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## Community Monitoring under NRHM launched in State

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A mechanism to ensure delivery of the various public health services provided by the government at the community level, Community Monitoring under National Rurla Health Mission has been launched in the State.

State Health Minister Lal Thanzara inaugurated the same today at a function held at I&PR Conference Hall here in the State capital.

The Community Monitoring will

assess and supervise the various health initiatives carried out by the government under the National Health Mission. The same has been followed already in several states of the country.

Serchhip District has been selected for the pilot project and the organization Zoram Entu Pawl will take up the Monitoring task.

At the Launching Programme today which was presided over by State Health secretary Esther lalruatkimi, experts imparted train-

ing to the selected workers for Community Monitoring regarding the tasks. Speaking at the Community Monitoring Launching Programme, State Health Minister Lal Thanzara said that through the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Mizoram has been taking vigorous steps, and, as a result immense progress is seen in public health, he added. Community Monitoring will make the government initiative more effective and also the people will give better

support to the government, so it is thankful, the Health Minister said. He advised the selected Monitoring workers to acknowledge the importance of their task and to perform their duty effectively. He urged them to give intellectual support to the hospital staffs and also to be skillful in finding out the problem of the people, showing the latter the right way concerning their health. In entire Mizoram, at present, there are 987 Accredited social Health Activists (ASHA): VII-

lage Health sanitation and nutrition committees (VHSNC) set up in 815 places; and Rogi Kalyan Samities or Patient welfare Committees (RKS) set up in 77 hospitals, the Health Minister mentioned in his speech, adding, the State government will also take further vigorous steps in health sector.

Later in the day, after the launching of the Community Monitoring, selected workers for Community Monitoring were imparted training at Orientation Workshop

by Dr. Gordon Zohmingthanga. NRHM Mission Director, Dr. TC Hmingthangi, SNO and R.Lalmuankima, State Facilitator, RRC-NE, Dr.Bijit Roy and Dr.Rakhag Gaitonde, who came from AGCA Secretariat. Dr Lalrinliana Sailo, Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dr.Lalbiakima, Director, Health & Medical education and Dr.K.Ropari, Director, Health services were also present at the Orientation Workshop.