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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE**  
**MEGHALAYA :: :: SHILLONG**

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**From :** **Shri. G. K. Iangrai, MPS**  
Asstt. Inspector General of Police (A)  
Meghalaya, Shillong

**To :** The President,  
Shillong Press Club.

The Editors,  
Print/Electronic Media, Meghalaya.

**Sub :** **Press release-regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

In inviting reference to the subject cited above, I am enclosing herewith 'An Appeal' from the Police Department to the citizens of the State, kindly publish the same in your esteemed daily, for the information of the general public.

Yours faithfully,



**(G. K. Iangrai, MPS)**

Asstt. Inspector General of Police (A)  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

## AN APPEAL

In the wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 in various countries of the world and particularly in different States of our Country, the Police Department is working round the clock towards ensuring that the citizens of the State follow the social distancing norms and other advisories issued by the State Government from time to time.

In our endeavour towards ensuring a healthier and safer environment for each and everyone of us, it was found that many citizens are not being responsible and conscientious at this time of tribulation, and they continue to exhibit disregard to the norms that has already been laid down.

Under the relevant sections of law, forwarding and sharing of fake news and rumors is a **CRIME**, and strict action will be taken against those perpetuating these violations. Furthermore, sharing or circulating of **April Fool messages, pranks or jokes** especially about the outbreak of COVID-19, the lockdown that has been imposed, the promulgation of Curfew etc. will be stringently dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law.

Therefore, it is appealed to all the citizens of the State to kindly be more responsible and courteous during this time of crisis, and kindly refrain from circulating or sharing messages which will create panic, confusion and disorder in the State.

Kindly help us to help you.



Asstt. Inspector General of Police (A)  
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