

MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

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On 6.4.2020, one person posted on several Facebook groups including 'Mizo Special Report' claiming that at main entry Vairengte COVID-19 Screening Point, Medical Staffs on duty failed to perform their duty and it was police personnel who conducted Covid-19 screening at the point and that several non-mizos passed the screening test and crossed the screening point for Mizoram, thereby criticizing in his post the measures taken by the Government as well which prompted several unwanted comments in social media lambasting the measures taken by the Government.

The same message was forwarded to various whatsapp groups leading to alarm, and distress among the public, disturbing the public order and tranquillity which is viewed seriously by the Government. His claim is completely false and baseless as Police personnel have never conducted screening and it had always been the medical personnel who had done the job at the Vairengte Covid-19 check Gate since 12.3.2020 without break. FIR was submitted to Vairengte PS on 6.4.2020 by Medical Officer, CHC Vairengte.

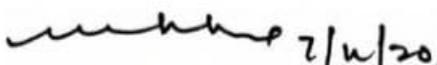
The accused suspect responsible for the spread of this fake information had been identified as a resident of Lunglei and hence case was transferred to Lunglei PS and criminal case vide Lunglei Police Station Lunglei PS C/No. 32/2020 Dt. 7.4.2020 u/s 505 (1) (b) IPC. He was arrested on 7.4.2020 and forwarded to Court the same day itself.

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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- 2) Director / News Editor - LPS Vision/Zonet Vision/Doordarshan Kendra/All India Radio (AIR), Aizawl.
- 3) President, MJA for kind information and necessary action please.
- 4) SO to DGP(M) for kind information of DGP(M).


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