

**Agriculture Minister inaugurates 'Krishak Bandhu Kendra',
State Government is tirelessly working for farmers' welfare: Agriculture Minister**

Farmers must become self-reliant. With this goal in mind, the State Government is tirelessly working for the welfare of farmers. Farmers are the source of our food supply, they are the backbone of agricultural production. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath made this statement, while inaugurating the newly constructed Krishak Bandhu Kendra at Chantail Gram Panchayat in Chandipur Block. The construction cost of the Krishak Bandhu Kendra was ₹83,28,400.

During the event, Agriculture Minister highlighted the State's initiatives for improving connectivity, expanding access to drinking water through pipelines, increasing the production of fish, meat, and eggs, and developing the tourism sector. While speaking, Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath also mentioned the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Yojana. He stated that adopting this scheme would help save on electricity bills, and the surplus electricity produced could be sold for additional income.

The chief guest, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Tinku Roy, remarked that the previous government had taken no significant initiative for the overall development of the State's people. The present government is implementing different projects for the welfare of the peoples. In this context, he referred to measures such as increasing the wages of tea garden workers and granting land deeds to tea workers. At the event, 10 farmers were felicitated, and power tillers along with various agricultural tools were distributed among them. The programme was presided over by Chandipur Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Sampa Das Pal, while the welcome address was delivered by the Director of the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department, Dipak Kumar Das. Among others present were Unakoti Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Amalendu Das, Zilla Parishad Member Bimal Kar, and Unakoti District Magistrate Dr. Tamal Majumdar.

Before this event, Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated the 132 kV Kailashahar Substation at Gournagar, Kailashahar, along with the 132 kV transmission line from the 132 kV Dharmanagar Substation to the 132 kV Kailashahar Substation. He also inspected the substation and held discussions with the employees of the Power Department. Present at this event were Social Welfare and Social Education Minister Tinku Roy, Unakoti Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Amalendu Das, Zilla Parishad Member Bimal Kar, Chandipur Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Sampa Das Pal, District Magistrate Dr. Tamal Majumdar, TSECL Managing Director Biswajit Basu, TP TL AGM (Transmission) Nirupam Guha, among others. Notably, the construction of the 132 kV substation cost ₹59.82 crore.