PRESS RELEASE

This is for general information that in order to enable the local residents to purchase their basic and daily essential commodities during the ongoing curfew promulgated in East Khasi Hills District:

1. All Fair Price Shops under NFSA and Non-NFSA will open on the 27th & 28th of March, 2020 w.e.f. 9:00AM to 5:00 PM each day.

2. Only identified Groceries and essential items shops **LISTED BELOW** will open in all the localities of Shillong Agglomeration on the 27th & 28th of March, 2020 w.e.f. 9:00AM to 5:00 PM each day.

3. For villages in the District, the same arrangements are made between the Block Development Officers / Zonal Team Leader with the respective Headmen (Rangbah Shnongs)

4. The local Headmen (Rangbah Shnongs) will regulate the operation of shops in their respective localities & villages and to also ensure due compliance to the Advisories of the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department with special reference to Social Distancing concerning COVID-19 situation.

5. In addition, the public are requested to **strictly**:
   a. Maintain Social Distancing of at least **1 metre**
   b. Not to overcrowd in one area / shop
   c. Cooperate with management made by the Headmen and District Administration

6. On the 27th March, 2020; limited vegetables will be available

7. On the 28th March, 2020; arrangements will be made for meat

8. Similar arrangements will be made for the week to come and specific instructions will be suitably published well in advance.

9. Adequate stock is available and there is no need to panic and resort to hoarding as it will have adverse impact.

10. Earlier communication regarding **Timings** for opening of Fair Price Shops on 27th & 28th March, 2020 shall be treated as cancelled.

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