

REPORT ON MASS VOLUNTARY WORK ON CLEANING UP OF PLASTIC WASTE IN AIZAWL CITY

The Aizawl Municipal Corporation has taken serious measures to reduce, reused and recycle plastic waste. In pursuance of this, Mass Social Work to collect plastic waste was organized on 7th June 2019. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana on 7th June 2019 7:00 AM at New Market, Dawrpui, Aizawl, Mizoram.

The main objective of the event was to educate and create awareness to the citizen about the adverse effect of plastic pollution in our city. Therefore, priority is given to clean up waste where more amount of plastic waste was accumulated. So, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation has selected areas i.e. rivers and road where more amount of plastics wastes are piled up.

The Aizawl Municipal Corporation is planning to ban the use of plastic starting from 1st August 2019, and planning to declare the city as Plastic Free City on 2nd October 2019; So, it was also part of the sensitization programme for this initiative as well.

About 72,120 volunteers were participated in the event. Out of this volunteers, 68,350 volunteers were from Aizawl City and the other 3770 volunteers were from another district of Mizoram. The participant includes students, government employees, and from the general public.

All 83 Local Councils under Aizawl Municipal Corporation are directed by Aizawl Municipal Corporation to organize mass voluntary work within their jurisdiction as per the guidelines laid out by Aizawl Municipal Corporation. The participation of at least one person/volunteers from every household voluntarily was witness in the event.

In collaboration with volunteers under The National Service Scheme (NSS), 8 areas (mostly rivers and roads) in the Aizawl Municipal area were identified as shown below, and NSS unit was allotted to cover each area: -

Sl. No.	Name of Location in which Social Work were conducted	Name of NSS Unit allotted
1.	Chite River (Chite bridge, below Armed Veng), 100 meters towards east and west of Chite river bank	Govt. Zemabawk HSS
2.	Chite River ((Chite bridge, below Bethlehem Vengthlang), 100 meters east and west of Chite river bank	Govt. Republic HSS
3.	Vailui (Mission Vengthlang to Reiek Kai)	Govt. JL HSS
4.	Hnimtheilo Lui (Chawnpui to Tanhril)	Govt. Chaltlang HSS
5.	Tuikual Lui (Near Ebenezer Hospital to below Govt. JL HSS)	Govt. KM HSS
6.	Airport Road (Social Welfare Go down to ZDU dumping Ground)	Helen Lowry HSS
7.	Airport Road (ZDU dumping ground to Rangvamual)	Synod HSS
8.	Airport Road (Phunchawng to Sihhmui village)	Govt. Mamawii HSS

The NSS volunteers collected and transported the plastic waste within the areas allotted to them under the supervision of Aizawl Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors of Aizawl Municipal Corporation.

The State Government was working hard for the successful implementation of the event. The Government has decided to observe the 7th June 2019 (Friday) as World Environment Day and pledge taking ceremony on cleanliness and sanitation. So, all the state government employees were directed to participate in the event. Pledge taking ceremony was organized by the government of Mizoram which was followed by mass voluntary cleaning and collection on plastic waste in and around Government offices and buildings.

The pledge taking ceremony at the Mizoram Secretariat was administered by Mr. Lalnunmawia Chuaungo, Chief Secretary at the Courtyard of Secretariat building. In addition to this, all Head of Departments/Deputy Commissioners/Heads of Offices has organized the ceremony in their offices and administered the pledge and the programmes was followed by voluntary cleaning of plastic wastes.

In addition to this, all institutions were actively participated and organized this awareness campaign. All colleges and schools in Aizawl have participated in the voluntary works.

All the plastic waste collected during this event were transported to the Plastic Waste Management Center of Aizawl Municipal Corporation at Tural. About 103 truckloads of plastic waste were received in the management center during the event. This plastic waste will be recycled and reuse.