force Dimapur is advised to undertake the following measures on priority:**

1. Identify suitable and strategically located government health facilities - CHCs/PHCs/UPHCs/SC/SMIT1/TB&CDH for delivery of essential healthcare services including emergency secondary services. Equipments of the NHAK may be temporarily relocated as and when required for delivery of emergency secondary services.
2. Some of the health facilities for delivery of essential services should be identified as 24x7 facility.
3. List of all health facilities identified for delivery of essential services are to be widely publicized for the information of public at large.
4. A comprehensive HR plan should be put in place to mobilize the manpower requirement:
  - a. To requisite staff from other departments for non-medical and ministerial tasks.
  - b. To pool HCWs from the establishments of CMO, MS, etc. for medical tasks.
5. To set up Flu Corner and Isolation facility in all such health facilities to enable prompt detection and segregation of suspected cases. All ILI & SARI cases as well as admitted patients are to be tested as per testing policy.
6. Provision of diet and laundry services shall be as per existing policy.
7. The NHAK shall be the hub for diagnostic and blood bank services whenever required for the

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identified health facilities.

8. To establish ambulance services network for timely transportation of patients to various health facilities. A call centre may be set up or the contacts details of the ambulance operators are to be widely publicized to the information of public at large.
9. To requisition necessary vehicles from other departments for transportation of staff and laboratory samples.
10. Provide necessary security measures at the COVID Hospital Kohima.

### DoSE NOTIFIES ON RESUMPTION OF ONLINE CLASSES

The Directorate of School Education has notified that all schools (both government and private) functioning within the State of Nagaland shall resume conduct of online classes with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 adhering to the following directives. However, conduct of regular classes through normal mode shall remain suspended until further notice.

1. The duration for online classes for pre-primary students should not be for more than 30 minutes per day. For classes I to VIII, two online sessions of 45 minutes each or three online sessions of 30 minutes each per day and for classes IX to XII, four sessions of 30-45 minutes each per day shall be conducted.
2. Teachers and students may make use of the Video Lessons broadcast for classes V to XII during the lockdown period 2020 which are available in Department's Youtube Channel (DoSE Nagaland) and Facebook Page (School Education, Nagaland). Use of DIKSHA Platform (<https://diksha.gov.in/>) and SWAYAM Portal (<https://swayam.gov.in/>) is encouraged.
3. Teachers shall prepare Explanatory Notes, Worksheets, Assignments etc. for topics given in textbooks/syllabus for classes I to XII and share with students through Online/WhatsApp mode.
4. **After lifting of Total Lockdown:** School Heads shall make arrangements to distribute the Notes, Worksheets/Assignments etc. to parents/students once or twice in a week on different days/timings for different classes following the SOPs notified by the State Government from time to time. Parents/Students shall be notified for submission of the completed Worksheets/Assignments on specified days at different intervals of time for different classes. Schools shall collect the completed Worksheets/Assignments and distribute new Notes, Worksheets/Assignments etc. along with feedbacks of the previous Worksheets/Assignments submitted.
5. Parents may be encouraged to take interest/part in the Worksheets/Assignments of their children and assist in Online/Digital mode of education as far as possible.
6. School Heads shall ensure that only a reasonable number of Worksheets/Assignments which can be completed by students through self study are given to students.
7. Delivery of Education should be the focus and not completion of the syllabus.
8. A Study Time Table for students may be prepared by parents for use at home.
9. Care should be taken by all concerned to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour at all times. The SOP notified by the Government vide Order No.NSDMA/ER-COVID19-301/2020(Part II), dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 shall strictly be followed.
10. **The following directives are issued for strict compliance by all teachers and School Heads serving in Government Schools:**
  - (i) Teachers shall record details of Notes, Worksheets/Assignments prepared, distributed and feedbacks given etc. in a note in the format given in Teachers' Diary and the same shall be checked



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and countersigned by the School Heads regularly (New Teacher's Diary will be issued soon).

- (ii) School Heads shall upload daily activities in the Online School Monitoring Portal (<https://school.dosenl.in/>) w.e.f. 26/05/2021 before 4 PM of all working days along with attendance report of teachers.
- (iii) Teachers who left their place of posting during the Summer Vacation shall conduct online classes from their present place of stay till such time inter-district/intra-district travel are allowed by the Government.

It is mandatory for all Government School Teachers (including School Heads) to register at the Teacher's App. School Heads should ensure that all teachers serving under their establishment are registered at the Teacher's App. Particulars of teachers who have not yet registered at the Teacher's App due to mobile number mismatch may be submitted to ([reports.dosenl@gmail.com](mailto:reports.dosenl@gmail.com)) through respective School Heads for necessary updating.

### ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS INVOLVED IN COVID-19 DUTIES

The State Government recognizes the services of healthcare professionals performing COVID-19 duties, both in the Government sector as well as the private sector; and also recognizes the need to increase the availability of healthcare workers for performing COVID-19 duties, both in the government as well as the private sector.

Recognizing the risks faced by the healthcare workers involved in COVID-19 duties, the Government of Nagaland has already announced an additional amount (ex- gratia) of Rs. 10 lakh for all healthcare workers working in Government Hospitals and Health Care Centres, and private hospitals over and above the Rs. 50 lakh under the Government of India's Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) Insurance Scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19.

The Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare Department has already issued directions that final year and intern students of various medical professions may be engaged on temporary basis for clinical and non-clinical Non-COVID duties.

**The State Government has taken the following decisions with a view to augment, and meet the immediate needs, for healthcare workers for COVID-19 duties:**

**Engagement and Stipend:** Power to engage students, as allowed under paragraph 3 above, on a temporary basis is delegated to the District Task Forces for a period of up to three months with effect from the date of issue of this order, with an initial upper limit of 30 students for Kohima and Dimapur and 10 each in other districts subject to the districts ensuring that an equivalent additional existing staff is deputed for COVID duty in each of the district. Stipend may be paid to various category of students as per the following table:

		On Clinical COVID/Non COVID-19 Duty/ Essential Services	On Non-Clinical Duty
a	Intern (MBBS)	Rs. 25,000/- pm	-
b	Intern (BDS/AYUSH)	Rs. 20,000/- pm	-
c	Intern (B.Sc.Nursing)	Rs. 13,500/- pm	-
d	Intern (GNM/Technician)	Rs. 10,000/- pm	-
e	Intern (ANM)	Rs. 8,500/- pm	-
f	Final Year (MBBS/BDS/AYUSH)	-	Rs. 9,000/- pm
g	Final Year (B.Sc. Nursing/GNM/ Technician)	-	Rs. 8,000/- pm
h	Final Year (ANM)	-	Rs. 7,500/- pm
i	Below final year up to 2 <sup>nd</sup> year student	-	Rs. 6,000/- pm

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The budgetary allocation for 2020-21 and as available in the Civil Deposit, for the purpose of stipend would be initially used, and would be sub-allocated to the Chief Medical Officers of the respective districts as per their requirement immediately.

**Preference in Government Appointments:** The Government will give preference, in the form of up to 25% of the total marks for the respective recruitment examination, depending on the length of COVID duties rendered, to the healthcare workers who have worked on COVID-19 duties, in the government or private COVID facilities for at least 100 days, for appointment against regular Government posts for any post recruited through NPSC, NSSB or Departmental Recruitment Board during the years 2021 and 2022.

Detailed instructions in this regard will be issued in consultation with Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department separately.

**Incentives for In-Service Medical Officers:** Preference for study leave for undergoing further studies will be given to HCWs who have rendered at least 100 days on COVID-19 duty and have qualified the entrance examination.

Amendments in the Study Leave Rules for this purpose shall be issued separately.

**Engagement of healthcare workers for short term basis:** Any healthcare worker engaged for at least 100 days for the management of COVID-19 patients shall be entitled to remuneration above 25% of the entry level salary of respective grade of employees.

**Treatment for COVID-19 for private healthcare workers:** Cost of medical treatment for government employees is borne by the Government. The cost of treatment for healthcare workers who contract COVID-19 while on COVID-19 duty in private hospitals, shall also be reimbursed on the same pattern for government employees.

The notification is issued after obtaining concurrence of Finance Department, accorded vide RFC No. 64 dated 21/05/2021, and with the approval of the Chief Minister, Nagaland.

### HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON VACCINATION CENTRES

The Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that in pursuance to MoHFW guideline for COVID-19 vaccination drive (COWIN 2.0) of age 45 years and above for better/friendly vaccination services, the following health units have been notified as COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (Total - 613) (Additional session sites will be notified later):

All registered, non-vaccinated healthcare workers and frontline workers will continue to be vaccinated at all CVC sites.

Sl. No.	District	Vaccination Days	COVID Vaccination Centre (CVCs)	No. of Health Units
1.	Dimapur	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH—1 CHC—2 PHC—10 UPHC—2 HWC—20 SC—33	68

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2.	Kiphire	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC —1 PHC — 4 HWC —17 SC- 5	28
3.	Kohima	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC — 3 PHC — 13 UPHC — 2 HWC —18 SC — 23	60
4.	Longleng	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH — 1 PHC — 3 HWC — 8 SC — 2	14
5.	Mokokchung	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC — 3 PHC — 16 UPHC — 1 HWC —15 SC — 40	76
6.	Mon	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC — 2 PHC — 15 HWC — 15 SC — 41	74
7.	Peren	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC —1 PHC — 8 HWC —10 SC — 8	28
8.	Phek	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC — 3 PHC — 23 HWC — 19 SC — 29	75
9.	Tuensang	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH—1 CHC — 2 PHC —13 UPHC —1 HWC —17 SC — 37	71
10.	Wokha	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH —1 CHC — 2 PHC —12 UPHC —1 HWC —15 SC — 25	56
11.	Zunheboto	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DH — 1 CHC — 2 PHC — 13 HWC — 8 SC — 39	63

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### DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS INFORMS

In pursuance of the letter issued by the Office of Registrar General of India (ORGI), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to collect and certify the data on mortality due to COVID-19 as per the 10<sup>th</sup> revision of the ICD code and the NHRC advisory for upholding the dignity and protecting the rights of the dead, the Directorate of Economics & Statistics has issued directives to all the District Economics & Statistics Officers and District Registrars of Birth & Death for compliance:

1. All death occurring under your jurisdiction should be registered within 21 days of the stipulated time as laid down in the Registration of Births & Deaths Act 1969 and corresponding Nagaland Registration of Births & Deaths (Amendment) Rule 1999.
2. The District Registrar should collect and maintain the district wise digital dataset of death cases, including COVID-19.
3. All efforts should be made to ensure that all Institutional/Non-Institutional deaths are covered and reported to the local registrar of births and deaths in time for registration. The Institutional deaths are to be certified under Medical Certification of Causes of Death (MCCD) Form No. 4 and Non-Institutional deaths in Form No. 4A.
4. To coordinate with the Deputy Commissioner who is the District Chief Registrar of births and deaths for executing the Act in both government and private medical institutions.
5. To coordinate with the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital and other Medical Institutions In-Charge under your jurisdiction for certifying the death registration and collection of reports.
6. To issue necessary direction in this regard to all the Registrars under your jurisdiction.
7. To compile and report all death cases every month under your district to the undersigned on or before 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month as per the RBD Act 1969.

### FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that as a response to closure of schools due to COVID-19, M/s NagaEd has curated the below mentioned free educational resources to assist students and teachers in continuing education:

1. Chapter-wise video lessons broadcast by the Department of School Education, Nagaland.
2. TicTac Learn for Classes 8, 9 and 10 (NBSE syllabus).
3. Downloadable notes for Class 10 Science subject (NBSE Syllabus) prepared by NagaEd.
4. Professional Development Resources for Teachers.

Students, parents and teachers are advised to make use of the aforementioned free of cost resources/services by visiting the website [www.nagaed.com/free-resources/](http://www.nagaed.com/free-resources/)

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**OXYGEN PLANT ACTIVATION IN NAGALAND, COMPRESSORS AIRLIFTED  
BY IAF SPECIAL FLIGHT FROM AHMEDABAD**

*Oxygen plant compressors being handed over to EAC Chumukedima, Coordinating Officer at Dimapur airport on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

The Indian Air Force carried out a special cross country flight from Ahmedabad via Allahabad with the leftover compressors and equipments for activation of the much needed oxygen plant for Nagaland state, and the major consignment was initially airlifted by Chandigarh based IL 76 aircraft from Delhi.

