

Death toll due to COVID-19 rises to 480; cases climb to 14,378

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The death toll due to COVID-19 rose to 480 and the number of cases to 14,378 in the country on Saturday, according to the Union Health Ministry. While the number of active COVID-19 cases stood at 11,906, as many as 1,991 people have been cured and discharged, and one had migrated, it said. The total number of cases includes 76 foreign nationals. Twenty-eight deaths have been reported since Friday evening — 12 from Madhya Pradesh, seven from Maharashtra, four from Delhi, three from Gujarat, one each from Jammu and Kashmir and Bihar.

Of the total 480 deaths, Maharashtra tops the tally with 201 fatalities, followed

by Madhya Pradesh at 69, Delhi at 42, Gujarat at 41 and Telangana at 18.

Tamil Nadu has reported 15 deaths while Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have reported 14 fatalities each. Punjab and Karnataka have reported 13 deaths each. Rajasthan has registered 11 deaths while West Bengal has reported 10 deaths fatalities. Five persons have lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir while Kerala and Haryana have recorded three deaths each. Jharkhand and Bihar have reported two deaths each.

Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Assam reported one fatality each, according to the health ministry's data updated in the morning.

The highest number of confirmed cases in the country is from Maharashtra at 3,323, followed by Delhi at 1,707, Tamil Nadu at 1,323 and Madhya Pradesh at 1,310.

COVID-19 cases have gone up to 1,229 in Rajasthan, 1,099 in Gujarat and 849 in Uttar Pradesh. Telangana has 766 cases, followed by Andhra Pradesh at 572 and Kerala at 396.

The number of novel coronavirus cases has risen to 359 in Karnataka, 328 in Jammu and Kashmir, 287 in West Bengal, 225 in Haryana and 202 in Punjab.

Bihar has reported 83 cases and Odisha 60. Forty people were infected with the virus in Uttarakhand, while Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh have 36 cases each.

Assam has registered 35 cases so far.

Jharkhand has 33 cases, Chandigarh 21 and Ladakh 18. Twelve cases have been reported from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Meghalaya has reported nine cases while Goa and Puducherry have reported seven COVID-19 infections each. Manipur and Tripura have two cases each, while Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have reported a case each.

"State-wise distribution is subject to further verification and reconciliation," the ministry said on its website. The website also mentions that a COVID-19 patient from Nagaland has been shifted to Assam.

24 foreigners Tablighi event attendees arrested

By Raju Vernekar
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24 foreigners who had come to attend the recent Majkaz congregation of Tablighi Jamaat in Delhi, were arrested on charges of overstaying in India, after expiry of visa by the Ahmednagar police (Maharashtra) on Friday. They were arrested after they were discharged from civil hospital where they were quarantined. Besides, 5 Indians who were functioning as their interpreters, were also arrested. Five more foreigners will be arrested after they are discharged from the hospital. The arrested foreigners are from different countries including Ivory Coast, Ghana,

Indonesia, Brunei, Djibouti, Benin and Decota. They have been shifting their places and were residing at different religious places, including Mukund Nagar, Jamkhed and Newasa. These places are known for Hindu shrines as well as Muslim places of worship.

Initially four of the foreigners were found to be infected by COVID-19. As such they were admitted to the hospital and others accompanying them were isolated and were quarantined, Police Inspector Dilip Pawar said.

Till now Maharashtra Police have arrested 172 Tablighi event attendees, while 50 are still incommunicado. The congregation organised by

Tablighi Jamaat at Nizamuddin in New Delhi, was attended by nearly 4,000 people. Several of these attendees later tested positive for coronavirus, while some of them have died of the disease. The congregation was attended by 1,400 people from Maharashtra.

Maharashtra Home Minister Amit Deshmukh said that the state government has till now traced and quarantined 1,350 of them. The remaining 50 have kept their mobiles (phones) switched off. Hence, we urge them to voluntarily approach the government. The government is already taking steps to quarantine such people to ensure that the coronavirus does not spread in other parts of the state.

PDS rice lifting continues for distribution to people

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Following the State Government's initiative to ensure that the people of the State are provided uninterrupted supply of foodgrains especially rice under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) allocated for Public Distribution in certain Assembly constituencies of the State were lifted from various FCI godown on Friday.

