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PRESS RELEASE

In view of the severity of the second wave of COVID-19 in the country, Governor of Nagaland Shri R.N. Ravi held a sensitization-cum-consultation meeting with various political party leaders of the State today, the 21st April 2021 at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Raj Bhavan. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare were also present.

At the beginning the Department of Health & Family Welfare briefed the political leaders by a PowerPoint presentation on the status of COVID-19 and also preparedness of the State Government.

Hon'ble Governor urged the leaders to shed their political differences in our fight against the pandemic to save our people and their livelihood because both are at high risk today. Learning from the past experience, Governor reiterated the message of the Hon'ble Prime Minister that lockdown should be the last option. With due regard to the severity of the 2nd wave of the pandemic, a large number of our people suffering from co-morbidities like heart problems, diabetics and hypertension and the status of the medical infrastructure in the State, Governor emphasized the need on prevention to be the top most priority for all of us.

Governor expressed concern with high vaccine hesitancy in the State due to false rumours going around and urged the leaders to play their role as leaders in encouraging people to shed vaccine hesitancy.

In this long fight against the pandemic, Governor reminded the leaders that the frontline workers have been under severe stress for the last over one year. They are facing the brunt of the situation. Hence it is our collective responsibility to do everything possible to boost their morale.

During the discussion, political leaders gave several valuable practical suggestions. Governor thanked them for their non-partisan positive approach and their constructive suggestions and hoped that the Government would take due note of them.

Shri Neiphiu Rio, Hon'ble Chief Minister; Shri Y.Patton, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister; Shri S. Pangnyu Phom, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare; Shri T.R.Zeliang, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition; Shri Tokheho Yepthomi, Hon'ble MP(Lok Sabha); Dr. Shurhozelie Liezietsu, President, Naga Peoples' Front(NPF); Shri Alemtemshi Jamir, Working President, NDPP; Shri Eduzu Theluo, State General Secretary, BJP; Shri K. Theirie, President, NPCC; Shri Kitoho S.Rotokha, General Secretary, JDU; Shri Vanthungo Odyuo, President, Nationalistic Congress Party (NCP); Dr Andrew Ahoto, President, National Peoples' Party (NPP) participated in the meeting.

PRO to Governor