The consignment weighing approximately 3 tons was handed over to EAC Chumukedima, Coordinating Officer in Dimapur airport on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which would further proceed to their designated destination at Dimapur and Mokokchung by road.

The AN- 32 medium lift transport aircraft of IAF of Russian origin was tasked to carry out the mission which belongs to 49 Squadron based at Jorhat.

The IAF completed its 13 special Airlift mission in aid of State Government administration of Nagaland carrying approximately 96 tons of critical COVID related equipments since the beginning of the pandemic last year. The IAF in the past has also been pro-actively committed to the requirements of State Government, providing air support in aid of civil administration during disaster management when it was affected by landslide and forest fire.

**WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATED****ZUNHEBOTO:**

Indian Red Cross Society, Zunheboto branch observed the World Red Cross Day at Deputy Commissioner's Office conference hall with the theme 'Wear mask to protect yourself and others, and stop the spread of COVID-19' on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021, adhering to all safety protocols, commemorating the birth anniversary of Jean Henry

Dunant.

Delivering the welcome address, Honorary Secretary, Dr.Hokishe Kiho briefed the activities carried out by IRCS Zunheboto branch, like assistance to the returnees from outside the state because of the pandemic, financial assistance to landslides affected families, material assistance while visiting villages affected by





natural calamities etc.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of IRCS, Zunheboto branch, Peter Lichamo said that assistance provided by the Red Cross Societies all over the world is highly acknowledged because of the exemplary contributions the society could provide to the needy at times of crisis, and which is why the Red Cross Society is one of the premium organizations that is respected and honoured. He added that the district branch should also prepare itself anticipating the worst effects of the pandemic. He appealed to the members to always be ready to make themselves available to the needy, which is the main objective of the organisation.

Speaking on the theme of the programme, CMO, Zunheboto Dr. Akaho Sema mentioned that India is now entering the third stage of the pandemic which means that the virus is everywhere and community spread is now inevitable and unlike earlier stages contact tracing is no more possible, which is resulting in COVID positive detection of more than 4 lakhs and 3500 deaths daily in an average across the country. He expressed regretfully that there are still certain section of the people who advocate against the only practical solutions like wearing of mask, washing of hands, sanitizing and getting vaccinated. He warned that complacency towards the virus could result in mass destruction.

Earlier at the programme, Advisor, IRCS, Dr. Huskha Yephthomi spoke on the inception of the Red Cross Society. While delivering the vote of thanks, former Vice Chairman, Hokugha Sūkhalu appealed to IRCS, Zunheboto not to be stagnant and to be more useful in ways possible.

#### WOKHA:

World Red Cross Day was observed at Wokha on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of Red Cross Society. The theme for this year

celebration is 'Together we are unstoppable.'

Speaking on the occasion, Guest of Honour, MLA, Dr.Chumben Murry urged the Red Cross Society members to rededicate themselves in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic and also create awareness to all sections of the people. He also emphasized on providing necessary requirements and information at the village level, frontline workers and drivers carrying passengers, students, elderly people and people with co-morbidities, maintaining that the pandemic is predominantly centered in urban areas as of now. Murry expressed apprehension of an unpleasant situation if the virus reach rural areas as the people have less understanding about the disease. In this regard, he called upon Red Cross Society members to create awareness and sensitize the people in villages.

Principal, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Wokha, Fr. Manuel Paikada speaking on theme, 'Wear mask to protect yourself and others, and stop the spread of COVID-19,' said that the day is celebrated to make people aware of the importance of being concerned about the welfare and wellbeing of fellow human beings. He added that when the theme calls for the need to wear mask, it should be taken seriously in the present situation as the world is reeling under the surge of COVID-19. Fr. Manuel urged the people to do something in their own power to protect oneself and others, and encouraged everyone to stay home.

Delivering the welcome address, DC,Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who is also the Chairman IRCS Wokha, urged to provide basic needs to all sections of society. He also encouraged every individual to contribute in their own capacity without solely depending on the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Administration or Frontline Workers in the fight against COVID-19.

Secretary of IRCS Wokha Unit, Dr.K. Zumomo Ovung delivered a brief report of IRCS



**CM INSPECTS TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION SITE AT MERIEMA**

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visited and inspected the tunnel construction of Kohima-bypass road at Meriema, Kohima on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Chief Minister was briefed by the Executive Director, Regional Office, NHIDCL, Kohima, MS Doel and General Manager, PMU, Jakhama, NHIDCL, SP Singh. The officials appraised the gathering of the progress of the works, the technical details and shared the various challenges and problems.

Rio also interacted with the villagers of Meriema and sought their cooperation and support for successful and timely completion of the project. The villagers assured of their help and support in every possible way.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by a host of government officials including Principal Secretary to CM, K. D.Vizo, Principal Secretary, Works & Housing, Menukhol John and Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

The tunnel, situated near the High Court Junction, Meriema, will be 500 metres long with a width of 11 metres and height of 5.5 metres (vertical clearance). The tunnel is part of the two-lane Kohima-bypass road connecting NH-39 (New NH-02), NH-150(New NH-02), NH-61(New NH-29) and NH-39(New NH-02) from Design Km 10.500 to Design Km 21.00(Design Length-10.500 Km) under the SARDP-NE on EPC Mode (Package II).

**ONLINE WORKSHOP HELD ON SPRINGSHED MANAGEMENT FOR THE STATE OF NAGALAND**

People's Science Institute (PSI) and Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Nagaland together organised an online experience sharing stakeholders' consultation workshop on 'Springshed Management' for the state of Nagaland on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

PSI, Anita Sharma chairing the online workshop said that the main objective is to emphasize the experiences and challenges faced by various departments and agencies working on the watershed management in Nagaland and to formulate strategy to address the challenges and taking the springshed programme in a mission mode at the state level in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Awii Tsuhah, NIEDA sharing her experience on 'The impact and challenges from 100 rural villages programme on spring revival' said that groundwater in the form of springs is the lifeline for drinking water security and livelihood in the Himalayan region including Nagaland. She also that the rejuvenation and sustainability of spring management is extremely critical as it supports the ecosystem, landscape and the ecological function

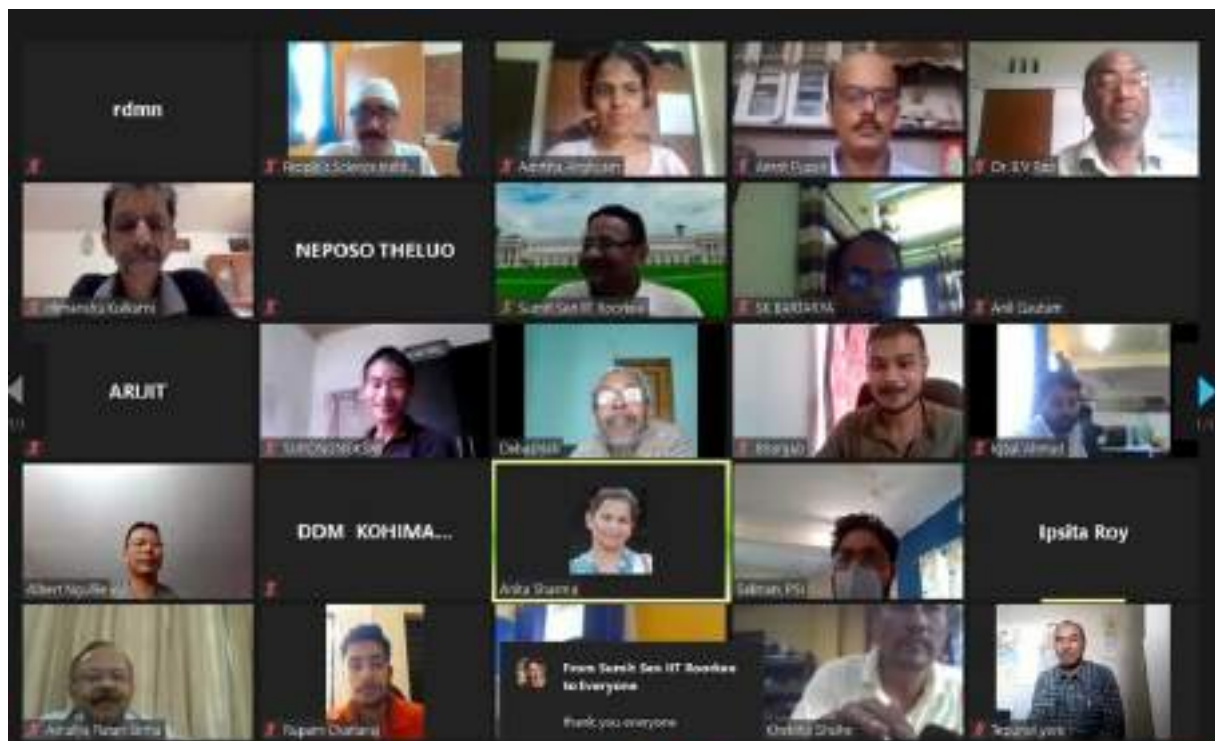
providing not just water but livelihood security to the people and also conserve biodiversity.

Also highlighting on the achievements, Awii said that the spring treatment intervention programme has been implemented in 104 villages and 303 springs inventorized in 100 villages across the State till date. She also stated that through community mobilization, social, hydro geological and engineering survey was completed in 100 villages and spring rejuvenation in 94 villages covering 104 springs were also implemented.

There is increasing evidence that springs are drying up, as report suggests that more than three million perennial springs in the IHR States have either already dried up or become seasonal, resulting in acute water shortages across thousands of Himalayan villages. To address the above concerns, NITI Aayog has identified springshed management as a key thrust area of intervention for the region.

People's Science Institute, Dehradun (PSI) since its establishment in 1988, has its pioneering work in the fields of community-led watershed management, environmental quality monitoring,





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fluorosis mitigation, disaster-safe housing, system of crop intensification, springs regeneration, participatory groundwater management, and river conservation. The Institute in the last decade has contributed to state-level programmes on springshed management in the states of Sikkim, Nagaland, and Meghalaya. In 2016, the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of Nagaland, and PSI piloted a state-level 'Participatory Springshed Development Programme' for 11 districts of Nagaland considering one spring in each of the districts. PSI as a supporting agency is giving capacity-building trainings to the state and district teams and catalyzes actions on the ground. With the success of the programme, another state-level programme 'Multi-Stakeholder Participatory Springshed Management Initiatives' was initiated in Nagaland for 100 rural villages aiming revival of 100 springs, in 2018. Several government departments and civil society organizations have worked collectively on springs under this multi-faceted convergence

programme.

PowerPoint presentations were also presented by DoLR Government of Nagaland on evolution and experience of springshed management in Nagaland - a stakeholder's approach, Geo-hydrology based participatory springshed management in Nagaland under NHMS by Vargish Bamola PSI, and COS Experiences on springshed management in Nagaland.

PowerPoint presentation on the ongoing research on springshed management was presented by Dr. Nesatalu Hiese, scientist, Dr. Amrit Puzari, Dean, NIT Nagaland, Bhargabnanda Dass & Dr. Sumit Senroorkee and Dr. Anil Gautam, PSI Dehradun.

Keynote address was delivered by Secretary, Rural Development, Nagaland and PSI's film on springshed management in IHR was also shown. Eminent speakers and officials from RD, Land Resources, NABARD, National Science and Technology Council Kohima, NIT Nagaland etc. participated in the online workshop.



## COVID-19 SHOULD NOT REACH THE RURAL AREAS: CM RIO

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio asserted that the Government's priority is not to allow the spread of corona virus in the rural areas of Nagaland and for which, the Government is undertaking aggressive vaccination drive and also strengthening the Primary Health Centres. He informed that Noklak is the only safe district where the virus has not penetrated. Rio disclosed it to the media persons on the sidelines during his visit to IHM on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Rio also said that the Government is trying its best for strengthening the healthcare facilities in the State particularly Dimapur as the district accounts for more than 60% COVID cases with serious cases and some in ICU and ventilator for

more than a month. He stated that the Government is trying its best to take care of COVID positive people living below poverty line and not putting additional burden to the common man by taking austerity measures.

