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**The government has given priority to expanding livelihood
the people opportunities to living in the forest areas: CM**

‘The Government has given priority to expanding the livelihood opportunities to the people living in the forest areas. Various projects are being implemented through the forest department to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people living in the forests and save the environment’, said Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on 13th November, 2020 after inaugurating the Indo-German Development Corporation project at Chandraipara High School campus in Ambassa organised by the forest department and Dhalai district administration. The Chief Minister said, ‘The project worth 280 Cr holds great significance as this project is to make the environment free from pollution.’ He also said that forests not only provide oxygen but also prevent soil erosion of the river banks, prevent landslides and help revive dried up rivers. ‘This project will also generate income opportunities for people living in forest areas. Rules have been simplified in various fields to provide livelihood opportunities through the use of forest resources’, he added. To encourage more afforestation and environment awareness among people, the forest department has taken the initiative to sell each sapling at one rupee from the nurseries.

The Chief Minister said, ‘The government has given priority to overall development of Dhalai district. Step has been taken to set up a medical college in this district without anybody in the district needing to participate in a movement for it. The present government is working with a generous mentality. Starting from PMAY, e-PDS, social allowances etc, the Government is focussed on providing more government facilities and opportunities to the people. Government jobs are being given and some have been given jobs through die in harness. Jobs have also been given based on contracts and outsourcing.’

He said, ‘The State Government has decided to give 8 thousand jobs in the cabinet meeting. 4 thousand jobs through employment services and manpower planning department and 4 thousand jobs in teacher post.’ He also said that India has had long-term good relations with Germany. He thanked the German Government for extending their helping hand through this project worth 280 Cr to be implemented in Tripura.

Food Minister Manoj Kanti Deb in his speech said, 'This project under the forest department will be implemented in 191 villages of 11 blocks under Dhalai and North districts for 7 years. As a result, the people living in the forest areas will be benefitted. MP Rebati Tripura said, 'The Earth is facing a huge environmental challenge and to tackle this the Indian Government with the help of the German Government is able to implement this project in Tripura. This project will play an important role in the overall economic development.'

Forest and Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia in his speech said, 'Tripura may be a small state among the North eastern states but is rich in natural resources. There is around 70% forest area in the state.' Others who delivered their speech were Ruby Ghosh, President, DhalaiZillaParishad; Manfred Oster, Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany; Dr. D.K Sharma, Chief Forest Conservator. Welcome speech was given by B.C Mishra, CEO IGDC project. Vote of thanks was given by GovekarMayurRatilal, DM and Collector, Dhalai district. Others present in the programme were ParimalDebbarma, MLA; Dhananjay Tripura, MLA; Shambhulal Chakma, MLA and other officials. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb planted sapling after the inauguration of the project. Later the programme progressed with a warm dance performance Hojagiri and a drama enacted upon forest conservation. Welcome song was sung by local singer Aparna Chakraborty.
