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Health Department to launch massive immunization drives

Swasthya Utsav to be organised across the state: CM

Dispur, August 11: Health and Family Welfare Department will organise a massive state wise immunization campaign to administer COVID and other routine immunization to those left out during the normal drive of inoculation process.

A review meeting held in Janata Bhawan here today which was chaired by Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma decided to hold immunization drives across the state from October to March to bring all sections of people including the children under the immunization programme. Under this special drive, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that those children who could not be given routine immunization due to COVID 19 pandemic should be given vaccines as per medical advice.

The Chief Minister during the meeting also asked the Health Department to put in place a digital system for issuing birth and death certificates. He said that the system should be such that the parents would receive the birth certificate upon discharge from the hospital and next of kin would get the death certificate immediately.

He also said that a robust organ transplant network system will be developed in the state to facilitate organ transplantation in the state. He also said that a good and responsive system of organ transplant would be helpful in saving many precious lives. With regard to blood donations, steps will be taken to motivate people for voluntary blood donations. He said that in view of the reported cases of maternal mortality cases in the tea garden areas, special awareness drives should be conducted for voluntary blood donations in the tea garden dominated areas.

Moreover, National Health Mission (NHM) will organise a three day Swasthya Utsav with active involvement of 1000 volunteers of which 500 will be from health and 500 from other areas. Photographs of the Swasthya Utsav should be uploaded on the live App. The Swasthya Utsav would highlight issues like drinking water, access to health infrastructure which are important for delivery of health care facilities. The meeting also deliberated that NHM will have at least five regional offices in the state which would be headed by ACS officers who will be assisted by other domain experts. The team will do the needful for the betterment of health indicators in their respective jurisdictions. Besides, the Chief Minister said that NHM will make assessment of the inaccessible areas in the state and coordinate with the PWD for constructing good quality roads for making health care services more accessible.

Dr. Sarma during the meeting also said that Health and Family Welfare Department to work more closely with the Women and Child Development sector of Social Welfare department to make the nutritional centres more vibrant for women and child health. For the benefits of the patients, Assam Medical Services Corporation Limited (AMSCL) will be revamped to expand its footprints across the state and running pharmacies in hospitals where medicines will be made available to the patients at subsidized rates. The Chief Minister said that the Food Safety Commissionerate would be made more revamped to activate its revenue generating activities.

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Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta and Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary to Health and Family welfare Avinash Joshi and other senior officers of the department were present at the meeting.

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