Shillong 5th June 2020: Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma today convened a meeting with religious leaders to discuss matters related to the reopening of religious places and places of worship in the State.

The meeting was attended by Dy. Chief Minister, Prestone Tynsong, Cabinet Ministers Lahkmen Rymbui and Hamletson Dohling and senior Government officials.

In his opening remarks the Chief Minister made it clear that health and safety of people is of utmost priority and urged all to adhere to the SOPs and safety protocols laid by the Government, to contain the spread of COVID-19 post reopening of places of worship. ‘It is our collective responsibility to ensure maximum safety and at this point in time we need to keep health a priority in whatever we do’, he said.

After thorough deliberation and inputs from representatives from various religious organisations it was decided that places of worship in Meghalaya will reopen from the 14th of June 2020, to give adequate time needed on preparations for the implementation of safety protocols in these places.

An appointment of a nodal officer as a one point contact for the implementation of SOPs in religious places and places of worship was also proposed in the meeting.