A total of 3356.55 quintal of rice (Keishamthong AC 1462 quintal, Sekmai, Saitu AC 1587.30 quintal and Mayang Imphal AC 307.25 quintal) and

1092 quintal for Yaiskul AC of Imphal West district were lifted today under PMGKAY.

For Andro AC of Imphal East district 1828.05 quintal of rice under PMGKAY were lifted from FCI godown Sawambung. For Moreh Block of Tengnoupal district a total of 565 quintal of rice under PMGKAY were lifted from FSD godown, Thoubal (Tangjeng). Another 50 quintal of rice under OMSS for Jiribam were lifted from FCI godown, Jiribam.

In Imphal West district, rice were sold to the public under Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) at 8(eight) different places which includes PDA quarter, National Game Village, Grace Colony, Langol Tarung,

Langol Game Village Zone IV, Phaijijang Village Authority, MU campus, KBS Brick field, Patsoi Lamkhai, HVS Brick field and Lamphel IB quarters. 25 quintal of rice under OMSS were sold in Pherzawl district and another 4 quintal of rice under OMSS were sold in Thoubal district whereas, 6 quintal of rice were distributed in Kangpokpi today.

It may be mentioned that the State Government has been distributing PDS items under NFSA, PMGKAY and OMSS to every household in all the districts of Manipur to ensure none to suffer on account of non-availability of foodgrains on the backdrop of the outbreak of COVID-19 and the ongoing lockdown in the State.

Suangdoh villagers donate 1 day wage of MGNREGS to CM Covid-19 Relief Fund

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The Chief of Suangdoh, Pu Paukenkhup Guite today handed over a sum of Rs. 40,000/- to Pu Pawan Yadav IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur for further submission to the CM Covid-19 Relief Fund.

According to Mr. Guite, while the financial contribution of the hill people to the nation is meagre, the Government of India has over the years developed the hill areas, especially remote villages along the Indo-Myanmar border in many spheres. In terms of connectivity, the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) recently completed rehabilitation of Guite Road (NH-102B) in high quality and standard. The Government of Manipur further introduced Manipur State Transport

(MST) bus service on this road and won the hearts of the people and restored their faith in the Government.

At a time when the whole world is crippled by the ongoing pandemic, covid-19 and villagers are unable to tend to their fields thereby resulting in shortage of daily essential commodities, the villagers received free ration of rice and other materials. This is a clear testament of the commitment and care of Pu Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister and Pu N. Biren Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister to the hill people of Manipur, he said.

A public meeting was held on the 10th of April, 2020 at Hausa Innpi, Suangdoh in which the villagers had unanimously decided to contribute 1 day wage of MGNREGS to the CM Covid-19 Relief Fund. Various individuals and social organisations within the village also contributed. Stating it to be their humble

contribution to the Government, the Chief today handed over the sum of Rs. 40,000/- to the Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur for further submission to the CM Covid-19 Relief Fund. It may be noted here that Suangdoh is a Sub-Divisional Headquarter located about 65kms south of Churachandpur district headquarters and 8kms from the Indo-Myanmar border.

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United Peoples' Front (UPF) Manipur has appealed the Chief Minister of Manipur to ensure food for those who are not in the voter list but staying at rent to earn livelihood.

UPF appeals CM to ensure food for people who are not in voter list

A statement by the front said that rice that are being distributed by the MLAs skipped those people living on the ground that they are not listed in the voter list of the constituency they are staying. Several complaints have been made through media but still no measures

seem to be taken by the authority to ensure food for those people, the UP statement said.

Meanwhile, a lady staying at Grace Colony Langol had stated that they cannot return to their villages due to the lockdown to battle the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. They

were neither allowed to return to their village as they COVID-19 fear had prevented them to return besides having no food. The lady said that now they have no works and no money and besides all shops have been shut down and they have not get food as they are not in the voter list.

NSF condemns harassment to migrant labourers

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Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has condemned the physical and mental harassment to poor migrant labourers and daily wagers cause by some mischievous element from within the Naga family that is being circulated through social media. "It is truly unfortunate that incidents like these have come to the forefront during difficult hour of the entire human race coming together and fighting the COVID-19", a statement signed by the President of NSF, Ninoto Awaomi and Asst. Gen. Secy of the Federation Sippuni Ng Philo stated.