Further, Rio announced that CISHR has been chosen for construction of 176 bedded hospital with all required necessary infrastructure because of its reputation, expertise, manpower and minimal treatment cost. CISHR has all the required facilities so when we have another hospital adjacent to that, the working system becomes easy, he noted. It was also agreed that profits realised would be invested in Nagaland.

## WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY OBSERVED

### KOHIMA:

World No Tobacco Day was observed at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 with the theme 'Commit to quit.' The meeting was chaired by Consultant, Linoka Awomi. Director (Family Welfare), Dr. Thorise Katiry was the special guest for the function.

In his speech, Dr. Katiry encouraged the officers to set an example to others during the pandemic, by staying away from tobacco products. State Nodal Officer (NTCP), Dr. C. Tetseo in his presentation talked about the dangerous effects of smokeless tobacco which is often ignored. He specifically mentioned about magnesium carbonate, which is used as anti-caking agents in all gutka and pan masala, as people are consuming this chemical far in excess of the daily limit, and it could be dangerous for those whose renal function is compromised. It may be noted that, many popular pan masala brands were banned in other states because of the presence of this compound.

Director (Health), Dr. Vikato Kinimi released the booklet on 'A pilot study on cost expenditure of tobacco consumption in Nagaland' undertaken by State Tobacco Control Cell, Nagaland. The meeting

ended with a challenge to all, to stay away from tobacco products.

### SHAMATOR:

The 45 Assam Rifles in collaboration with Youth for Society (YFS), Shamator, organised an awareness campaign against use of tobacco on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day at Shamator, Tuensang on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.



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The World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31<sup>st</sup> May to make tobacco users aware of the opportunity to lead a healthier life. The aim of the day is to spread awareness about the dangers of using tobacco and how health problems can be tackled when one quits tobacco.



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT INFORMS

After recent news articles alleged of misappropriation of funds in the name of the pandemic, the Finance Department, Government of Nagaland has clarified on the details of funds mobilised through pro-rata cuts and expenditure incurred on the COVID-19 pandemic as furnished below for information of all concerned:

### A: Savings from pro-rata cut and COVID cess during 2020-21:

1. Savings from 15% pro-rata cut during 2020-21 - ₹ 36.64 crore
2. Revenue from COVID cess on petroleum products - ₹ 13.64 crore
3. Total resources obtained from 1 & 2 above - ₹ 50.28 crore

### B: Expenditure incurred on COVID pandemic during 2020-21:

1. Additional funds provided to Department of Health & Family Welfare - ₹ 71.18 crore
2. Funds received from Central Government for COVID - ₹ 22.26 crore
3. Funds received from NEC for COVID - ₹ 3 crore
4. Purchase of foodgrain for distribution - ₹ 3.60 crore
5. Expenditure of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) for COVID activities - ₹ 61.60 crore
6. Miscellaneous expenditure of Police, Jails and Ex-gratia - ₹ 1.33 crore
7. Expenditure from CM's Relief Fund - ₹ 3.55 crore
8. Expenditure from 35% of State Disaster Response Fund - ₹ 14.36 crore

9. Total expenditure (1 to 8 above) - ₹ 180.88 crore

### C: Savings from pro-rata cut during 2021-22 & expenditure:

1. Savings from 20% pro-rata cut - ₹ 47.69 crore
2. Additional funds provided during 2021-22 - ₹ 62.75 crore  
(₹ 25.30 crore for COVID, ₹ 30 crore for 176 bedded Hospital at CIHSR and ₹ 7.45 crore for vaccine purchase)
3. Expenditure from CM's Relief Fund - ₹ 1.81 crore
4. Total expenditure (2 & 3 above) - ₹ 64.56 crore

### Notes:

1. The pro-rata cuts during 2021-22 have been effected to provide free vaccines to all, as decided by the State Cabinet.
2. Expenditure on COVID is still continuing.
3. Details of expenditure from CM's Relief Fund are available on the website.
4. The State Government has during 2021-22 decided to use 25% of LADP funds to fight the pandemic. This will include the 15% Common Pool Fund and additional 10% from normal funds without touching the iconic projects. These funds will be kept with the respective District Planning and Development Boards for fighting the pandemic in the respective districts.
5. The break-up of items of expenditure can be obtained from the concerned departments in case of necessity.

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## 'THE KHONOMA EXPERIENCE' EVENT HELD



Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha along with officials and participants during the 'Khonoma Experience – Tourism strategies for the new millennium' event held at Terhotsiese, Khonoma on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

'The Khonoma Experience - Tourism strategies for the new millennium,' an event initiated by the Dolhuni Dzüviu Golato (DDG), a group formed mainly for conservation of nature in Khonoma, was held at Terhotsiese, Khonoma on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. During the event, the local community, all stakeholders and the State Government came together to deliberate, share and set strategies to make Khonoma village as one of the model villages of tourism in Nagaland.

Khonoma village was declared as the first 'Green Village' in the State and also the first in Asia, in 2005. It is the only village which conserves and preserves its flora and fauna in the whole village territory, which is first of its kind in Nagaland. The success of cultivation of alder trees in the village is now emulated by others. According to a NEPED report, Khonoma alone produces 24 species of rice. Bird and butterfly watching activity is also gaining ground which has brought out success stories such as of Birdwatcher, Angulie, who started his career as a tourist guide and is now an expert and sought after by birdwatchers from outside the State.

Speaking as the special guest, Advisor to

Chief Minister, Abu Metha termed Khonoma village as the land that shaped the history of Nagaland and expressed his gratitude to the village for producing many great sons and daughters of the land. He called the village a 'historic and legendary village' and added that the Naga history was written from it. Metha also applauded the various steps taken by the village in making Nagaland known throughout the country and even the world.

The Advisor stressed on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism sector. While stating that the pandemic has adversely affected the sector to great length, he encouraged the gathering to use the pandemic as an opportunity to strengthen, introspect and to be better prepared. He also highlighted on the need to improve and upscale with better tourism strategies and guidelines in place.

Calling the Hornbill Festival as a priceless intellectual property of the Nagas, Metha stated that over Rs. 100 crore is generated from an investment of Rs. 5 crore from the festival and called on the need for better commercialization of tourism in Nagaland. Metha said that the local community are a major stakeholder and should get the highest benefit

from tourism related activities. Adding that the Nagas are very well known for their hospitality, he said that there is a need to commercialize various tourism related activities.

Metha highlighted on 'experiential tourism' where the tourists come not only to visit a place but to experience the way of life of the place. He said that tourists come to look for human interaction and connection and for local experiences. He added, this aspect of tourism has been growing very rapidly and stated that the local people need to come up with a strategy to meet the demand.

Director, Tourism Department, Ajanuo Belho speaking at the event said that with COVID-19 immensely affecting the tourism industry, the Government has adopted strategies for revival and sustenance of the industry. To improve governance in the sector, Local Tourism Observatories will be set up with stakeholders to generate reliable data in tracking customer behaviour and preferences. Taxes, charges will be reviewed and transport will be regulated considering the interest of customers and viability of business as well. It will also introduce client safety measures with emphasis on COVID-19 safety. In capacity building, skill development especially enhancement in digital skills and digital payment systems will be promoted.

With Khonoma village getting the highest number of tourists, Belho suggested more facilities and personalized service can be provided by the village for higher revenue generation, and also suggested for increasing length of stay of tourists by offering activities to indulge in while in the village.

Kezhasezo Kenneth Punyü, who chaired the event narrated on how Khonoma village began the conservation of its natural flora and fauna not just for the benefit of the village but for the State as a whole. He also shared about the role played by the Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan Sanctuary (KNCTS) Trust, Khonoma Youth Organisation, Khonoma Students Union, the community and all stakeholders involved in the success of Khonoma becoming a top tourist destination in Nagaland.

Welcome address was delivered by Chairman, Khonoma Village Council, Ratsavilie Vakha. Advisor, Task Force for Music & Arts, Theja Meru also delivered a short speech. A folk tune was delivered by the Phetsukiku Club, Khonoma. President, DDG, Petevinyu Seyie delivered the vote of thanks. The formal programme was followed by a discussion hour where the local community, other stakeholders and government officials had an interaction where various problems and issues were discussed.

### **DC PHEK NOTIFIES ON ASF**

Deputy Commissioner, Phek has notified to the general public of Phek district that the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) has occurred in the districts of Phek and Kiphire.

Hence, the general public has been requested to remain cautious and vigilant, and report any unusual mortality of domestic pigs and feral pigs to the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer, Phek. Furthermore, the following measures have been notified to the general public and pig farmers of the district to control and contain the spread of the

contagious disease - that it is highly infectious and contagious hemorrhagic viral disease of pigs and 100% fatal with no treatment and vaccine; that control, containment, surveillance and following of bio-security measures are the only way to eradicate the disease; that village councils, public, pig farmers are to report unusual deaths of pigs to the nearest veterinary health centres immediately.

The Chief Veterinary Officer shall monitor the situation and create awareness to contain the spread of African Swine Fever.

### **LONGLENG DTF HOLDS MEETING**

In view of the rising COVID-19 positive cases in the district, the Longleng District Task Force

(DTF) convened an emergency meeting with all its members and stakeholders on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. The





meeting was chaired by M. Shayung Phom, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Longleng DTF.

The following agenda were discussed and passed by the Board - Random screening test shall be carried by the Health & Family Welfare department for high risk group including shopkeepers, drivers/operators of bus/taxis, road construction worker, hotel/restaurant employees.

Food expenditure for medical and police/VGs personnel assigned to COVID-19 Care Centre and COVID-19 hospital duties shall be tentatively borne by the DTF on a basis of Rs. 300 per person.

To continue enforcing COVID-19 appropriate behaviours in Longleng town, the DBs and VGs shall assist and coordinate with police personnel for duty, the respective rosters shall be prepared by the concerned department.

The Village Guards shall be activated to check and monitor the movement of unknown person in all the village and to immediately report the same to the authorities

Any public events/gathering/festivities is

prohibited in the district and for the purpose of conducting wedding ceremonies, prior approval (15 days advance) of the DTF shall be required.

Entry/check gate situated at Shetab and Yonglok under Tamlu circle shall be looked after by the concerned respective administrative and police officers.

Religious places/place of worship will be permitted outside the containment zone subject to a maximum limit of 30% of the total capacity of the hall/building of any point of time or 100 person, whichever is lower, and with strict adherence to all the provisions of SOP for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The new venue for the daily local market is now shifted to the Public Ground, Longleng town with immediate effect until further notice.

A fine of Rs 200/- shall be imposed on the person not correctly wearing masks in public places, work places and during transport.

All the colony/ward president/chairman are to keep vigil and to promptly report to the authorities in the event of any COVID-19 related incidents.

## **BLTF ON COVID-19 MEETING HELD AT PFUTSERO**

In pursuant to the State Government's notification on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 regarding the consolidated guidelines to be followed for COVID-19, an emergency meeting of the Block Level Task Force (BLTF) was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Conference Hall, Pfutserso, chaired by the ADC, Pfutserso on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

The ADC briefly highlighted the SOP and guidelines issued by the Government. The BLTF was informed of the coordination meeting held with all the pastors of Pfutserso town to discuss on the consolidated guidelines issued and to strictly adhere to it. The pastors were requested to devise a system congruent with the SOP and ensure that all preventive measures are put in place. Further, their active and continued co-operation was sought to collectively fight against the pandemic.

In view of the guideline, limiting the occupancy of inter and intra district, private and passenger vehicles, to 50% of the total occupancy, it

was felt that the taxi fares had to be revised. In this matter, a revised rate for taxi fares was discussed.

Shops/business establishments will not hike price of any commodity without prior approval from the authority. The traders union and consumer's organization will look into this issue and report of any such hike in prices of commodities for subsequent actions.

The meeting discussed the issue of some household not having a proper isolation room. In this regard, it was decided that all the Ward Chairman/GBs will identify an isolation centre in their respective colony for cases where isolation is not possible within their house. However, it was informed that the food, lodging and other logistics have to be borne by their own family members.

During the meeting it was decided to arrange a COVID-19 Care Centre at GMS, Pfutserso, TT Hall and restroom of the Pfutserso Sports Complex in addition to the arrangement made at CHC, Pfutserso in





The Block Level Task Force, Pfutsero held an emergency meeting at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Pfutsero on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

order to accommodate any exigencies. The District Administration along with the Pfutsero Town Welfare

Committee will make necessary arrangement of logistics and make the facility available.

