

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND**  
**HOME DEPARTMENT**  
**NAGALAND STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NAGALAND::KOHIMA**

NO.NSDMA-ER-COVID-19/301/2020

Kohima, dated, the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Sub:Strict enforcement of all the existing guidelines and SOPs for preventing the spread of COVID-19 during celebration of the upcoming Holi festival, Good Friday, Easter and other festivals in the State**

The Home Secretary, Government of India vide his DO letter no. 40-34/2020-DM-I(A) dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021, addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all the States (copy enclosed) has drawn the attention of everyone concerned to the rise in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in several States in the recent past and has sought strict enforcement of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and the prescribed SOPs for the various activities. Further, in view of the various upcoming festivals such as Holi, *Shab-e-Barat*, Easter, etc. it has also been urged to take necessary measures to regulate crowds during these festivals by ensuring strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavior and all other relevant guidelines and SOPs.

In view of the above, all the District Task Forces (DTFs) are advised to take necessary steps for reiterating among the people the utmost need for following COVID-19 appropriate behaviour such as wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and regular washing of hands at all times in public places, avoiding crowding, and limiting gatherings and congregations to the extent possible with strict observance of all the SOPs and guidelines in these regard during the celebration of the upcoming Holi festival, Good Friday, Easter and other festivals so that the spread of COVID-19 is prevented.

The DTFs shall also, besides creating wide awareness, take proper measures for ensuring strict adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behavior, and all the SOPs and guidelines aimed for preventing the spread of COVID-19, and wherever anyone is found violating, take appropriate action as per law against such person.

Enclosed: As stated

  
(ABHIJIT SINHA) IAS  
Principal Secretary, Home

To,

All the Deputy Commissioners and Chairman DTFs for compliance  
The CP/ All the Superintendents of Police for compliance  
All the Chief Medical Officers for compliance

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Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Nagaland for kind information.
2. The Sr. PS to Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland for kind information.
3. The Director General of Police for kind information.
4. The Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information.
5. The Commissioner, Nagaland for information.

  
(ABHIJIT SINHA) IAS  
Principal Secretary, Home

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26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

No. 40-34/2020-DM-I(A)

Dear Chief Secretary,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on 23.03.2021.

2. As you are aware, the country is passing through a critical juncture, as number of COVID-19 cases and deaths have been on the rise in many States and UTs in the recent past. After assessing the situation, guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 have been issued by MHA on 23.03.2021 wherein it has been emphasized that States/UTs should strictly enforce test-track-treat protocol, COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and prescribed SOPs on various activities, such as opening of schools, higher education institutions, hotels and restaurants, shopping malls, multiplexes, entertainment parks, gymnasiums, exhibitions etc. Further, States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions at district/sub-district and cities/ward level.

3. In view of the upcoming festivals such as Holi, *Shab-e-Barat*, harvesting festivals, Easter, *Eid-ul-Fitr*, etc., State Governments/UT Administrations should take necessary measures to regulate crowds during these festivals by ensuring strict observance of COVID appropriate behaviour, such as wearing of mask and maintaining social distancing, as mandated in aforesaid guidelines and in the National Directives for COVID-19 Management. In this regard, a D.O. letter has also been issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on 24.03.2021 (copy enclosed).

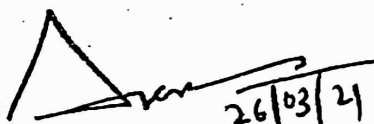
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4. I would urge you to issue necessary instructions to the district administrations and police authorities to scrupulously enforce COVID appropriate behaviour and SoPs in all public gatherings during the upcoming festivals. Further, IEC campaign should also be intensified for creating public awareness. As has been emphasized time and again by the health experts, strict adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour in public places and gatherings will help in breaking the chain of transmission and reduce the incidence of COVID cases in the country.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl. as above

  
(Ajay Bhalla) 26/03/21

To

**Chief Secretaries of all States**

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