The statement further said that Naga society treats every human being with dignity and provide no space for those who indulges in dehumanize activities to others. It added that the Naga Society does not promote discrimination on communal racial lines as the principle of equity and justice has been the basic ethos of Naga people since time immemorial.

The NSF while appealing the Naga public to exercise utmost restraint in dealing with fellow appealed authorities concern to take cognizance of such acts and ensure that strict action be initiated against the perpetrators of such unwanted act.

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has refunded Rs 204.85 crore to 8,31,018 duped investors of the "Pearls Agrotech Corporation Limited (PACL)", which had collected over Rs 60,000 crore from nearly 6 crore investors across the country, through illegal collective investment schemes (CISs) over a period of 23 years.

The Justice (Retd.) R.M. Lodha Committee, set up by SEBI as directed by Supreme Court, initiated the process of payment to investors in

PACL Ltd and as on date, payment aggregating Rs 204.85 crore has been effected to 8,31,018 investors, with claims up to Rs. 7,000/- a release issued by the SEBI stated.

Over 6 crore investors were cheated on the pretext of sale and development of agriculture land by PACL and Pearls Golden Forest Ltd (PGFL), under the ponzy scheme floated by Nirmal Singh Bhangoo and his three colleagues. They collected money from investors with a false promise of giving them agriculture land within 90 to 270 days and if not, handsome return on their investment. They also made

fake allotments of land, although they never owned them.

The mobilisation of funds by PACL dates back to the year 1997, when based on a complaint, SEBI on 30 November 1999 and 10 December 1999, issued letters to PACL directing it to comply with the provisions of the collective investment scheme (CIS) regulations. However in response to PACL's petition the Rajasthan High Court on 28 November 2003, quashed SEBI's order and ruled that PACL's schemes were not CIS as defined under Section 11AA of the SEBI Act. In response to SEBI's

appeal, the SC quashed the Rajasthan HC order and on 25 February 2013, directed SEBI to investigate the matter and take appropriate action. Based on Supreme Court(SC)'s directives, the Justice (retd.) R.M. Lodha Committee was formed to recover the money of the duped investors. The committee initiated the process of refunds in two phases — during the period January 2, 2018, to March 31, 2018, and February 8, 2019 to July 31, 2019.

In the first phase, refunds were effected in respect of 189,103 investors having claim amount up to Rs.2500/- . Under the second refund

process, 2,77,544 investors having a claim amount up to Rs 5,000 were paid in December last year.

In 2014, SEBI attached all bank, demat accounts and mutual fund portfolios of PACL and its eight directors and promoters, for its failure to comply with its order dated 22 August 2014 directing it to wind up the schemes and refund Rs 49,100 crore to the investors within three months from the date of the order. PACL filed an appeal before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), which was dismissed on 12 August 2015.

In December 2015, SEBI ordered attachment of all

assets of PACL and its nine promoters and directors for their failure to refund the money to the investors. SEBI had asked PACL to refund the money by its order dated August 22, 2014.

Subsequently, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered a case against PACL and based on the CBI complaint, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) lodged a first information report (FIR) in 2015. Bhangoo and his three colleagues were arrested by CBI in 2016. In September 2018, the ED filed a charge-sheet against PACL and attached Australia-based assets of the Pearls Group worth Rs.472 crore.

★ Editorial

Thousand heroes in difficult times

Novel Coronavirus- the deadly virus that brings disaster to human kind across the globe is finally pulling out the humane in every human being leaving aside some few people who believe that politics is their religion. Information gathered from internet that has been happening across the world shows thousands people extending helping hand to one another to make sure that human kind survives by defeating the dreaded virus that cause COVID-19, killing thousands of human kinds irrespective of caste, creed, rich poor. These attackers know no religions or community – they attack any human whom they can access too.