### LRD DISTRIBUTES COFFEE PULPERS

#### KOHIMA:

A programme funded by North Eastern Council (NEC) and organised by Land Resources Department (LRD), Nagaland, for distribution of coffee pulpers for coffee growers of Kohima district was held at Solidarity Park, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The department distributed coffee pulpers to 50 beneficiaries.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his speech extended his sincere appreciation to the coffee farmers for their success in coffee plantation. Rio said that there are about 1,886 coffee farmers in Nagaland and that it is one of the highest growing markets in the world. Therefore, they should try their best to produce it on a large scale basis. He further added that through the CM Corpus Fund, in every district and sub-divisions, he will help to train the farmers in order to build coffee shops for their sustainability. Rio also said that the coffee farmers are the pioneers and hence, they should have a systematic organization which will help not only their individual growth but also help in boosting the economy of the State.

District Project Officer, Land Resources, Dr. Menuosietuo Tseikha in his keynote address said it was the Chief Minister's initiative in undertaking the programme to benefit the beneficiaries and

mentioned that the distribution of coffee pulper machines to the beneficiaries was the first step for the farmers to move forward. He also advised the farmers to make good use of the machine by sharing it amongst other farmers in their respective community and not lease it out on hires, and also to encourage other farmers about the benefits of coffee farming.

Rokovizo Senotsu, who spoke on behalf of Angami area coffee growers, said most of the farmers had received sapling and trainings from the Government which has helped the beneficiaries. He also shared about the hardships and difficulties the farmers face during the dry seasons.

Kenneth Kath who spoke on behalf of Rengma area coffee growers said farmers should do away with the old traditional farming but should implement new technology for modern farming. He also encouraged young coffee farmers to take up the farming with machineries.

#### PEREN:

The Department of Land Resources, Peren organised a programme at DPO's Office, Jalukie on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and distributed rubber sheet roller machine and coffee pulping machine to 15 farmers of Peren district. The project has been funded by the



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire along with officials of Land Resources Department during the distribution of coffee pulper machine to coffee growers of Kohma district at Solidarity Park, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio along with the High Powered Committee on COVID-19 during a meeting held at CM's Secretariat, Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*





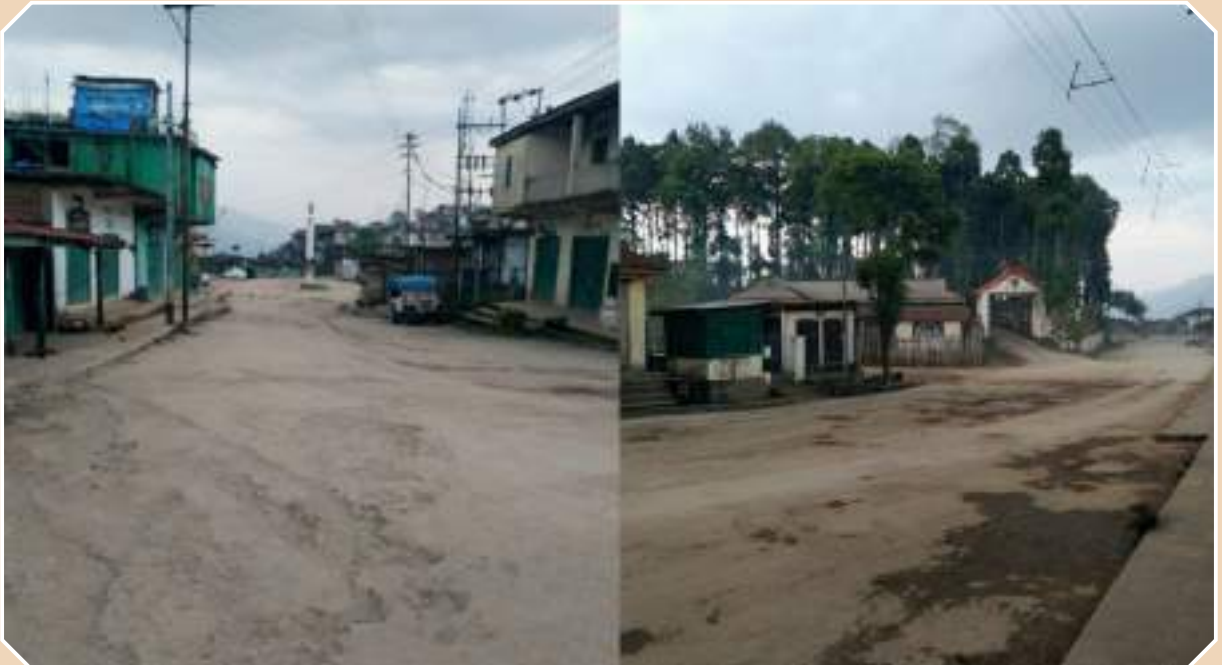
*Samples being taken from shopkeepers during random COVID-19 testing conducted at Traffic Police Point, Kiphire on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Random sample test for COVID-19 being carried out in Longleng town on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Amidst the surge of COVID-19 cases in Nagaland, the State Government imposed total lockdown. Police Point, Mokokchung wears a deserted look as the lockdown comes into force on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*A deserted view of Phek town due to the total lockdown imposed in the State.*





*The ongoing tunnel construction of the Kohima Bypass Road at Meriema, Kohima as on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with other dignitaries during the inauguration of Mithun Bull Mother Farm at Puliebadze, Jotsoma on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.*

North Eastern Council.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang handed over the machineries to the farmers. He said that owing to the favourable agro-climatic conditions, Peren district has immense scope and potential for both rubber and coffee plantation, he further stressed on the importance of rubber and coffee plantation as a sustainable crop to generate local economy and enhance their livelihood. He encouraged the farmers to focus on mass quantity production and also channelize their products across the globe. He also applauded the department for mobilising the farmers and providing continuous support, intellectual resources and guidance by systematically implementing the works.



*The Department of Land Resources, Peren distributed rubber sheet roller machine and coffee pulping machine to 15 farmers of Peren district at Jalukie on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

Alemla Aier, District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, added that Peren district known as the 'Green District of Nagaland' has some of the best forest areas with natural beauty. She encouraged the farmers to have exemplary vision and put extra efforts and go for plantation at a larger scale by promoting eco-tourism and providing more avenues for self-employment thereby generating more income which will directly benefit the villagers.

#### WOKHA:

The Land Resources Department (LRD) distributed coffee pulper machines to the coffee growers of Wokha district at the Office of the District Project Officer, Wokha on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that the LRD is a result oriented department where various developmental activities are taking place throughout the year thereby uplifting the economy of the farmers to a great extent. He encouraged the coffee growers to work hard and grow more so that Nagaland in general and Wokha district in particular could be marked in the global map as coffee producing area. Citing Wokha, the 'Land of Plenty' as an example, he said large quantity of local produce such as green vegetables and fruits were sent to other districts like Kohima and Dimapur on behalf of District Task Force during the COVID-19 lockdown, 2020. He also urged them to share their experiences and expertise to others for better coordination and implementation of any department related activities in the district.



*Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha and District Project Officer, Wokha, Tepunol Yore with beneficiaries during the distribution of coffee pulper machines at Wokha on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

DPO, Wokha, LRD, Tepunol Yore in his introductory note stated that the total area of coffee plantation in Wokha district with 684 hectare, having 568 households, covering 68 villages, have been placed in the category of 'Progressive Coffee Farmers.' He also informed that 46 villages have already reached fruit bearing stage, taking the total to 206 hectare of the total area of the district.

Altogether, 52 coffee pulper machines funded by North Eastern Council (NEC) were distributed to the coffee growers in the district.

Thunjamo Erui of Sanis and Zubenthung Murry of Wokha village while sharing their experiences on behalf of the beneficiaries lauded the department for their commendable services to the public and thanked them for their assistance.





*The Department of Land Resources, Mon distributed coffee pulper machines, which were handed over to the beneficiaries by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS at Mon on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

**MON:**

The Department of Land Resources, Mon on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 distributed coffee pulper machine to beneficiaries to ease the process of pulping cherry coffee for the planters. The project is sponsored by

North Eastern Council.

The pulpers were handed over to the beneficiaries by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. A Coffee Bar which is installed at DPO Office, Mon was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner.

**MEETING OF BTF ON COVID-19 HELD AT BHANDARI**



*Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman Block Task Force (BTF), Bhandari, Tiameren Chang with SDO (C), Bhandari and EAC, Bhandari during the BTF meeting on COVID-19 held at Bhandari on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

The Block Task Force (BTF) on COVID-19, Bhandari sub-division, held a meeting in view of the current surge of COVID-19, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Office Chamber of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Bhandari.

ADC & Chairman, BTF, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang while lauding the BTF members for providing COVID-19 services to the public with sincerity, reiterated that border screening check gate which is now activated will be properly monitored for precautionary measures, and also said that the COVID-19 Care Centre which has been set up should be sufficient to meet the needs of the public for now.

The meeting also deliberated on strict

enforcement of COVID-19 SOP and protocols laid down by the Government and resolved to adhere to wearing of mask, hand washing and providing sanitizers at all public places to ensure health safety of all. The meeting further resolved to expedite setting up of village functionaries to monitor and informs BTF on persons with travel history from outside the State. The meeting reiterated that the civil societies will continue to assist and support the administration to combat COVID-19 pandemic as and when required.

ADC, Tiameren Chang also stressed on the importance of rendering services to the people at such difficult times, and reminded the Head of Offices to remain at their respective work station.



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## **TWO NEW WARDS CREATED UNDER TUENSANG TOWN COUNCIL**

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Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS has informed that as decided in the Delimitation Board meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in respect of Tuensang Town Council and in accordance with relevant provisions under Nagaland Municipal (Delimitation of Wards) Rules, 2003 the Delimitation

Board has decided to create 2 (two) new Wards under Tuensang Town Council - NST Ward (14), with 339 (2011 Census) households and a population of 1,833 (2011 Census); and Hakushang Ward (15), with 271 (2011 Census) households and a population of 1,606 (2011 Census).

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## **WOKHA DTF TO CONDUCT RANDOM COVID-19 TESTS IN CRITICAL AREAS**

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The Wokha District Task Force for COVID-19 held a review meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Lankonsen Tsanglao chaired the meeting.

Reviewing the last meeting, ADC informed the members that War Room for COVID-19 in the district is fully functional, and urged the department concerned to give daily reports of their activities for uploading in the state portal. He also informed that as a measure to ensure adequate caution and social distancing, the Wokha Town Council will very shortly come up with an order for opening and closure of shops on alternative days as preventive measure of surge of COVID-19 in the district.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C.W.

Tungoe while briefing the members on COVID-19 scenario in the district informed that, so far 14,903 persons are vaccinated including frontline workers, healthcare workers and citizens above 45 and 60 years of age, out of the 20,780 vaccine received. CMO added that so far the district has recorded 1,667 returnees, a total of 10,434 screened, 47 under home quarantine, three persons under COVID-19 Care Centre, 43 confirmed cases, 6 active cases, 37 recovered, 1 death and 10 persons migrated.

As suggested by MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry, the meeting also decided to conduct random testing in areas which are critical, and setting up of testing centres at Bhandari and Sanis. Murry also requested the Wokha DTF to sensitize the village functionaries and colony chairman to take up preventive steps in the fight against the pandemic.

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## **TENING SDTF ON COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

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Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) on COVID-19 meeting was held at Town Hall, Tening on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The meeting was attended by the Pastors of different churches and Gbs of Tening town.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori who is also the Chairman of Tening SDTF. He briefed the members on the situation in the sub-division and also highlighted on the latest SOP.

During the meeting it was decided that in the interest of public health and safety, all forms of services in Tening town shall be kept under suspension with immediate effect and the matter will

be reviewed for necessary action after 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

All funeral programmes in Tening town shall be observed under laid down SOP. Funeral programmes shall be prepared by the administration and police along with the bereaved family and the concerned religious head.

In case any family of COVID-19 positive person is incapable of providing necessary facility for home isolation, all such person shall be lodged in the GHS, Tening building. In this regard, the concerned family shall be responsible for arrangement of food, bedding and other personal requirements.



