

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**Dated Shillong, the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.**

**No. Health.91/2020/Pt./60,**

From: M.N.Nampui, IAS,  
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Health & Family Welfare Department.

To

The Scientist E, ICMR,  
Department of Health Research,  
New Delhi. [arvind.necs@gmail.com](mailto:arvind.necs@gmail.com).

Sub :- Testing Centre for COVID-19 at Nazareth Hospital, Shillong.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly grant approval for Nazareth Hospital, Shillong as the testing centre for COVID-19 using GenXpert Platform.

The test kits will be procured by the State Government and will be provided to Nazareth Hospital Clinical Laboratory for free of cost testing for patients.

NEIGRIHMS, as the mentor institute, has already forwarded their recommendation to ICMR for Nazareth Hospital Clinical Laboratory as a testing centre.

Nazareth Hospital Clinical Laboratory is NABL accredited for real time RT PCR testing of RNA viruses using a closed system, which in this case is the GeneXpert CBNAAT (NABL certificate and Scope of testing documents attached). The scope is mentioned on Page 9, Serial No. 86.

An additional CBNAAT instrument/ instruments will be procured by the Government to install at Nazareth Hospital Clinical Laboratory till the time the government sees fit.

In view of the above, it is requested that ICMR will take the necessary steps to accord Nazareth Hospital Clinical Laboratory with the approval and will therefore provide the hospital with a Lab ID and password for uploading of results.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Health & Family Welfare Department

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**Copy to :-**

1. Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & F.W. Department for kind information.
2. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. Director of Health Services (MI), Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. Dr Michael Mawlong, Microbiologist, Nazareth Hospital, Shillong for kind information and necessary follow-up action.

By Order etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Health & Family Welfare Department