The only means, left with the human kind as of now is social distancing and total lockdown to break the chain of spreading the pandemic. As per source recorded by COVID-19 Tracker, there are 1,348,628 confirmed case across the globe where 989010 are active case. The number of death reached 74,916, but the report about the number of death should not panic the world as the recovered patient is 284,802. In India, the number of confirmed case recorded is 4916 out of which 4394 is active. Death toll is 136, and the good news is that the number of recovered COVID-19 patient is 385 (as on April 7, 14hours). Countries like Cuba and China have sent group of doctors to help treating COVID-19 infected people in Italy, which is now the second hit country in the world.

Coming back to this state of Manipur which have around 30 lakh population (Subject to correction) only two cases of COVID-19 positive has been reported and among these, the first infected patient who return from UK and confirmed positive on March 24 has been fully recovered after days of treatment at JNIMS. The other patient which was tested positive is also undergoing treatment at RIMS and it is likely that he too get cure from the dreaded disease as doctors, nurses and paramedics, attending him is working with full dedication to make sure that he be cured. Doctors in the state who were always criticized accusing them for all wrong reason, before the invasion of the virus, now proves that they risk their lives to save people no matter the state has poor medical equipments like PPEs. At time of crisis due to the invasion of the virus the humanity in all the medical practitioner finally showed and is notice by everyone.

Again it is 19 days today, that the state has been put under complete lockdown. There are daily wage earner who lives on hand to mouth in the state of Manipur, but then the fortunate part is that almost all indigenous people have a place to stay. Whether they come from villages to work or to study they have place to stay indoors. The only problem is the shortage of food and other edible items due to the total lockdown. Knowing the problem it is fortunate for the state that irrespective of who is in the voter list the Chief Minister of Manipur directed all MLAs to distribute 4 Kg of rice to each person, no matter they are in voter list or not. The unfortunate part is that except some MLAs the Chief Minister's directives has not been followed at all assembly constituencies. But leaving aside these narrow minded people, Manipur is glad to have many individuals who have distributed the essential edible item by buying from their own pocket money. CSOs, students' bodies are trying to help people who remain hungry and provided them assistance whatever they could.

Manipur still have people (who always think of making money) at time of crisis. Example is the transportation of huge quantity of betel leaves using Cargo plane which will turn more like a poison to kill the people. Had those persons brought vegetable or any edible items those people would have been treated like God. The so call agents nominated by MLAs and some MLAs are also no difference as it is open secret that they too take advantage in this crisis period to make money looting the share of the people.

Remember award winning Hollywood movie - A Thousand Heroes (also known as Crash Landing: The Rescue of Flight 232), based on a true story of the crash landing of Flight 232 at Sioux City, Iowa on July 19, 1989. Each and every one of the citizens of Sioux City came out and help the crash victims with whatever they can. The citizens of the city is still remembers as a city of thousand heroes.

Why not Manipur be another city of thousand heroes

PM Modi appreciates efforts and steps taken by various govt agencies for serving Nation amid COVID-19 pandemic

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the efforts and steps of the various government agencies for serving the nation amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a series of tweets, Mr. Modi gave kudos to all those working round the clock to ensure country's energy need. He said, government is committed to help dynamic small and medium businesses and is ensuring all possible assistance to those who need it. Mr. Modi said, he is proud of the Indian Railways team which is continuously helping citizens in this crucial hour.

The Prime Minister said, the world is fighting COVID-19 together and humanity will surely overcome this pandemic.

Civil body continues to extend helping hands during COVID-19 lockdown

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Ahallon Naharol Apunba Lup, Thangmeiband, an organization of 16 members established in 2004 by contributing Rs. 200/- every month today distributed essential items like Rice, dal, edible oil, potatoes, onion etc to 4 centers viz. All Manipur Women Association (AMWA) Nongmeibung, Imphal East, BB Paul Mental Development Home, Imphal West, Mental Health care & Deaddition for women, Ghari and Destitute Children Home, Tera Keithel

Partial resumption of work from April 20 in Maharashtra

IT Correspondent
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The Maharashtra Government has decided to resume work partially, including industrial activity in special economic zones (SEZs) and Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) areas in 20 districts, (which have recorded few or no COVID-19 cases) from April 20 onwards.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said that the partial resumption will be subject to strict implementation of lock down rules which will be in force till 3 May, 2020. The Government offices will function with 10 per cent staff. The arrangement of buses will be made for the staff.