## DC WOKHA LAUNCHES PMGKAY-III

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha launched the Pradhan Mantra Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY-III) on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Food & Civil Supplies Office, Wokha. The additional allocation of foodgrains

(free ration) is for distribution to all beneficiaries, ration card holders under AAY and PHH. Free ration of 5 Kg per person per month will be distributed free of cost for a period of two months, i.e. May and June 2021.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS HIGHLIGHTED AT WOKHA DPDB MEETING



MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry addressing the Wokha District Planning & Development Board meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of May was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman, DPDB & DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting,

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry participating in the discussion raised various questions on the services being provided in the district by the Indian Postal Service. He said that with rise of e-commerce, there is a need for proper delivery system including home delivery services. Dr. Murry maintained that the Indian Postal Service has a huge

role to play for the benefit of the people.

On Aspirational Block, Changpang, DC, Orenthung Lotha said that the district has already set up a committee where DC will be the chairman and the committee is waiting for further instruction from the Government to take up various activities.

CMO, Wokha, Dr. C.W. Tungoe highlighting on COVID-19 vaccination status informed that till May 2021, a total of 15,186 persons have been vaccinated out of the 20,780 vaccines allotted for Wokha district. MS, Wokha, Dr. Tumchobeni also highlighted about the activities and status of District Hospital Wokha.

## TUENSANG DTF MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. DC & Chairman, DTF Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the meeting.

DC & Chairman, DTF updated on the Tuensang Town Baptist Churches Union's resolution on restriction of any form of mass gathering within the town. The DC also requested the other

communities to come up with the same resolution to control and contain the spread of the disease. Ramnikant informed that he will write to all the Village Councils of the district to check the traffic and movements of villagers to town, to control the spread of virus to the rural areas.

The DTF decided to monitor the entry of returnees from other districts, for which data of the returnees will be collected at the check gate and the





*Deputy Commissioner (DC) & Chairman, Tuensang District Task Force, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS addressing the meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

medical and all ward union shall help to monitor the same.

The members also decided to close down the playground within the town to avoid the spread of

the virus. It was also discussed to earmark the Government Polytechnic Sedem and Sao Chang Government College as a makeshift hospital in case of rise in COVID-19 cases.

### KOHIMA DTF TAKES STOCK OF SITUATION

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 headed by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie along with Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha. The meeting was attended by representatives from All Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayats (AKMWP), Angami Youth Organisation (AYO), Kohima Village Youth Organisation besides other members.

Taking stock of the situation on various activities undertaken during the containment period, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo informed that results of the ongoing random COVID-19 test carried out at various locations under Kohima municipal area showed an increase of positive cases with more than 50% of positive rate in last few days. She informed that a total of 872 active cases have been recorded so far, where more symptomatic cases

have been reported in the second wave.

On the proposal for total lockdown to be implemented in the district, submitted by Kohima Village Council and AKMWP, based on the increase in COVID-19 cases, the members had a lengthy discussion on the issue and other areas of concern where views and suggestions were shared among the members. In this regard, the legislators present in the meeting also felt that the district needs to go for total lockdown in order to break the chain and contain the spread of virus towards the rural areas.

AKMWP and AYO also shared their concerns on the need to take stringent measures and strongly suggested for total lockdown for some days to break the chain of the infection. Taking note of the concerns on alarming rate of increase in positive cases and various reasons, issues and challenges faced by concerned line departments and officials on preparedness level, the DTF decided to propose and highlight the issue to the High Powered Committee for further decision to be implemented in the district.



## PUGHOBOTO SDTF HOLDS MEETING



*Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe addressing the Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Task Force meeting held at ADC's Office Chamber on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) held a meeting under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at ADC's Office Chamber on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

ADC said that persons entering Pughoboto sub-division from other states need to undergo home isolation for 10 days and called upon the

people to strictly follow the SOP issued by the Government, and informed that people violating the SOP will be liable for prosecution as per Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, and Section 188 SOP of the Indian Penal Code.

SMO, CHC, Pughoboto, Easter Kath highlighted on the status of COVID-19 in Pughoboto sub-division.

## RANDOM COVID-19 TESTING CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

### KIPHIRE:

Due to the rise of COVID-19 positive cases in the district, the Kiphire District Task Force decided to conduct random sample test of all the shopkeepers for three days. On 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, out of 151 samples, four tested positive.

The random test was conducted in the presence of District Administration, medical team, Police and Chamber of Commerce, Kiphire.

### WOKHA:

The Wokha District Task Force for COVID-19 conducted random sample testing at certain strategic points/areas such as taxi counter, daily

bazaar and Police Point area, Wokha town on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021, to assess and take steps to stop further community spread.



*Random COVID-19 test was conducted at various locations in Wokha town on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

Altogether, 121 random testing was done in the town areas, where 6 persons were tested positive. All the positive cases were found to be asymptomatic and they were instructed to undergo home quarantine following all required SOP, with the medical team giving all necessary instructions until the quarantine period is over.

A random COVID-19 test was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at PWD Junction, Police Point, Power House area, Dobashi Court and Police Station, Wokha. Altogether 72 person were tested and all turned out to be negative.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C.W. Tungoe informed that, as on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 2,469 samples have been tested in the district, out of which 103 tested positive for COVID-19. CMO also informed that 9 persons are at COVID-19 Care Centre, 3 persons at COVID-19 Hospital, and 34 under home isolation. The total number of death stands at 2, while 69 have recovered.

### **LONGLENG:**

Random sample testing was carried out at Longleng town by the Health & Family Welfare department under the purview of the District Task Force, Longleng on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The sample testing was conducted on persons in high risk groups like shopkeepers, restaurant/hotels, coolie/day labourers, vehicle workshops, bus/taxi operators/drivers and pharmacies.

A total of 80 random samples were tested out of which 8 tested COVID-19 positive. Accordingly, the medical advisories were given to the individuals who tested positive with regard to home isolation.

### **KOHIMA:**

Random sampling was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at New Market and Bayavü Colony, Kohima. The medical team was led by Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo along with District Administration, Police, APO, AYO and ASU.

## **LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD**

Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of May 2021 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Longleng.

District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, Longleng, Kughalu Chishi briefed about the coffee product of Longleng district. The DPDB Chairman informed about the report of the action taken of previous month's minutes and he said that meeting was held with the two elected members for the funding of DPDB Hall, Longleng.

Agenda discussed during the meeting included upgradation/grant-in-aid to private schools. Upgradation of Blooming Buds School, Longleng,

Class 9 and 10 in phase manner and grant-in-aid to St. Thomas School, Tamlu were discussed and the Board decided to recommend it to the higher authority for further necessary action.

The Board approved the following HoDs as District Level Committee for Sakshi Aspirational Block, under Longleng district - Deputy Commissioner as Chairman; District Planning Officer as Member Secretary; EAC Sakshi, BDO Sakshi, Chief Medical Officer, DEO/SDEO Education, EE(PHED), EE, PWD (R&B), SDO (Power), Agri & Allied Department as Members.

The Board deliberated the proposal for registration of society and agreed to recommend the following societies under Society Registration Act - Aloktepla Welfare Society, Yachem and Eastern Care Society, Longleng.

## **MANGKOLEMBA TASK FORCE FOR COVID-19 MEETING HELD**

A joint meeting of Mangkolemba Task Force for COVID-19 with all Ward Chairman of Mangkolemba town was held at ADC's Conference

Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj, IAS.



The Chairman briefed the Task Force on the guidelines issued by the Government to prevent and combat the surge of COVID-19. The meeting also discussed on the matters relating to formation of Ward Task Force and manning of various strategic

check posts within the town. The meeting was attended by Chairmen of all wards and representatives from Mangkolemba Watsu Mungdang and Mangkolemba Ao Lanur Telungjem.

### TUENSANG DTF MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC & Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The DTF members after a detailed discussions on the State Government's total lockdown directives, agreed for the implementation in Tuensang district the one family one card system, where only one family member shall go out with the card for basic essential activities. All the public are advised to

shop or do essential marketing in their respective wards. Private vehicle movements will be suspended except those exempted by the DTF. Agri and allied farmers will be allowed to go to their field but with a timing of 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM for going to field and 4:00PM to 6:00PM for returning from field.

To monitor all the guidelines, police along with respective ward and sector leaders shall be given responsibilities. The DTF also agreed to establish two counselling teams inclusive of medical experts and religious leaders to guide and aid the COVID-19 patients through telephonic means.

### BHANDARI EARMARKS PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR COVID-19 CARE CENTRE

Block Task Force (BTF) on COVID-19, Bhandari sub-division held an emergency meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at ADC's Conference Hall, Bhandari. The meeting was held to step up measures to contain the pandemic at the inter-state, bordering the sub-division and beyond.

The meeting, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Bhandari & Chairman, BTF, Tiameren Chang reviewed the strength of delivering COVID-19 services to the public and also its preparedness in the face of the present surge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the meeting, ADC expressed the need to establish more COVID-19 Care Centres besides the five bedded centre which is already established at CHC, Bhandari, observing that more positive cases could be anticipated in the Block.

The BTF resolved to earmark Amnesty

Centre near Bhandari village, BM Rest House, Merapani (Marachü) and Eloë Hoho Office Building, Bhandari, for setting up care centres for which, SDO(C) Bhandari, Sulanthung Lotha was entrusted to verify the buildings for feasibility.

The BTF also discussed on matters of random testing for COVID-19 at Bhandari and Merapani village (Marachü Yan) and decided that shopkeepers would be tested first after completion of contact tracing by competent medical teams who would be provided mobile vehicle for sample collection.

It was decided that the Police, Dobashis and students' body would volunteer to assist the medical team for smooth random test drive. It was further informed that they would monitor to ensure strict adherence to practice COVID-19 SOP as ordered by the Government.



**KOHIMA DTF TO STRICTLY ENFORCE LOCKDOWN MEASURES IN THE DISTRICT**

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting to discuss on the enforcement of total lockdown measures in the district from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC & Chairman, DTF, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie in the presence of Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha.

Advisor, Medo Yhokha said that with all the preparation and challenges faced so far, many new challenges occur daily, he therefore encouraged everyone to take the call and face the challenges with wisdom and react to the situation accordingly. He reminded everyone to extend their best efforts for the successful implementation of the total lockdown.

The DTF decided to strictly enforce the lockdown measures in the district where the permitted and restricted activities will be monitored and penalised as per the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act 2005.

On the movement of vehicles and people, DC informed that issue of permit system has been

put in place to entertain unavailable cases to ensure for effective implementation and enforcement of the lockdown measures.

Main market areas like BOC, High School junction, Super Market and Keziekie were to be closed however, the meeting decided that wholesaler located at the areas will be allowed to be open from 6:00 AM to 12:00 noon to maintain the chain of supply to colonies/wards and villages where Kohima Municipal Council will monitor the system.

On the issue of movement of labourers, the wards and colony authorities have been asked to ensure that the labourers do not move out from the State as they have been allowed to work for their daily wages. The meeting also requested All Kohima Municipal Wards and Panchayats (AKMWP) to curtail the movement of non-essentials in their respective colonies/wards.

The meeting also discussed on issues like management of COVID-19 positive dead bodies and home isolation for asymptomatic cases and other related issues.

**CHC JALUKIE TO OPERATE AS PEREN COVID-19 HELPDESK**

In view of the surge in COVID-19 cases and to ensure that patients are provided with updated information on the status of facilities available in Peren district, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier has designated Nzangbeu, Community Health Centre, Jalukie

(COVID-19 Hospital) to operate as the District COVID-19 helpdesk with immediate effect which will ensure that updated information on bed occupancy, ambulance services and other vital information for health facility is readily available for the public 24x7.

**DIMAPUR TEAM VISITS NEW NAGA CEMETERY**

Team Dimapur led by Nodal Officer for Dimapur district to manage COVID-19 activities, Y.

Kikheto Sema, IAS accompanied by Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS,



ADC, Dimapur, Athoke Aye and other officials visited the New Naga Cemetery at Zani on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, and paid respect to the souls, who succumbed to COVID-19.

The Nodal Officer thanked the Naga Council Dimapur for timely establishment of the cemetery stating that the old cemetery would not have accommodated such a huge number of burials. Towards this, he thanked particularly the former NCD Chairman, Late Ghokheto Chophy and the land donors for timely preparation of the cemetery

which has eased the burden of burials at this time of COVID-19 crisis.

