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Dated Shillong, the 07th April 2020.

From : **Shri. G. K. Iangrai, MPS**
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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 a brief write up regarding cases registered under relevant provisions of law, against those circulating/propagating Fake news relating to COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, it is requested that the same may kindly be published in your esteemed daily, for the information of the general public.

Yours faithfully,


(G. K. Iangrai, MPS)

Asstt. Inspector General of Police (A)
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PRESS RELEASE

It is hereby informed that despite several appeals to the general public to refrain from propagating or circulating fake news/rumours relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, through Social Media or any other medium, some individuals have disregarded the appeal and uploaded/posted contents which were found to be fake news.

In this connection, 3 (three) cases have been registered in Cyber Crime Police Station and 1 (one) case has been registered in Williamnagar Police Station against rumour mongers, under the relevant provisions of Indian Penal Code, Information Technology Act and National Disaster management Act.

Out of the 4 (four) cases, 3 (three) cases have been registered after the applications which have been received through the Fake News Verification Portal have been verified to be fake news.

A content which was uploaded in a Facebook page "Ka Sur U Paidbah" has been found to be fake news and hence a case has been registered; similarly the other cases which have been registered include a post regarding a person who has been infected with COVID-19, a post regarding the WHO Protocol & Procedures for Lockdown, and several other fake news.

The citizens of the state are hereby requested to kindly desist from uploading/circulating contents without verifying the authenticity of the content. To verify information regarding COVID-19, citizens are requested to make use of the online portal hosted in the department's website <http://www.megpolice.gov.in/>. Information can also be validated by checking the verified information uploaded in <http://www.megpolice.gov.in/covid-19-fake-news> or through the department's official social media pages @ <https://www.facebook.com/meghpolice> or @ <https://twitter.com/MeghalayaPolice>.


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