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Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

To

1. The Director, Higher Education Department, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
2. The Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Tripura, Agartala

**Sub:** Continue support for participation of Industrial Training Institutes, poly techniques, medical/paramedical/ nursing /vocational/degree colleges including private institutions in NDD February 2020

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the preparations for upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), to be held in February 2020 in the state.

2. Children who are excluded from the school education system often face multiple and overlapping disadvantages. These children have been shown to be more heavily infected with Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) than those who go to school<sup>1</sup> and thus requiring focused engagement with this category.

3. As per census 2011 (extrapolated for 2020), state has substantial number of out-of-school children (15%) out of the total projected population which also includes those who are engaged in other streams of education such as in degree colleges, polytechnics and vocational courses including private colleges etc.

4. During NDD August 2019, state has dewormed only 41% out-of-school as per census projected population (extrapolated 2019) hence there is a significant gap between the NDD coverage in out-of-school children category and WHO benchmark of 75% coverage applicable to all categories of NDD.

5. NDD aims to deworm all children (as per the census population) between 1 to 19 years. Therefore, it is essential to reach out of school children enrolled in these institutions.

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<sup>1</sup> Husein et al., 1996



6. The state is preparing for NDD on **February 17, 2020 followed by mop-up day on February 24, 2020**, an early intervention as the first step is essential to determine number of adolescent boys and girls as per enrollment till the age of 19 years which will strengthen the program reach and coverage.

7. In this regard, you are requested for Issuance of directives to all institutes for providing necessary support and coordination with Health department for mobilization and logistics planning.

8. We look forward to cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,

  
Mission Director (NHM)  
Government of Tripura

**Copy to:**

1. The Director, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine (DFWPM), Government of Tripura for information.
2. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
3. All Chief Medical Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
4. All District Nodal Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
5. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action - Deworm the world Initiative, Tripura for information.

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1. PS to the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary.
2. PS to the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary
3. PS to the Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary

  
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