

Minutes of the 21st Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the State Health Society (SHS) of National Health Mission (NHM) held at NHM Conference Hall on 04.01.2021 at 3PM

The 21st Executive Committee meeting of the State Health Society (SHS), NHM, Assam was held on 04.01.2021 under the Chairmanship of **Shri Samir Kr. Sinha, IAS, Sr. Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Assam** at the Conference Hall of NHM.

The list of members present in the meeting is annexed as Annexure – I.

1. The primary agenda of the meeting was to apprise all the members of the Executive Committee about the State Program Implementation Plan (SPIP) of 2021-22 and to seek approval for the same and also to discuss the COVID vaccination plan of the State.

2. Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM) welcomed the members present and gave an insight into the gist of the SPIP 2021-22, through a detailed presentation. After a threadbare discussion of the proposals, a few suggestions/observations were put forth by the Chairman and other members. These are to be incorporated in the SPIP and the revised SPIP will be submitted to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India initially and accordingly put up before the Governing Body for its approval. MD, NHM has also informed that the NPCC meeting is scheduled on 23 January 2021 for Assam.

3. The Executive Committee approved all the proposals of the SPIP with a few minor modifications.

The Resolutions of the meeting as agreed upon are stated below:

Sl. No	Discussion Points	Resolution adopted in the meeting
1.	Inclusion of OSD, NHM, Assam as co-opted member of the EC, NHM	The Chairman, EC & Sr. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam, proposed to co-opt OSD, NHM, Assam as member of EC, NHM. This proposal was agreed to by all members present in the meeting.
2.	Timely release of Central Fund to State Health Society (SHS).	The Chairman, EC & Sr. Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Assam requested officials concerned to ensure that the fund received from MoHFW, GoI, is to be released to the State Health Society (SHS) within the stipulated time frame. Mission Director, NHM, informed that, timely transfer of Central fund to State Health Society account is one of the indicators of NITI Aayog State Health Index.

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3.	Role of the concerned State Program Officer (SPO) during the NPCC meeting.	Chairman, EC observed that during NPCC, the concerned SPO of each program will defend their proposals and give reasonable justifications/ explanations for low performance in the year 2020-21. OSD, NHM was assigned the responsibility of working closely with all SPOs for ensuring their readiness in justifying their proposals in a befitting manner during the NPCC. SPOs will prepare a set of 10 main questions with reasonable answers and will make a presentation during the internal NPCC readiness meeting. This will enable them to defend their proposals with alacrity in the Ministry.
4.	Members to attend NPCC meeting in Delhi	The Chairman, EC, suggested that 8 Senior Officers and 8 SPOs are to attend the NPCC in Delhi. The DHS, DME, DHS-FW, are to attend the NPCC along with, MD, ED and OSD, NHM. MD-NHM is to take necessary action in this regard.
5.	Filling up of fact sheet detailing different sources of funding under Health & Family Welfare Sector in Assam	Sri Khanin Choudhury, ACS, Additional Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Deptt, Govt. of Assam and Director, RRC-NE will provide information related to different sources of funding under Health & Family Welfare Sector in Assam for the FY 2020-21 which will be submitted along with the SPIP to the ministry.
6.	Taking possession of land before proposing any new construction of health facility building in PIP	The Chairman, EC, advised that NHM Assam must collect the land possession certificate of the proposed land before any new proposal of construction of health facility is put up in the SPIP. This is essential for ensuring that there is no embarrassment nor any hassle faced in possession of the land once the proposal is approved.
7.	Approval of the SPIP 2021-22, amounting to Rs. 2347.03 Crores	The EC approved the SPIP 2021-22 proposals of NHM Assam amounting to Rs. 2347.03 Crores (excluding Infrastructure Maintenance budget). It was decided that after incorporation of necessary changes, the SPIP 2021-22 will be submitted to the ministry initially and accordingly put up for approval in the GB.

