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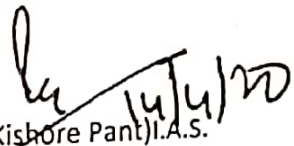
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To,

The Principal,
Government Medical College,
Haldwani

As we are aware that COVID-19 is emerging as major public challenge all over the globe and our state is also affected with it. In view of this, it is critical to increase the numbers of tests conducted by laboratories. Positivity rate in cases is still low. Hence, an advisory by ICMR, DHR has been issued regarding the use of the pooled samples for screening. A pooled testing algorithm involves the PCR screening of a specimen pool comprising multiple individual patient specimens, followed by individual testing (Pool deconvolution) only if a pool screens positive. As all individual samples in a negative pool are regarded as negative, it results in substantial cost savings when a large proportion of pools tests negative. The detailed advisory is enclosed.

As your microbiology laboratory is one of the COVID 19 diagnostic centre in the state you are requested to kindly implement the enclosed advisory for increasing capacity of sample testing.


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Mission Director,
National Health Mission

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