Lauding the DMC Task Force, SDRF and Home Guards personnel for management and burial of COVID-19 related deaths, he said it is one of the toughest jobs which deserves appreciation from all quarters. Kikheto also thanked the Western Sumi Hoho for its decision to extend monetary allowances to the DMC and SDRF personnel involved in the burial of COVID-19 victims.

### **DIMAPUR TEAM VISITS COVID-19 CARE CENTRE**

The Dimapur team for COVID-19 activities led by its Nodal Officer, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS, ADC, Dimapur, Athoke Aye and Deputy CMO, Dimapur, Dr. Antoly visited COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC) at New DC's Complex, Chumukedima on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

At Niuland, the team met and interacted with ADC, Niuland and health workers. The Nodal Officer requested the Deputy CMO, Dimapur to undertake sample survey in the entire area, especially in the boundary belt. He further advised the people not to come to Dimapur city unless due to unavoidable emergencies.

With regard to poor network connectivity hindering registration for vaccination in Niuland, the Nodal Office assured to take up the matter with the authorities concerned.

The Nodal Officer meanwhile cautioned that ill treatment of frontline workers, particularly health workers, would not be tolerated and appealed to everyone to continue to hold them in their prayers.

Team Dimapur led by Nodal Officer, Y. Kikheto Sema visited Community Health Centre, Medziphema on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio encouraged the people to take the vaccination provided free of cost by the Government. The Nodal Officer expressed gratitude and appealed to the Advisor to convey to the members and authority about the enormous responsibility that Dimapur was shouldering and the need for huge resources to fight the pandemic. Sema said that Dimapur being the gateway to Nagaland, all travellers/returnees entering Nagaland are monitored after which positive person is kept at Dimapur while people with negative report are sent to their respective destination.

Impressed with the functioning of Medziphema CHC, Sema commented that it is one of the most well maintained health centres and asked the health workers to be mentally prepared for COVID-19 war.

### **TRAIN COACHES KEPT AS RESERVE FOR COVID-19 CARE CENTRE**

Nodal Officer, Dimapur for COVID-19 related activities, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, ADC Dimapur, Atokhe Aye, Deputy CMO, Dr. Antoly visited Railway Station, Dimapur and had a meeting

with the railway authority including the Railway Medical Services members, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The team after inspection concluded that the train coaches were not feasible to be used as





*Nodal Officer, Dimapur for COVID-19 activities, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with other officials inspecting the COVID-19 coaches at Railway Station, Dimapur on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*

COVID-19 Hospital owing to numerous practical and logistical difficulties. Therefore, as decided earlier by the District Task Force, Team Dimapur decided to keep the coaches reserved for COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC) and would be utilised specially for

migrant labourers, as and when need arises because presently, beds are still available at Chumukedima CCC. The team observed that even if the coaches were to be utilised as CCC, only 80 patients (not 160) could be accommodated.

### **DIMAPUR ACCOUNTS FOR 61% OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES IN NAGALAND**

Revealing that Dimapur district alone accounts for 61% of COVID-19 positive cases in Nagaland, Nodal Officer, Dimapur for COVID-19 related activities, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, noted that there is a need to prepare for the worst. He expressed concern for the urgent need of beds and oxygen, as all the available facilities in both government and private hospitals has run out.

Team Dimapur led by Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and Commissioner of Police, Dimapur Rothihu Tetseo visited Olive Hospital, Dimapur on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and met the Director, Ikheto Sema and requested the Director of Olive Hospital for starting makeshift camp even at the backyard of the hospital with at least 30 beds. For this, he directed the District Administration to request the Indian Army for setting up the makeshift camp at Olive Hospital similar to that at Eden Hospital.

The team also visited Nikos Hospital and during interaction with President of Private Doctors Association Dimapur, Dr. Victo Wotsa, Sema appreciated the contributions rendered by the

private doctors even during the first wave of the pandemic. Sema informed that Dr. Victo was also getting ready for providing COVID-19 beds despite space constraints and that 15 COVID-19 beds would be activated by 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Team Dimapur with the cooperation of hospitals has created about 58 COVID-19 beds which includes 28 at Referral Hospital in addition to the earlier 76 beds, 10 beds activated at Zion Hospital, 10 beds at Faith Hospital in addition to the earlier 41 beds and 10 at Eden Hospital. It is expected to create another 45 COVID-19 beds (30 makeshift tent at Eden and 15 at Nikos). Kikheto also asked the Police to get 30 COVID-19 beds ready at Police Referral Hospital, Chumukedima by the following week.

Noting on the difficulty for meeting the demands of bed and oxygen requirements despite cooperation from all the hospitals at Dimapur, Kikheto appealed to the people who are keeping oxygen in their houses for emergency use, to give on loan and to save lives instead of keeping it idle.



**LEGISLATORS FOR KOHIMA COVID-19 REVIEWS LOCKDOWN IMPLEMENTATION**

To review and assess the lockdown implementation in Kohima district, Minister-in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha had a review meeting with the District Task Force (DTF) at DC's Office Kohima on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Minister, Tongpang said imposition of total lockdown was necessitated because of the alarming positive cases being detected in many parts of the State during the random tests. He therefore on behalf of Kohima DTF requested and appealed to the people to abide by the directives and strictly follow the SOP at all time.

Ozukum said that with the approval of the higher authority, the DTF has banned home delivery services of non-essential commodities during this lockdown since it was felt that people can survive without such services for seven days. Therefore the DTF reiterated that it will continue to strictly impose home delivery services besides other imposition.

The Minister also said that at present, almost 80% of the beds at Meriema COVID-19 Hospital and COVID-19 Care Centre, Meriema is occupied which is quite alarming and needs immediate attention. Therefore in this regard Kohima DTF will propose to the higher authority for setting up another COVID-19 Hospital at an ideal location on war footing, he informed.

With the Health & Family Welfare and District Administration faculties getting overwhelmed with increasing health and COVID-19 related crisis, Advisor, Medo Yhokha said that the two institutions should stand firmly grounded and strong, to effectively respond to the challenges posed by the pandemic. He called upon the community and individuals to take collective responsibility in fighting the pandemic.

The Advisor also appealed to the general public not to be swayed by wrong information disseminated through social media about COVID-19, and urged everyone to be sensible and responsible.

**DC WOKHA DIRECTS ALL WARD TO FORM CORE GROUP**

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Wokha District Task Force for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha has informed that, in the interest of public health safety and with a view to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19, all the Ward Chairman in Wokha are to form a core group in their respective wards to attend to urgent essential matters.

The core group shall help to assist the health workers in ensuring that a person remain in self-isolation/quarantine and follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The core group shall make arrangements

for making essential commodities/needs available in the locality itself to restrict movements and crowding at market places, and create an atmosphere where concern, fears and tension experienced by the residents are resolved in a responsible manner or brought to the notice of the concern authority for proper redressal.

The core group shall also check the returnees from other states to go for mandatory screening under Wokha district and to ensure that the returnees follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and strictly adhere to the guidelines/SOP for returnees.

**DUE HONOUR AND RESPECT BE GIVEN TO DEPARTED SOULS: Y. KIKHETO SEMA**

Nodal Officer, Dimapur for COVID-19 activities, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS urged upon all the citizens to give due respect and honour to the departed souls, irrespective of status.

Addressing a press conference on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, Sema stated that a sealed disinfected coffin was totally safe for burial/ cremation as per the SOP given by





Nodal Officer, Dimapur for COVID-19 activities, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS addressing a press conference at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Health & Family Welfare Department for disposal of COVID-19 dead bodies. Regretting about reports where some village authority/colonies were restricting entry of COVID-19 dead bodies even for performing the last rites, Sema said that such misconceptions and mindset should be cleared and appealed to the village authorities not to restrict the dead body from entering the respective villages/colonies.

Sema also informed that presently, 296 beds are operational with 40 ICU facility, 192 oxygen beds, 25 non oxygen beds and 10 makeshift beds with the cooperation extended by private hospitals who came forward on the request of the government. He also informed that the facility is expected to increase by 335 by the week.

Sema on behalf of the State Government

thanked the media fraternity and lauded them for rendering their services calling them as one of the most important frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS while briefing about COVID-19 management in Dimapur said that restrictions at the entry points were in place. He said that negative RT-PCR report of the travellers are being checked and for those without the report are tested at entry points.

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS said that Dimapur District Task Force was working well and law and order situation in Dimapur was under control. With regard to enforcement, Tetseo informed that around 6,500 violators have been penalised this year.

### DTF MEETINGS HELD

#### NOKLAK:

Noklak District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting under the chairmanship of

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS at DC's Conference Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The DC informed that TrueNat machine has



been installed at COVID-19 Hospital and testing has begun and registration of ID is under process. With regard to the essential commodities, he informed that, as of now there is enough stock of essential commodities for a month. He encouraged the members to motivate and create awareness among the people to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Pritpal Kaur, IPS requested the frontline workers to take proper precautions while taking care of the COVID-19 patients. The SP urged shopkeepers not to hoard essential commodities, and raised the need for random sampling test to continue in the district.

SDO (C), Noklak said that, so far there is no COVID-19 positive case in the district and requested all to continue in maintaining the same. He further requested all the shopkeepers to get COVID-19 vaccination as they are more vulnerable to get infected.

Executive Secretary, KBCA, Hempao Lam informed the DTF that the churches are ready to extend help in all possible ways in fighting the pandemic. Medical Officer, Noklak, Dr.Chongya explained in detail the advantage of taking the COVID-19 vaccine and clarified the doubts regarding the vaccine.

#### **TUENSANG:**

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at the DC's Conference Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The meeting reviewed the ongoing lockdown updates in the district from the enforcing agencies and decided to stick with the ongoing guidelines.

The Health & Family Welfare department updated the oxygen status in the district along with beds ready for COVID-19 Hospital.

The DTF discussed on the functioning of

BSL -II Lab, and the DTF decided to keep the BSL - II Lab functioning despite constraints. The DTF also agreed to financially assist in emergencies to keep the lab running until fund flows from the Government.

The DTF decided to establish COVID-19 Care Centre at Government Polytechnic Sedem for COVID-19 asymptomatic patients who do not have facility for home isolation.

The random sample collection team of Tuensang is on full swing mode in all the blocks and the DTF decided to take up at the village level in the next phase, with focus on villages along the highways.

#### **TENING:**

Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) on COVID-19 meeting was held under the chairmanship of ADC & Chairman, SDTF, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The meeting was attended by church leaders, GBs and Chairmen of Tening town and Tening village.

The DTF discussed and resolved to suspend services in churches/temples of all denomination/faith under Tening sub-division throughout the lockdown period. In order to effectively manage COVID-19 pandemic situation in their respective village/wards, the Village Task Force (VTF) and Ward Task Force (WTF) shall be activated and formed (if not formed).

The meeting also decided that Tening Police shall set up temporary check gate at Zero Point to regulate unauthorized movement of people/traffic.

The DTF also decided to issue travel permit by ADC Office, Tening only for travels related to essential commodities/services. It also informed that all persons/villagers travelling to Tening town for essential commodities/services should obtain written permit from the respective village council authority.

BPM, Khengpi highlighted on the ongoing vaccination programme for Tening sub-division.

#### **SALES DAY HELD AT SHAMATOR**

The Self Employed Women Association (SEWA), Shamator organised a Sales Day on 21<sup>st</sup>

May 2021 at Shamator town strictly following the SOP laid down for COVID-19.



The SEWA reached out to neighbouring villages to help out villagers, specially daily wage earners by buying their vegetables, fruits and forest products.

Secretary, SEWA, Shamator Unit, Tsurila

informed that few selected members were involved in marketing with cash on delivery and door to door services within Shamator and added that the response of citizens of Shamator has been very encouraging.

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### KOHIMA DTF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD

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Owing to the prevailing COVID-19 situation in Kohima district, a virtual meeting of Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Kohima DTF, Gregory Thejawelle.

The virtual meeting was attended by Minister-in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with State Nodal Officer for Kohima district & Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS, CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo, MS, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), Dr. Sentimeren Aonok, AKMWP and AYO representatives and other DTF members.