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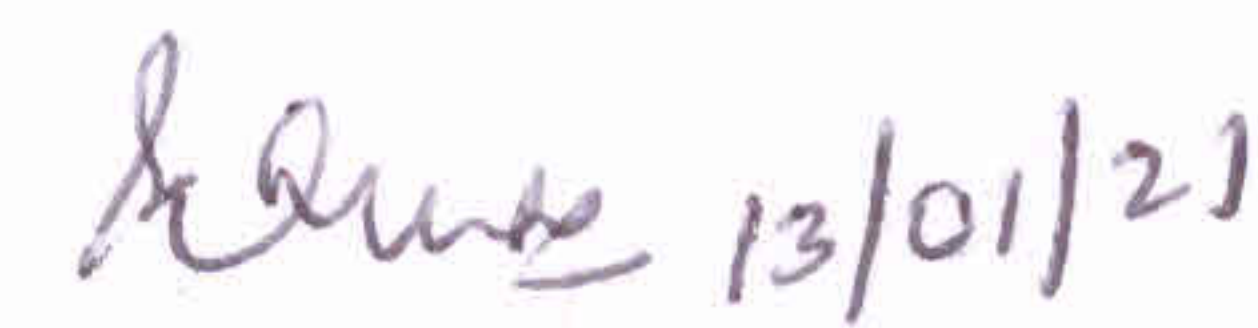
8.	Constituting a Sub-committee for tracking the SPIP conditionalities and for improving the State's overall performance.	The EC approved the proposal of constituting a National Program Monitoring Committee (NPMC) with the following members-MD, NHM, DHS, DME, DHS-FW, Director-RRC-NE, ED-NHM, Sri Khanin Choudhury, Additional Secretary, H&FW Deptt and OSD – NHM,. The Committee will sit once in a month and will apprise the Chairman, EC with their observation/suggestions and recommendations, if any, and will seek his advice /guidance for efficient implementation of the Programs.
9.	Intervention in the Wage Compensation Scheme, to enable timely deposit of fund to the 'Tea Garden Pregnant Women"beneficiaries.	The Chairman, EC, suggested that NHM, can follow the fund release practices being adopted by the ^{other} State run scheme – ARUNODDYOY , where, due amount is credited ^{to} at the Bank Account of enlisted beneficiaries each month on time. The undue delay in crediting the amount into the bank account of the Tea Garden beneficiaries has defeated the whole purpose of the scheme. He opined that the good practices of other developed nations in conditional cash transfer may also be referred to and to adopted by NHM, Assam.
10.	Approval for establishing 49 SC-HWCs under State AYUSH Mission, Assam, manned by Ayurveda qualified CHO.	The MoU, which was signed between SHS, NHM, Assam, and the State AYUSH Mission was ratified by the Executive Committee, whereby 49 SC-HWCs have been handed over to State AYUSH Mission for converting them as AYUSH-SCHWCs with Ayurveda qualified CHOs. The administrative control of these SC-HWCs will remain with DHS-FW, and only the management control will reside with the State AYUSH Mission, Assam.

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11.	COVID vaccination plan in Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The DHS-FW, Assam, gave a detailed presentation of the COVID vaccination plan. It was observed that the State must develop a very robust communication plan in order to do away with any kind of miscommunication and misinformation. The Chairman, EC, reiterated that the goal is to ensure smooth implementation of the COVID vaccination drive in Assam. ● DHS-FW, Assam was requested to put up a draft letter to the Sr. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam, mentioning specifically the kind of support required from Police and other related Departments during the COVID vaccination drive. ● The shortcoming / gaps, which were identified during the DRY RUN of COVID vaccination in the State, are to be addressed /resolved soon and DHS-FW was asked to share a status report on the same with the Sr. Principal Secretary, H & FW, GoA and MD, NHM, Assam.
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Chairman
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The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.


 (Shri Samir Kr. Sinha, IAS)
 Chairman, Executive Committee and
 Sr. Principal Secretary,
 Department of Health & Family Welfare,
 Government of Assam

Annexure-IList of members present in the 21st EC meeting held on 4th January 2021

#	Name	Designation
1	Samir Kr. Sinha, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & FW Department & Chairperson, EC
2	Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS	Mission Director, NHM, Assam
3	Khanindra Choudhury, ACS	Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & FW Department
4	Pomi Baruah, ACS	OSD, NHM, Assam
5	Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan	DHS, Assam
6	Munindra Nath Ngaty, ACS	DHS(FW), Assam
7	Dr. Anup Kr. Barman	DME, Assam
8	Dr. M.K. Choudhury	Executive Director, NHM, Assam
9	Dr. Ashoke Roy	Director, RRC-NE
10	Premananda Hazarika, AFS	Director, Fin. & Accounts, NHM, Assam
11	Dr. Nayan Jyoti Das	Addl. DHS cum SPO, NTEP
12	Dr. Rajib Sharma	Addl. DHS cum SPO, NRCP, NPCCH
13	Dr. Harpal Singh Suri	Jt. DHS cum SPO, NVBDCP
14	Rashmi Rekha Bhuyan	Asstt. Director, ASACS
15	Dr. Sabita Das	SSO, IDSP
16	Dr. Binita Goswami	Jt. DHS, UIP cum SEPIO
17	Dr. Kumud Saikia	Jt. DHS cum SPO, NPCB
18	Dr. Bhupen Nath	Jt DHS cum SNO, NPPCD
19	Dr. Rubi Kakati	Prof. RDC, Guwahati
20	R. P. Bezbaruah	Chief Consultant, NHM, Assam
21	K. Dharani Devi	DPHNS, SIHFW
22	Dr. Pranati Das	Jt. DHS cum SPO, NLEP
23	Dr. Arundhati Deka	Dy DHS cum SPO, NIDDCP/NPPCF/NTCP
24	Dr. Dipjyoti Deka	SPM, NHM, Assam
25	Dr. Rahul Sarmah	SPO, NCD