

# **MEGHALAYA**

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he declaration of the outbreak of the COVID-19 as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) resulted in establishing of a series of emergency preparedness and response strategies as per the mandated and approved protocols. The imposition of the nationwide lockdown and its strict enforcement had placed new responsibility on the police set up. Significant contributions of Meghalaya police are listed below.

#### **Setting of Control Room**

To facilitate the enforcement of lockdown, Meghalaya Police set up the Meghalaya Police COVID Control Room at Police Headquarters, with an officer of the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police functioning as the Nodal Officers and two officials of the rank of Superintendent of Police assisting the nodal officer. The control Room worked 24x7 and assisted citizens stranded inside and outside the state of Meghalaya to reach their destinations. The Control Room also rendered necessary assistance to people facing various problems during the lockdown period and especially during times of emergency.

### **Counting Misinformation**

To curb fake News and to dispel rumours, Meghalaya Police activated the COVID-19 FAKE NEWS verification portal (http://megedistrict.gov.in/directApply.do?serviceID=1149) and the Verified COVID-19 FAKE NEWS (http://megpolice.gov.in/covid-19-fake-news) to help the general public in ascertaining whether the information circulated in social media and other medium is true or not. The department hence was able to debunk misinformation/disinformation which would have been detrimental to the public during the pandemic.

#### **Humanitarian Efforts**

Police staff engaged in various humanitarian as well as relief work during lockdown. Relief work rendered by the police officials ranges from providing of food to stranded labourers, delivering of medicines for the sick, to distribution of mask and rations etc. Below given are the numerous contributions of Meghalaya Police-

**Contribution to Chief Minister's Relief Fund:** Meghalaya Police contributed more than Rs. 37 Lakhs.

**Distribution of food and relief items:** Meghalaya Police throughout the state distributed rations, mask and food to various individuals, shelter homes, stranded labourers and drivers.

**Delivering of Essentials Commodities:** During the lockdown several citizens approached Meghalaya Police to help in delivering essential commodities like medicines, masks, drinking water, food and other items and on request, Meghalaya Police were able to render necessary assistance to those in need.

**Social Distancing Norms:** Meghalaya Police helped inculcate the habit of social distancing in the people.

**Police Help Desk and facilitation Centre:** Meghalaya Police set up one important help desk and one facilitation centre to assist people returning from other parts of the country and also citizens of the country stranded in Meghalaya during the various lockdown phases.

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## **TWITTER**

**Meghalaya Police** @MeghalayaPolice Jul 7 Creative campaign on Social Distancing launched by Meghalaya Police.



**Ri-Bhoi District Police** @RibhoiPolice Jul 7

To educate and sensitize the public on the importance of social distancing and wearing masks PIC visited the local market in Bhoirymbong.





**Ri-Bhoi District Police** @RibhoiPolice Jun 23
Before opening their salons, the barbers from Byrnihat area were called to the Byrnihat Police Outpost and explained about the Health Protocols and to strictly follow the guidelines as per the order

passed by the District Administration, RiBhoi @ MeghalayaPolice



South West Khasi Hills Police @KhasiWest May 15 Awareness programme on Covid-19, Social Distancing & Distribution of Face Mask at Bagli, Noasora & Cheragoan village @MeghalayaPolice@ RibhoiPolice



**CMO Meghalaya** @CMO\_Meghalaya May 15 Distribution of Provision Kits under the Chief Minister's Special Grant to residents of Shillong who are under mandatory home quarantine.



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