Deliberating on essential service of hospitals, Minister, Tongpang asked NHAK officials and CMO to work out a plan for alternative hospitals keeping in mind the previous year's incidents where many people were affected when the NHAK was converted to COVID-19 Hospital. He also suggested that Red Cross ambulances be requisitioned for emergency services during such pandemic and also sought the help of private hospitals in providing ambulance services.

State Nodal Officer, Kesonyü Yhome pointed out that at this stage, the DTF has to be prepared in such a manner that the situation is already there and therefore all the DTF proposal made in the meeting has to be operationalised to understand where the district exactly stands. He also suggested for random sampling in rural areas to assess the positivity rate in the community.

Dr. Sentimeren informed that preparation is underway for shifting the serious COVID-19 patients from Meriema COVID-19 Hospital to

NHAK COVID-19 Hospital as instructed by the government. At present, the NHAK has not been fully converted to COVID-19 Hospital as there are many patients who still requires essential services, however, Dr. Sentimeren informed that if the situation deteriorates, the non-COVID-19 patients have to be shifted to the Community Health Centres as directed by the Health & Family Welfare department.

CMO also informed that all Medical Officers of CHCs and PHCs will be directed to be stationed in their respective posting places where vaccination will continue in the centres and specialist consultation will be in place. On re-activation of TB & Chest Disease Hospital, Khuzama as COVID-19 Hospital and identifying Seikhazou UPHC for 24X7 essential services and other related issues, CMO was entrusted to examine and come up with a proposal for the DTF in order to take up with the concerned department.

On the status of availability of oxygen and essential medicines, Dr. Sentimeren informed that within a week additional points of oxygen will be completed in the NHAK. He informed the DTF that another 1,000 LPM which is almost three times the size of the present capacity is to be installed at NHAK, as conveyed by the department, for which preparation is under process.

The meeting also deliberated on various issues pertaining to the COVID-19 related matters in the district and decided to take up the following as follows - one ambulance to be stationed at Meriema for transferring any severe COVID-19 patients to NHAK; NHAK and CMO Office to immediately work out the plan for essential healthcare service requirements and shifting of OPD and vaccination centre to PMTI at the earliest; To work out the



feasibility of setting up of COVID-19 Care Centre at sub-divisional level along with District Administration officers, medical officers and ASHAs and to sensitise the public on the disposal of COVID-19 dead bodies through social and print media.

Reviewing on the total lockdown measures, the DTF with the observations and suggestions from various corners felt that more stringent measures have to be imposed in the

extended lockdown. The DTF, therefore entrusted all village and ward/colony authorities to be more vigilant and strictly monitor the non-essential movements in their respective jurisdictions and areas. Wearing of mask and social distance will be strictly imposed and to strictly implement the modification of lockdown directives in regard to opening time of markets and closure of takeaways, food delivery services in the district.

### SDO(C) JAKHAMA ISSUES GUIDELINES

In view of the rapid surge in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Kohima district, SDO(C), Jakhama, Ruopfukuotuo Noudi has issued guidelines for strict compliance by all villages in Jakhama sub-division.

COVID-19 core committees in the villages have been directed to closely monitor the developments in their respective villages. Community surveillance of people with COVID-19 like symptoms should be immediately activated to proactively deal with any possible spread of virus in the rural areas.

All villages in the sub-division have been directed to set up a Village Surveillance Team (VST) comprising of ASHA workers from the Health & Family Welfare department, Anganwadi workers from the Social Welfare department and SHGs from Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Development. The VST shall regularly monitor the health status of villagers in their respective village and shall identify anyone with Influenza Like Illness (ILI) including fever, cough, cold and difficulty in breathing. Any person with such symptoms shall

mandatorily be advised for self-quarantine/isolation and all such cases should be reported to the Medical Officers in the sub-division.

All villagers have been advised to scrupulously adhere to guidelines/SOP issued by the State Government. Regular announcements in the village through public address systems needs to be carried out to this effect to spread awareness in the village for compulsory observance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviours by all the villagers.

The guidelines issued directed for suitable facilities in the village to be identified for use as village quarantine facility in case of requirement. Public burial grounds at a suitable location in every village should be identified for use in case of emergency. Disposal of dead bodies of COVID-19 patients should strictly be carried in compliance with the SOP issued by the NSDMA. Village authorities are required to spread awareness in their respective villages to ensure that a dignified burial/cremation is accorded to COVID-19 victims and that stigmatization in any form is absolutely avoided.

### DC PHEK DIRECTS ACTIVATION OF VDMA

In view of the surge in COVID-19 cases in Phek district and in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Phek District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19, Razouvolie Dozo has directed all the villages under Phek district to activate the Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) immediately. The

VDMA may include village health workers and other volunteers.

The role and responsibilities of the committee is to assist the government agencies in handling and management of dead bodies, monitor COVID-19 related cases and coordinating with DTF/Block Level Task Force (BLTF). Sealing/cordoning



of the house in the event of detection of COVID-19 on the order of the authority. Unsealing of the house in the event of recovery on the order of the authority. Enforcement of government SOP and guidelines on COVID-19 in the village. Disseminating of necessary information in the village and any other duties or

responsibilities assigned by the DTF/BLTF.

The committee will be provided with PPE kit, gloves, mask, sanitiser, body bag, etc. by the Health & Family Welfare department through concerned SMO/MO or health workers of the nearest CHC/PMC as and when needed.

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### **ADC TSEMINYU INFORMS**

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ADC & Chairman, Tseminyu Sub-Division Task Force (SDTF) for COVID-19, W.Manpai Phom directed the set up and activation of Village Surveillance Team (VST) comprising of ASHA workers from Health & Family Welfare department, Angawadi workers from Social Welfare department and SHGs from Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Development department, which will work to identify anyone in the village with Influenza Like Illness (ILI), Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), including fever, cough and difficulty in breathing.

SMO, Tseminyu along with Medical Officers

(MOs) of Chunlikha and Tesophenyu to collaborate with CDPO Tseminyu, BDO, Tseminyu and BDO, Chunlikha to activate the VST for further necessary action. Activation of community surveillance team in the sub-division through coordinated participation and reports of the respective VST and liaison committee as well. Community surveillance for the sub-division to be under the supervision of the Tseminyu SDTF. SMO, Tseminyu along with the Mos of Chunlikha and Tesophenyu to initiate the activation of community surveillance and work out the requirement and modalities of block supervisors with the reports to be submitted to Tseminyu SDTF.

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### **WOKHA DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING**

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Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a review meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by DC & Chairman, Wokha DTF, Orenthung Lotha.

Due to increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the district, possibility of COVID-19 related deaths and to tackle such eventualities, the meeting deliberated on matter relating to handling of COVID-19 dead bodies, where the DC requested the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to constitute a committee for disposal of COVID-19 related death. For transportation, the DC informed that, ADC & Administrator, Wokha Town Council had already made the arrangement which can be used on payment at existing

prescribed rate.

The meeting also discussed about the feasibility of involving private hospitals/clinics and nursing homes for reserving 50% beds for COVID-19 patients, counselling by private practitioners and conducting of COVID-19 sample testing in consultation with higher authority. It was also decided to continue with the random COVID-19 testing in the district.

CMO informed that since the district hospital is converted to COVID-19 Care Centre, Christian Medical Centre (CMC) is designated to treat regular patients. The DC also appealed to all the public to be aware of the procedures and follow the laid down guidelines, SOP and necessary protocols for everyone's safety.

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### **ADC CHOZUBA DIRECTS VILLAGES TO FORM VDMA**

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Chozuba directed all the villages under Chozuba

sub-division to activate their respective Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) with





immediate effect. The VDMA may include village health workers and other volunteers.

The VDMAs are to assist the government agencies, handling and manage death bodies related to COVID-19. Monitoring of COVID-19 related cases and coordination with the DTF/BTF.

The VDMAs are to seal and cordon off the house in the event of detection of COVID-19 cases on the order of the authority, unsealing of the house in the event of recovery of the patient on the order of

the authority.

The VDMAs are also to enforce government SOP and guidelines on COVID-19 in the village, disseminate necessary information in the village and carry out any other duties/responsibilities assigned by the DTF/BTF.

The committee will be provided with PPE kit, gloves, mask, sanitizer, body bag, etc. by the Health & Family Welfare department through SMO/MO or health workers of the nearest CHC/PHC as and when needed.

### **ADC PFUTSERO DIRECTS VILLAGE AUTHORITIES TO ACTIVATE VDMA**

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pfutsero, Japheth Woch has directed all the village authorities under Pfutsero sub-division to activate the Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) immediately. The villages which have not constituted VDMA have been directed to immediately constitute VDMA as per Nagaland Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) Notification NO. NSDMA/EST/VDMA/268/2019/1901, dated

Kohima, the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and submit details to ADC, Pfutsero Office at the earliest for approval by the authority. Failure to constitute the VDMA will render the defaulting villages ineligible for any schemes/relief/assistance under NSDMA.

The VDMAs may co-opt health workers and Village Health Committee members, village volunteers to manage COVID-19 related matters.

### **MON STARTS SURVEY ON PROGRESS OF COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR 45 YEARS AND ABOVE**

Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) volunteers in coordination with District Administration, Mon, started a survey on progress/extent of COVID-19 vaccination beneficiaries of 45 years and above in Mon town from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner,

Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 issued a circular requesting all Ward Task Forces, Gaon Buras and the public under Mon town to cooperate and extend assistance to the NYK volunteers during the conduct of the survey.

### **KOHIMA DTF VISITS DON BOSCO SCHOOL ZUBZA FOR SETTING UP COVID-19 CARE CENTRE**

The Kohima District Task Force comprising of Minister-in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and

Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal





Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with other dignitaries and officials during their visit to Don Bosco School, Zubza, which is to be set up as COVID-19 Care Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro, District Administration, Health & Family Welfare department officials and members of Village Council, Zubza visited Don Bosco School, Zubza, which will be set up as COVID-19 Care Centre, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The DTF members thanked the Rector & Parish Priest, Sechu Zubza, Fr. Nellisseril Joseph and his team for unconditionally offering the Don Bosco School, Zubza for setting up a COVID-19 facility centre for the people of Western Angami and assured all preparatory arrangement will be completed soon.

The DTF also appreciated the facilities at the school, which are well furnished and equipped with all the basic amenities. The converted facility centre has two blocks and will be initially accommodating 40 beds (20 for men and 20 for women) which can be increased to 50 beds, if necessary and in addition, the Government High School, Zubza will also be converted into facility quarantine for the doctors and frontline workers.

The members also appealed to the people of Western Angami area to come together in prayer as well as in deeds to confront the common fight and

### COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT CHANGTONGYA



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The meeting was chaired by SDO (C), Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie during which he directed all the village under the sub-division to reactivate the Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA), as it is the role and responsibility of the VDMA to assist the government in handling and management of COVID-19 dead bodies.

SMO, CHC, Changtongya, Dr. Jungshi Aier

said that there is minimal risk of spread of COVID-19 infection from a dead body if standard precautionary measures are followed as per SOP guidelines. He also explained the SOP for disposal of dead bodies of COVID-19.

MO, CHC, Changtongya, Dr. Among also spoke on how to handle and manage the coffin of people who have died of COVID-19 at the time of burial.

SDO (C), Changtongya called upon all to be prepared in case of any eventuality. He also appealed to all to disseminate the information to the public regarding the disposal of COVID-19 dead

bodies as responsible stakeholders.

The meeting was attended by Village

Council Chairmen under the sub-division, pastors, all Ward Chairman, Changtongya town, Watsu Unit

### **ASSAM RIFLES CARRIES OUT SANITIZATION DRIVE AT WAPHER VILLAGE**

The 45 Assam Rifles (AR), Shamator carried out a sanitization drive under the initiative of Wapher Community Health Officer, Rebek at Wapher village on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The sanitization drive was carried out at various locations by spraying disinfectants and fogging at sub-centre, Wapher Baptist Church premises, Police

Check Post, Community Hall and market places.

President, Wapher Citizen Union, A.V. Thomas appreciated the activities carried out by Assam Rifles and lauded them for their efforts.

The team was led by Commandant, 45 AR, Colonel Amit Thakur and CMO, 45 AR Shamator, Jacob Lalmalsawm.

### **KOHIMA DTF VIRTUAL MEETING TAKES UP VARIOUS ISSUES**

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a virtual meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 headed by Minister-in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha and State Nodal Officer for Kohima district & Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie and Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Kevithuto Sophie.

