

**Press Release of Education Department**

**Instructions for Scholarship Students and Other Students Studying Outside Sikkim**

Gangtok; March 23, 2020: We all are aware that the State of Sikkim is also under the threat of rapid spread of COVID-19 and therefore abundant precautionary measures are being taken to fight the spread of the disease in Sikkim. In this context, decision has been taken by the government that all the students studying under the CMMSS and Dr Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme, who are coming back to Sikkim today must be sent to Sikkim Cooperative Union (SICUN) hostel at Assam-Lingzey for quarantine. Arrangement for bus service from Bagdogra airport to take them to SICUN at Assam-Lingzey has been made and the students are required to reach the SICUN. They will be kept there in quarantine as per the instructions and guidelines required for quarantine in this case. Parents of the of these children are therefore requested to cooperate and see their children at the airport from a safe distance. This step is taken as a preventive measure because the students are travelling through many places and stations. All arrangement for food, lodging and medical attention to the students will be made available at SICUN.

There are many Sikkimese students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate courses in several other States. The Department requests them to stay back wherever they are as travelling may cause infection. We are in touch with their institutions and are requesting the management there for accommodation facilities to be made to them.

We are going through a troubled time, and patience and cooperation from every corner of the society will certainly help us contain the spread of this disease.

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