

MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

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Dated Aizawl, the 18th March, 2020

COVID-19 avangin India ram hmun hrang hrang a zirna in khar a niin, Mizo Zirlai tam tak rilru chia takin an awm mek a ni. He tih lai hian Dt. 17.03.2020 tlai khan Whatsapp-ah, "*Sswrkhar lai pui Home Department Thu chhuak ang in hnam dang mah ni star ni lo a awm zawng zawng te chuan an mah ni awm na state theuh a date 27.3.2020 hma a haw vek tur in Thu chhuah a siam a Chu vang chuan state dang a Mizo awm te Chu Date 18.3.2020 tang an awm na state theuh a tang a Mizoram lam a haw tur a hriat tir an ni, Hun tiam chhung a lo haw lo Chu, non-mizo a puan an ni anga Mizoram an rap thei tawh lo ang.*

Sd/-

Lalnunmawia chuaungngo IAS

Chief Secretary of Mizoram government of mizoram"

ti h tu hi a darh a. Thu awihawm lo tak ni mahse a hunin a zir avangin state danga zirlai tam tak rilru a ti mangang a, hei vang hian Police ten an chhui nghal a. He thu chhuah siamtu (Originator) hi hriat chhuah tawh a ni a. He dawt thu theh darh avang hian Aizawl PS C/No. 179/2020 Dt. 18.03.2020 u/s 505 (1) (b) IPC R/W 66 'D' IT Act 2000 hmangin thubuai ziah luh a ni. He thu post leh thehdarh kawnga in hnamhnawihte hi hriatchhuah tawh niin Mizoram pawn lama awm te an awm a. Man tura ruahhmanna siam mek a ni.

He thu hi dawt phuachhawp liau liau a ni a, mipui ten thu tak a lak loh tur a ni. He thu phuachhawp tu Siaha khua kum 19 mi, tuna St. Dominic College, Shillong a BA zirlai mek hi hriat chhuah tawh a ni a. Ani hian 'sent pic here' (FRIENDS GROUP) tih ah a post a. He group atang hian St. Dominic College a zirlai tho kum 19 mi in la chhawngin a thian pakhat kum 19 mi tho, Siaha ECM veng a cheng, tuna Chennai a awm mek hnenah a thawn a. A ni hian he thu hi 'MSO/CF Group' tihah a post chhawng leh a. Hemi group atang hian Siaha khua a cheng pakhatin 'ECM Kohhran group' leh 'Pala Group' ah post leh in hetiang hian he dawt thu hi zirlai zingah darh zelin state hrang hranga zirlai ten darkar reilo te chhungin an dawng hman in Mizoram lamah pawh a darh bawk. Zirlai leh nu leh pa tamtak rilru nuam lo in a siam hi a paw tak zet a ni.

Mipui te tithlabar a, timangang thei thu post mai mai lo tur in mipui te kan ngen a. Hetiang thu diklo thehdarhtu hi Mizoram Police te chuan chhuichhuakin an man zel dawn a ni.

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Educational institutions across the country have been closed due to the outbreak of COVID-19, leaving many Mizo students in a state of apprehension. While the State Government is taking all possible measures for the safety of the people, unfortunately on 17.03.2020, a Whatsapp post in Mizo language, purportedly originating from the Chief Secretary of Mizoram, has been circulated which states that all Mizos presently residing outside the state must return to Mizoram by 27.03.2020 failing which they will be declared as non-Mizo and not allowed to enter Mizoram. This Whatsapp message has led to panic and distress among Mizo students outside the state and Mizoram Police immediately proceeded with investigation into the source and veracity of the post.

The originator of the Whatsapp message has been identified as a 19 year old resident of Siaha currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in St. Dominic College, Shillong and it is confirmed that the message/post was completely fabricated by him and is absolutely false. The originator had first posted the message in a Whatsapp group titled "sent pic here" and was it forwarded from this group by another student of St. Dominic College, Shillong to one student in Chennai who in turn forwarded it to other Whatsapp groups from where it shortly became viral causing alarm among Mizo students presently residing outside Mizoram and their family members.

In this connection, Mizoram Police has registered criminal case Aizawl PS C/No. 179.2020 Dt. 18.03.2020 u/s 505 (1)(b) IPC r/w 66D IT Act 2000 for personation and circulation of rumour causing fear and alarm to the public. The persons involved in the dissemination of this false information have been identified and steps are being taken for their arrest as they are presently residing outside the state.

In this critical juncture, Mizoram Police once again appeals to the public to refrain from posting/spreading unreliable information that could cause widespread fear and panic among the people.

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