The meeting, chaired by ADC, Kohima, Mhomo Tungoe deliberated on various issues pertaining to COVID-19 activities in the district. The DTF, as decided by High Powered Committee, agreed to open hardware shops in the district to facilitate construction works. It was also decided that additional restrictions or imposition of total lockdown by any authority, except by the DTF, will not be allowed.

On the agenda of AYO's appeal letter, DIO Kohima, Dr. Rupert giving an update on vaccination drive, informed that 23,842 doses are due for second dose and a balance of 16,219 doses for 18-44 years category were in stock at present. He said that by the next few more sessions for 18 plus beneficiaries, 30 doses will be left only, while for 45 plus category huge number of doses were still available as low turnout from this category was recorded. He informed that steps have

been initiated in this regard by increasing vaccination centres, intimated health centres to mobilise vaccinators under all villages and conduct outreach sessions by coordinating village authority and Block Task Force in these areas.

Taking note of the issues, DTF has decided to come up with pamphlets containing information on COVID-19 related issues and 'Dos and Don'ts' in local dialects as pointed out by AYO for awareness of every sections of people in the district.

In regard to private hospital testing and reports, CMO, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo informed the DTF that registered private hospitals have been sending reports while few private hospitals/clinics, which were yet to register in ICMR portal were informed to get registered.

On the case of deaths while in home isolation, especially in rural areas, the DTF decided to work out on the availability of SDRF manpower for extension of their services in such areas, meanwhile it was also decided to work on setting up of SDRF team in sub-divisional level.

The DTF further discussed on various issues and noted the following points as suggested by State Nodal Officer - SDRF team be informed and activated to ensure the handling of dead bodies on time; one representative from private hospitals to be part of DTF; to propose on vaccination timeline for 45 years and above; to take action towards those person not cooperating with the authority in regard to contact tracing; to create awareness and disseminate





related information through various medium; to conduct random testing in all villages as much as possible; to re-visit the aspect of random testing in rural areas to assess the actual prevalence of positive rate and to pursue the oxygen regulator

matter, etc.

The meeting also took up the follow up action discussed in the last meeting in regard to ambulance call centre, delivery of essential services, requirements at DBS Sechü, Zubza and other related issues.

### **DIMAPUR SHOWING DECLINING TREND IN COVID-19 CASES**

Nodal Officer for Dimapur district, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS observed that Dimapur is showing a declining trend in COVID-19 cases and opined that lockdown was paying dividends. Briefing press persons on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, Sema stated that the COVID-19 positive percentage of the district which accounted for 61% until the last few weeks has presently declined to 50% which he felt was satisfactory.

Highlighting on COVID-19 statistics of Dimapur, Sema informed that the district has 2,509 active cases out of 5,049 total active cases in the State which accounts for roughly 49.63%, while home isolation percentage of Dimapur district stands at 2,231 (51%) as against 4,364 under home isolation in the State. Total number of 162 patients are admitted in hospitals at Dimapur, as against 236 of the total patients admitted in the State which shows a percentage of 68.64%.

Further, Kikheto informed that a total of 30,027 testing has been conducted at Dimapur from January 2021 till date, out of which 5,179 were tested positive, showing the ratio of total positive cases at 17.24%. Sema said that he has discussed the matter with the medical team and was optimistic that the percentage of positive cases would further decline by the end of lockdown.

Regretting that the death rate from COVID-19 in Dimapur was still high at 4.11% from January 2021 till date, Sema revealed that out of 214 COVID-19 deaths, only 11 were vaccinated with the first dose while 203 victims were not vaccinated. Vaccinated death rate accounted for 5.14% mostly with co-morbidities whereas non-vaccinated death rate stood at 94.86%. Out of 214 COVID-19 deaths, male consists of 148 (69%) of total deaths and female consists of 66 (31%) of the total deaths. Out of the total active cases of 5,179, only 298 cases were vaccinated with first dose which is 5.57% of the total case and non-vaccinated cases showed a figure of 4,881 which showed a percentage of 94.25%, Sema maintained. He said that the data were collected from all the hospitals at Dimapur and asserted that

vaccination was proven to be safe and advised the public not to hesitate in getting the vaccination. To those persons who has been spreading false information about vaccination in various social media, Sema urged them not to confuse others even if they wish not to get the vaccination. He directed Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of Police, Dimapur to take appropriate action against defaulters as per the provision of law.

Sema disclosed that PSA Oxygen Plant at District Hospital Dimapur has already received certification and has started functioning since 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. He said that within two weeks, the State Government has arranged the required oxygen cylinders, with Dimapur allocated 856 (22% of the oxygen available in the State) oxygen cylinders, and there is no shortage of oxygen cylinders in the State particularly in Dimapur.

Sema appreciated the private hospitals and Private Doctors Association for coming to the rescue in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. Sema also announced that Team Dimapur has launched a website, <http://teamdimapurcovid.com> to enable the public to know the status of hospitals. He also informed that the Institute of Hotel Management at Purana Bazaar has been set up with 110 beds by Team Dimapur and kept on reserve for any eventuality.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS who was also present during the press conference said that owing to the ground reality, the State Government has always given preference to Dimapur not only in terms of funds but medical resources and other consumables.

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS said that the crime rate has gone down during the lockdown period. On the reason for the decline in crime rate, Tetseo attributed it to minimal public movement and activities.

Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur also advised the public to seek medical attention as soon as symptoms develop, to avoid more damage.



**RIO INAUGURATES MITHUN BULL MOTHER FARM**

A Mithun Bull Mother Farm of the Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB) under the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at Puliebadze, Jotsoma on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

Rio stressed on the importance of mithun in the context of the Nagas and mentioned that the mithun is a symbol, an identity and a unique tradition of the State and is a prestige for the Nagas since time immemorial, and called for the practice of indigenous mithun rearing to be preserved.

Rio briefed that mithun rearing needs a wide area of forest and the site at Jotsoma Community Reserved Forest, being one of the biggest and best forests under Kohima district, the project model under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Rashtriya Gokul Mission) was proposed and selected after properly studying its topography, climate, vegetation and most importantly the natural habitat and the experiences in mithun farming practices.

All the mithuns belonging to individual farmers were procured by the NLDB and handed over to Jotsoma Village Council for the project, Rio added and further applauded the Village Council for accepting the Government's proposal to set up this project at Jotsoma, building a trust between the village and the Government, and urged the concerned to regulate and use it wisely and later adopt this model in other remote places with maximum forest area.

Rio appealed to the AH&VS department and the Village Council that the project should be a model for sustainable forest conservation by generating maximum income without detrimental effect to the forest ecology and urged to preserve the indigenous mithun and further expand it.

Managing Director, NLDB, Dr.

Neikeyielie Theünuo in his address expressed that due to the population explosion, agricultural operation is expanding exponentially to meet the food demands for the growing population. As such, the forest land is diminishing in a very alarming manner and has become impracticable to conserve forest areas without any revenue generation.

Dr. Theünuo stated that Mithun Bull Mother Farm at Jotsoma had been formulated to be a model to sustain the ecological balance of the reserve forest so that the agricultural activities and deforestation can be controlled. He also mentioned that mithuns play an important role in protection of forests and villages from wild fire apart from revenue generation. In the project, communitization has been implemented for the first time to generate revenue for the whole community with equal dividend of the revenue to its members. By implementing breeding guidelines, the desired genotype and phenotypic characters can be obtained for further propagation and development while the forest flora and fauna can be maintained well without any detrimental effect as was observed and cross studied intensively.

Dr. Theünuo highlighted on the rearing type such as Intensive system, Free range, Semi intensive and mentioned that the project aims to conserve, develop and propagate indigenous mithun in its native breeding tract and to develop and produce desired progenies of pure Naga strain through selective breeding for further propagation and multiplication of superior bulls to other breeding tract.

In infrastructure development, two mithun sheds are constructed to accommodate a minimum of 100 elite mithun cows along with attendant barrack. The farm also consists of Office-cum-Training Centre to conduct research and training on mithuns.



## COFFEE BAR INAUGURATED AT LONGLENG

A coffee bar was inaugurated, and coffee pulper machines were distributed at District Project Officer's (DPO) Office, Land Resources Department (LRD), Longleng on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with M. Shayung Phom, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng as special guest.

Speaking at the programme, the DC congratulated the Land Resources Department for coming up with a new coffee bar in the district. He also emphasized on the current situation of COVID-19 and urged all individuals to strictly follow the SOP guidelines given by the Government. He said that the District Administration, Police and Health & Family Welfare Department are compelled to work for the smooth functioning of the district, but lamented that many villages showed no cooperation with the Government during the vaccination drive and only very few villagers got vaccinated. He encouraged all individuals, farmers

to spread awareness within villages and community to avail vaccination at the earliest.

DPO, LRD, Longleng, Kughalu Chichi in his keynote address stated that Nagaland is advancing in growing coffee within northeast states and urged the farmers to grow more and to educate fellow farmers about the plantation and benefits of coffee plantation.

Executive Secretary, PBCA, Tialemba in his short speech said due to COVID-19 pandemic, the scenario has changed. He said that we should not only be consumers but also producers by producing what we can, especially in coffee plantation and also export the produce to other parts of the world.

Highlights of the programme included demonstration of coffee pulper machines by DPO, and 25 coffee pulper machines were distributed to the beneficiary farmers.

## TRUENAT MACHINE AND RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KIT LAUNCHED AT PUNGRO

TrueNat machine and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kit were launched at Pungro town on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the presence of District Administration, Health & Family Welfare Department and various NGOs of Pungro.

Speaking at the occasion, EAC Pungro, Nuhuta Tunyi called upon the public and government agencies for concerted effort in the fight against COVID-19.

YTC Executive Chairman, Y. Shelimthong lauded the Government for installing TrueNat machine at Pungro and stated that it will aid in monitoring and handling of COVID-19 situation under Pungro area.

MO, Dr. Sikulimew delivered the keynote address, while the programme was chaired by MO, CHC, Pungro, Dr. Bipen. The TrueNat machines were dedicated by Pastor, Pungro Town Baptist Church, Tsuyihba.



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## **RIO INAUGURATES 30 BEDDED COVID-19 HOSPITAL**

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the 30 bedded COVID-19 Hospital at the Nagaland Police Referral Hospital, Chumukedima on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton; Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom; Minister, Planning & Coordination and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu; Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio; Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon; Director General of Police, Nagaland; Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland; Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur; Commissioner of Police, Dimapur; officials from Health & Family Welfare Department and host of other dignitaries.

Rio expressed satisfaction with the hospital arrangements which was equipped with 7 ICU beds, 5 oxygen beds and 15 oxygen concentrators. He also inspected the upcoming 75 bedded COVID-19 Hospital in the same complex and was satisfied with the progress of the work. Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer informed the CM that the work was expected to be completed within 20 days.

The team visited District Hospital Dimapur and PSA Oxygen Plant and had a brief interaction with CMO and MS. CM was briefed that the installation of PSA Oxygen Plant has been

completed and would start functioning soon.

The team also visited IHM to take stock of the alternative government hospital with 110 beds (initially), arranged by the State Government for catering to the needs of the poor and needy COVID-19 patients, free of cost. The visiting team was briefed about the setting up of required beds in the shortest possible time by Team Dimapur. CM, Rio was impressed with the progress and reiterated that the State Government is trying its best for providing maximum healthcare infrastructures in all the districts, particularly Dimapur district, considering the district being the gateway to Nagaland and accounting for more than 60% of COVID-19 positive cases.

The team also visited Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR) to see the proposed site of the 176 bedded hospital which would be equipped with all healthcare facilities.

Director, CIHSR, Dr. Sedevi explained the layout of the proposed hospital to the visiting team and informed that the setting up of the hospital should be completed within a period of two months once the MoU has been signed and required material arrives.

The CM thanked Team Dimapur, frontline workers, civil societies, church organizations and all concerned for joining hands in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

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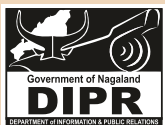
*Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom along with District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, Longleng and beneficiaries of the coffee pulper machines distributed at DPO Office, Longleng on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha along with other officials during the launch of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) – III at Food & Civil Supplies Office, Wokha on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



*Sanitization drive being carried out by Assam Rifles, Shamator in various locations at Shamator town on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*



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