

**A**  
**SUCCESS STORY**  
**ON**  
**“MITIGATION OF COVID-19”**  
**BY**  
**DUKLI PANCHAYAT SAMITI**  
**WEST TRIPURA**



## Synopsis

Covid-19 is a contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The first known case was identified in Wuhan, China in December of 2019. The disease has been declared as pandemic by WHO on 11 March 2020.

Our Dukli Panchayat Samiti comprises of 22 Gram Panchayats and 3 ADC Villages. As most of the Gram Panchayats in our Dukli RD Block are located along densely populated urban areas, there was always a chance of more infection in the areas of Dukli. Thus mitigating COVID-19 crisis was a great challenge. However with proper team work of PRI bodies, office staffs and others on generating awareness, vaccination, testing and providing helping hand in terms of financial help, mitigation of covid-19 has been successful.

This document highlights the challenges and steps taken in mitigation of COVID-19 by Dukli Panchayat Samiti.

### **COVID-19 Help Desk**



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## The magic Mantra.....



*"PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE"*

Most common symptoms of covid-19 include

- fever
- dry cough
- tiredness
- Less common symptoms:
- aches and pains
- sore throat
- diarrhea
- conjunctivitis
- headache
- loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes

In most of the cases under Dukli we have seen patients recovering with home isolation without hospitalization under the guidance of PHC, sub-centers and Asha workers. Proper washing of hands, using sanitizers and masks along with having a healthy diet and life style have helped a long way in managing covid.



## COVID CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

Covid Crisis Management Teams are constituted at block level and different Gram Panchayats with members committed towards service of covid-19 patients.

Task Force Meeting				
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**Covid'19 Crisis Management Team under Dukli Panchayat Samiti**



**Members of Covid'19 Crisis Management Team in a discussion at Dukli Panchayat Samiti Hall**

# THE COVID STORY OF DUKLI PANCHAYAT SAMITI

**Bringing migrant laborers and students stranded outside**

**Awareness and sensitization**

**Mask and sanitizer distribution**

**Covid'19 testing**

**Vaccination**

**Mass sanitization**

**Financial & livelihood support**

**Physical and mental wellbeing**



## 1. Efforts for bringing migrant labors and students stranded outside Tripura:

During 2020 Covid-19 outbreak, Dukli Panchayat Samiti have taken steps for bringing migrant labors and students belonging to Dukli area who were stranded outside the state. Steps were taken for providing institutional and home quarantine with suitable facilities.



**Glimpses from Badharghat Railway station during outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020.**



## 2. Awareness , sensitization related to covid-19:

Firstly, awareness meetings were held in all GPs along with PRI members on Covid-19. Sri Ram Prasad Paul, MLA, 18-Surjyamaninagar AC had scheduled visits in all GPs for generating awareness among PRI bodies.

Next level, awareness and sensitization were held door-to-door. Proper miking was done on behalf of all GPs regarding awareness on covid-19, vaccination, social distancing and others.

Recently Dukli Panchayat Samiti has requested for removal of siren of covid van as it instigate fear among local inhabitants.



**Covid'19 meeting with Asha workers and distribution of tablets among health workers at Anandanagar**



**Awareness program conducted in different Gram Panchayats, door-to-door and miking**



### 3. Distribution of mask/soaps/sanitizers and mass sanitisation:

Mask, soaps and sanitizers were distributed among villagers as a part of covid-19 mitigation plan. Sanitization was done in markets, shops , houses and panchayat bhawans.



Mask, sanitizer and soap distribution in Kalidaspara ADC Village



Mass Sanitization done in Mahishkhola GramPanchayat



**4. Vaccination:** Time to time vaccinations was done as decided by Govt. for 45yrs and above/18yrs and above.



**Covid-19 vaccination under different Gram Panchayats**



**5. Covid-19 testing:** Covid-19 testing is being conducted in different GPs. Home quarantine, fooding and other facilities are being arranged for Covid-19 positive patients.



**COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test in different Gram Panchayats**

**6. Financial Assistance and livelihood:** Our Panchayat Samiti has taken steps for providing financial assistance during this covid-19 crisis. Food distribution is done for various covid-19 positive and poverty stricken families in collaboration with NGOs and other groups. Rs 1000 is provided for economically deprived beneficiaries from state fund.



**Food distribution by Dukli Panchayat Samiti in collaboration with Teachers' union of Anandanagar HS School**



## “BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY”

- In the gloomy days of covid-19 crisis, Dukli Panchayat Samiti has distributed sewing machines from samiti fund to standby poverty- stricken families.
- Dukli Panchayat Samiti has requested for the removal of covid van siren as it instills fear among local inhabitants.
- Beside State Government providing financial support of Rs 1000 for PG and BPL group, Dukli Panchayat Samiti has further extended the support for APL poor families.
- Dukli Panchayat Samiti has taken steps for cremation of deceased covid-19 patients without any havoc.
- Vaccination drive was conducted for physically/ mentally retarded people and destitute in different GPs



Sewing Machine distribution at Khasmadhupur Gram Panchayat for providing livelihood support during covid'19 crisis.



A deceased Covid'19 patient at Khasmadhupur Gram Panchayat being taken care of.



- Many feel hesitant to undertake Rapid Antigen Test
- People were not eager to take covid'19 vaccination however with sensitization the progress has come up in the status of vaccination.
- Slow economic growth during the covid days is hampering many as people here mostly are daily bread earner.
- Covid-19 is instilling fear and grief particularly in case of deaths, in this case providing mental support is most important.
- People are often reluctant to wear mask and use sanitizer.







## Conclusion

During the initial phase of 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19 outbreak the positivity rate was 7%. However with adequate steps as detailed and correspondent team work, we have been successful in bringing down the positivity rate to 1.5 %. And we strongly believe that in the coming days, we would be able to curb the disease completely.

**Thanking You**

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Dukli Panchayat Samiti