The partial resumption includes: farming including orchids, coconut, cashew, spices cultivation, poultry, agro-industries, E Commerce companies, community kitchens, employment generation under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Health services and construction.

Maharashtra has about 230

industrial zones developed by the MIDC. The relaxation will not apply to 12 municipal corporations, which have been declared as red zone. Twenty districts have been identified as posing "least danger" to economic activity because the number of COVID-19 cases are the lowest in these districts.

The government hopes that by relaxing lockdown guidelines, it could facilitate opening up to least 60% of the total 4.5 lakh micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in the State by the end of this month. "As per our information, six districts in the State have zero COVID-19 cases and rest have only one or two cases. There is no harm in keeping all the protocols in place to open up businesses and economic activity here as per the Centre's guidelines," Industries Minister Subhash Desai said.

Although district borders will remain closed, arrangements will be made to allow raw material to come in and out of the industrial zones. Industries will be asked to make special arrangement for food and accommodation of the labour while ensuring social distancing needs and passes for them.

Officials of the State Industry Department said it is up to the owners to provide facilities at the plants and factories. "We will help with one time transportation but the owners will have to make arrangements for sanitisers and masks at the site. Various guidelines have been issued, for example, in the bus the workers will have to sit far from each other and follow other protocol during breaks,".

The government has already announced incentives for the industries, including directives to impose a moratorium on penalties and interests on power bills pending during the lockdown. The lockdown period will not be taken into account while calculating penalties for pending power dues of MSMEs.

In the meanwhile the number of active COVID-19 cases rose to 3320 with 201 deaths in Maharashtra. This included 121 deaths in Mumbai. The number of cured patients stood at 331 patients in the state.

CRPF organises awareness prog. on COVID-19 at aged home

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109 BN CRPF under the aegis of IGP Manipur and Nagaland sector conducted a civic action programme on Friday at Old Age Home Mongsangei in Imphal West. Safety items like Face Masks, Hand sanitizers, 9000 liters drinking water and cooked meals were provided to the aged residents of Old Age Home during the programme. The programme was conducted to provide assistance to senior citizens and to spread awareness about preventive measures against COVID-19.

During the programme brief lecture on Covid-19 was delivered by Dr. Th. Bidhyalaxmi, (Medical Officer) of 109 BN CRPF. Dr. Th. Bidhyalaxmi informed that **Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)** is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). She advised the



residents to wear a protective face masks and maintain utmost hygiene in their day to day affairs. They should seek medical advice in case they feel unwell by calling a doctor. Narayan Balai, 2i/C, (Commandant-109 Bn AOL) also shared his view on above issue and said that in view of prevailing emergency in the country due to COVID-19, people should take all preventive measures in view of complete lock down and

follow all instructions issued by the Government as well as local administration. He informed that 109 Bn has established 24x7 Hrs help line to help the needy with respect to queries/contingencies emerging out of COVID-19, where locals may get immediate guidance and assistance from 109 BN. Senior Citizens of Old Age Home appreciated the noble cause and given blessings to CRPF jawans.

Covid-19 a curse?

By- Jr Amo

I have been closely following the Coronavirus outbreak, which is a pandemic now, and lately named as Covid-19 by the World Health Organisation. Since the widely accepted outbreak of the Coronavirus in China's Hubei province Wuhan city around mid December till date, Covid-19 cases has surged to 598,000+ with 27, 370+ deaths, from different nations around the globe. And more than 133,390 people infected with the virus have recovered so far. It has affected Africa, Asia, America, Europe & Oceania continents in large numbers. The magnitude of the danger posed by the Covid-19 is underestimated by Political leaders around the world, and there is no cure or vaccination for persons infected with the virus and is easily transmitted person-to-person. Moreover, experts are saying, cure for this dreadful disease will hopefully be found only by next

year -2021. Which means, the struggle is just about to begin. The epicenter of Coronavirus - China claimed there are no more new local cases while imported cases are still on the rise. Meanwhile, to make matters worse, Spain & Italy has surpassed the death rate of China with a daily fatality rate nearing a thousand counts. A country with one of the best health-care systems in the world - Italy is right now experiencing a hopeless situation. Hospitals overflowing with Covid-19 patients, roadside ICUs and the list goes on. Spain's Madrid too is facing a crisis with patients skyrocketing, and inadequate medical equipments forcing doctors to find which patient would die sooner, to take care of the other who would have a better chance of survival, various reports claimed. These things, I have mentioned above are taking place in right now in developed nations who have the best world class medical facilities. India with a population of 132.42 crores, the majority of which live in

