GOVERNMENT OF MEGLAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No.Health.21/2020/12,

Dated Shillong the 15th April,2020.

PRESS STATEMENT

It is with utmost grief that I announce the first COVID-19 death in the State of Meghalaya at 2:30 a.m today the 15th of April 2020; Dr John L Sailo Rytathiang, the Director of Bethany Hospital, Nongrim Hills, Shillong.

Since the detection of the first case in the city, the number of samples collected are 185 in number, out of which 165 are from East Khasi Hills and 24 from Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi.

The number of samples tested positive from the first batch of 68 numbers is as follows: 6 positive and 6 others have been sent for reconfirmation.

The profiles of the positive cases are: 3 (Three) female, 2(two) male and 1(one) child.

The results of the other samples are awaited from NEIGHRIMS, GMC, Guwahati and Barpeta Medical College. Some of the samples had to be sent to Guwahati and Barpeta due to the urgency of the matter and limited capacity of the testing facility in NEIGHRIMS.

This modifies the Press Statement issued vide this Department’s Memo. No.Health.21/2020/11-A, Dated Shillong the 15th April,2020.

Sd/-
Shri Sampath Kumar, IAS
Commissioner & Secretary,
Health & Family Welfare Department
Meghalaya.

Memo. No.Health.21/2020/12-A,
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Health & Family Welfare Department