

Following reports of a good number of buffaloes dying in a recent outbreak of suspected Haemorrhagic septicaemia (HS), a team from Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) department visited the affected areas under Medziphema on April 12. (Haemorrhagic septicaemia is a contagious bacterial disease that affects cattle and water buffaloes with a high mortality rate in infected animals).

AH&VS, deputy director & principal investigator, AICRP-ADMAS, Dr S. Amenla Walling, in a press release reported that the team consisted of the department's director, Dr Temsumeren, along with additional director, Dr. Budhi Lama, and other officials from the department. The press release added that the area is prone to such kind of disease outbreaks and the department officials reminded villagers to cooperate with the department and vaccinate their animals against such outbreaks. The team told the villagers that even an outbreak can be contained more effectively if villagers report the matter on time to the nearest Veterinary Health Centre.

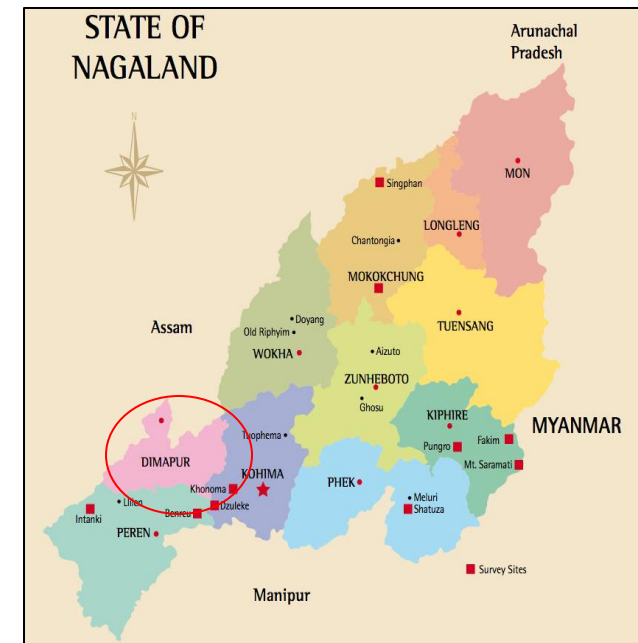
The villagers admitted in the meeting that they had not reported the recent outbreak to the department initially. The director appreciated the CVO Dimapur and his Rapid Response Team for their quick action after receiving information and for remaining stationed in the outbreak area to date. Free medicine was also distributed among the villagers. The department, through the press release also appealed to everyone to report such matters to the nearest Veterinary Health Centre (so that qualified staff may intervene quickly), instead of publicizing it in other ways. It stated that the department is prepared to extend services to any outbreak of diseases in animals to control such things.

The press release also pointed out that to control the recent outbreak, the department had to direct its officials to make their own transport arrangements to go to the affected areas because the State Election department did not consider an appeal to exempt the department's emergency duty vehicle from election duty.

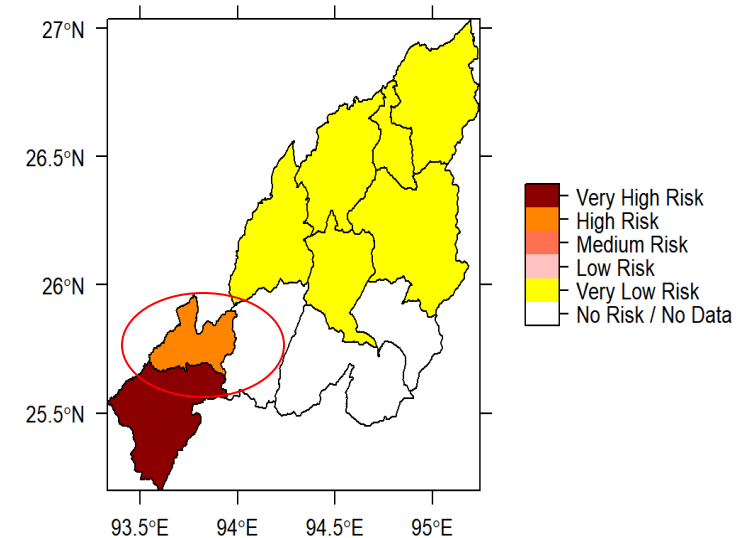
Meanwhile, when contacted, Dr S. Amenla Walling told Nagaland Post that it is difficult to say if the disease has been fully contained since its free grazing season for the animals, but the department is doing its best under the circumstances.

### NIVEDI PREDICITONS

Districts of Nagaland	HS prediction for February 2019	HS prediction for March 2019	HS prediction for April 2019
Peren	VLR	VLR	VHR
Dimapur	VLR	NR	HR
Kohima	VLR	VLR	NR
Wokha	VLR	NR	VLR



**Risk Prediction of Haemorrhagic septicaemia for the month of April 2019**



**Note: Spatial and temporal neighbours**