

14 Projects inaugurated & foundation stone laid for 5 more
Efforts are on to provide advanced services to the
citizens in a transparent manner: Chief Minister

The present government is committed to providing basic services like nutrition, health and pre-primary education to the future generation. Because, they will play a catalytic role in running the state and the country in the future. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha stated this yesterday after virtually inaugurating 14 projects of the Social Welfare and Social Education Department and laying the foundation stone for 5 hostels of 100 bed capacity for working women from the Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan. Moreover, the Chief Minister also inaugurated a 50-bed hostel for boys of Agartala DIET at this event.

During the discussion at the event, the Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for the country to be developed in all fields by 2047. It is with this aim that the development roadmap of the states is being prepared. Tripura State is ranked 5th in the entire country and first in the Northeast. At the event nine Anganwadi centres in different subdivisions of West Tripura district, two parks in Child Care Institutes in Narsingarh and Abhoynagar, Aftercare Home for Girls and Child Care Institute and Specialized Adoption Agency for Orphaned Children at Abhoynagar have been inaugurated. Moreover, the foundation stone of hostels for working women has been laid at Abhoynagar, A.D. Nagar, Bodhjunnagar, Sabroom and Belonia. The cost of the projects inaugurated and the foundation stone laid will be about 61 crore rupees. Moreover, the hostel for boys inaugurated in Agartala DIET has cost 1 crore 84 lakh rupees. The Chief Minister also said that so far this year, various projects worth about 800 crore rupees have been inaugurated and foundation stone laid for.

Today's event also saw the launch of a program to provide a total of 11,130 smart phones to Anganwadi workers and ICDS supervisors under the Poshan Abhiyan. The Chief Minister said that this program has been taken up as an initiative of the Central Government to collect real-time data at the field level. The total cost for this will be Rs. 12 crore 89 lakh. Chief Minister Professor (Dr) Manik Saha said that currently there is only 1 hostel for working women in the state. The state government has taken the initiative to set up 10 more such hostels. The foundation stone of the hostels has already been laid in Ambassa, Dharmanagar and Kailashahar, including these five. Initiatives will be taken to build hostels in Udaipur and Kumarghat in the coming days. The hostels will have all the latest facilities including gym, entertainment center, sports facilities, childcare facilities etc.

The cost of construction of each hostel will be Rs 11.40 crore. He said that currently, social pensions are being given to about 4 lakh beneficiaries under various schemes from the Social Welfare and Social Education Department. A total of 9,188 children have been helped under the Chief Minister's Poshan Abhiyan. Since April 1, 2023, 1,402 Anganwadi workers and 1,615 Anganwadi helpers have been appointed. At the event, the Chief Minister and other guests symbolically handed over nutrition kits to some beneficiaries and mobile phones to Anganwadi workers.

Speaking at the event, Social Welfare and Social Education Minister Tinku Roy said that the Social Welfare and Social Education Department provides various services to citizens from birth to death. Currently, there are 10,275 Anganwadi centers in the state. In these centers 2,82,231 children aged 0-6 years are registered. Besides, 345 more Anganwadi centres will be opened in the state in the coming days under different schemes. Initiatives have been taken to convert identified 100 Anganwadi centers to English medium. Then 101 Anganwadi workers have been promoted to the post of supervisor on an ad-hoc basis. Moreover, the puja grant for Anganwadi workers has been increased by Rs. 210 to Rs. 2,310. He also said that a one-time payment of Rs. 2,000 for mobile bills and Rs. 1,000 for sarees of Anganwadi workers will be paid into their accounts before Durga Puja. A short documentary on various developmental works of the department was also screened at the event. The welcome speech was delivered by the Secretary of the concerned department, Tapas Roy, and Director, Tapan Kumar Das delivered the vote of thanks.