the rural areas are still dependent primarily on agriculture and around 21 per cent of the total population still live below poverty line. With the unbalanced health-care system and its exploding population, India is still lucky to be at stage 2 of the pandemic. Meanwhile, if India is only depending on the lockdown, this will only mean a slowdown in transmission and the later stages could turn out to be an explosion, like the case we have witnessed at first in China. If the pandemic explodes and reaches stage 4 in India, I don't really think this government will win the fight. Which will in turn lead to a great recession or famine, that will be unimaginable for all. Okay! Cutting it short, Manipur with a population of around 27 lacs people have reported a confirmed Coronavirus case earlier this week. A 23 year old medical student from UK's Bristol is currently undergoing treatment at JNIMS isolation ward and doctors believe her condition is stable. Thank God, and I wish her a speedy recovery, and pray that there will be no more Covid-19 cases in our state.

As Imphal is the state capital, the Chief Minister recently announced procurement of 20 ventilators - 10 each for JNIMS and RIMS respectively. Ventilators, in

combating Covid-19 case is a very important medical equipment as patients infected with the Coronavirus experience respiratory problems, and their lungs cannot supply enough oxygen that their body needs. In any event, the government is ready only with 20 ventilators based on the CEMs report. And to make the matter worse, the second largest and quickly developing district - Churachandpur, is right now without a single ventilator. Very recently, I heard from one of the doctors with the district Covid-19 team, that no Personal Protection Equipments (PPE) are being supplied to the medical workers who are at the frontline of the fight to tackle, combat and contain the Virus, in case the need arises to save the lives of the common men. It is truly unfortunate that the concerned authorities & the administration couldn't provide the required gear & equipment to the Health Care Professionals who are risking their lives for the people of the district. Churachandpur district got less medical supplies, no ventilators, no PPE. Rather Doctors, Nurses and Health Care Professionals are told to provide protective gear for themselves!!!

If the outbreak unfortunately turns out uncontrollable in Manipur, that what measures does the government

have for that next step. Are we all gonna die? Or are we just gonna stare at our families and dear ones choking and dying? I feel the government must not waste this 21-day national lockdown, instead it should push forward and see what it can achieve during this period. Put up all its might and wisdom and be prepared to face any eventuality like our neighboring state of Assam. I would also take this time and request my fellow denizens of the district to please follow the restriction measures put in place for the safety of all. I have asked my friends, brothers and sisters who are returning home from abroad or other parts of the country not to hide their travel history and report to the concerned authority. All of us must also restrain from discriminating of suspects, infected and their families as it could lead to a very dangerous situation where suspects or likely cases are ashamed and afraid to report themselves to the authority, which could lead to a cross-contamination that in turn could lead to a deadly situation for the whole district - an outbreak - say like the Patient 31 in South Korea. It can happen! Finally, I urge the competent authority, please take this Covid-19 more seriously, as it is direct or indirectly a "Do or Die" situation that we are just starting to face and deal with. I would also like to request everyone

- community or tribe, to put aside political goals and differences, to work as one for the poor and the needy who are already facing the brunt of the problems caused by this Covid-19 pandemic. At this challenging times, I humbly ask - "Where are our elected representatives? Are they watching us dying? We can't just live only on rice like this! Of course distribution of rice was a very important thing. Meanwhile, essential commodity prices are rising unchecked. The scarcity a problem, the price and the virus, how are we going to win in this challenging situation? Our medical workers need their protective gears too, common men and the people of this district want the authorities to act swiftly, we want disinfectants to be sprayed at our localities, our law enforcing agencies need their protective gears too. They aren't robots or virus proof human beings, but they are guarding us with their lives. This virus is killing people, affecting the economy more than post the two wars that the world have witnessed. Let us join hands and work together and save humanity or let us at least die trying. If not, God save our land. Only time will tell - is Covid-19 a curse? With the death toll rising around the globe, it is by far a blessing in any form.

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