



GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

ADDRESS

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Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

1. I warmly welcome you all to the twelfth session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly and the first session for the year, 2021.

2. I wish the New Year brings happiness and prosperity to all. Needless to say, last year has been a difficult year globally due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Hon'ble Members, right from the beginning, the State Government has been proactive in making efforts to prevent and combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 pandemic and Self Reliance

4. Shortly after the World Health Organization announced a Mysterious Coronavirus-related Pneumonia in Wuhan, China on 9 January, 2020, my Government started screening of passengers at Imphal Airport on 18 January although there are no international flights. On 30 January, the first case of COVID-19 was reported in India.

5. On 31 January, Screening at surface entry points of Mao & Jiribam was started & 24x7 control room number was activated. The same day, WHO issued Global Health Emergency for just the sixth time in history. On 10 March, border gates were closed at Indo-Myanmar international border at Moreh, Tusom, Nambisha & Behiang. On 11 March WHO declared COVID-19 a Pandemic.

6. My Government took steps for setting up Isolation Wards, Quarantine Centres, Covid Care Centres and Dedicated COVID-19 Treatment Blocks. We established Institutional (Government) Quarantine Centres, Community Quarantine Centres, Paid Quarantine Centres and Home Quarantine. VDRL at RIMS & JNIMS were approved for testing by ICMR.

7. The Manipur Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulations 2020 were notified. Closure of all schools & hostels were ordered on 12 March, followed by Suspension of classes in all Govt. and Private Higher Education Institutes, including Universities, the next day.

8. From 21 March, Ima markets and Temporary market of Imphal city were closed. On 22 March, the entire country observed a 14-hour voluntary *Janta* (public) curfew following a call by Hon'ble Prime Minister. The same day and since then, Curfew was imposed in all districts of Manipur. ILP permits were suspended. Gates at state borders were closed from 23 March.

9. Manipur recorded its first COVID-19 positive case on 23 March, a 23-year-old woman who had just returned from UK. She underwent successful treatment at JNIMS and was later discharged. On 24 March, Hon'ble Prime Minister announced a nationwide Lockdown for 21 days.

10. Ministers were appointed as district in-charge to supervise various activities for combating COVID-19 and ensuring supplies of essential commodities etc.