## GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR DIRECORATE OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS MANIPUR

## **APPEAL**

Imphal, the 24th March, 2020

**No.2/17/2018-DIPR**: With a view to prevent and contain spread of COVID 19 (Novel Corona Virus Disease) in the State of Manipur, the Government of Manipur has taken up numerous precautionary and preventive measures so far. Meanwhile, Secretariat: Home Department, Government of Manipur vide order No.9/6(1)/2020-H(Pt) dated 23-03-2020 has declared that print and electronic media operating in the State of Manipur, among others has been treated as an essential service during the period of lock down which is effective upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

2. In view of the above position, it is hereby appealed to all the members of (i) Manipur Hawkers Association and (ii) All Manipur Newspaper Sales & Distributors Association not to stop the good work of distributing newspapers to every household so that accurate and factual information about the present crisis is properly disseminated to the general public and an atmosphere of free flow of information through print media is maintained in order to combat the threat of Novel Corona Virus Disease and fake and false information being circulated in various forms of social media in the State of Manipur.

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- 1. Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Raj Bhavan, Imphal.
- Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur.
- 3. PPS to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Manipur.
- PPS to all Hon'ble Ministers, Manipur.
- Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
- 6. Director General of Police, Manipur.
- Commissioner (IPR), Government of Manipur.
- Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur.
- All Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates, Manipur.
- All Superintendent of Police, Manipur for proper co-ordination.
- 11. Editors of all Print Media, Manipur.
- 12. President, Manipur Hawkers Association.
- President, All Manipur Newspaper Sales & Distributors Association.
- 14. Guard file.