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Clarification of Published news

The news item published in planet East on 17th October, 2025 under the caption “Expired medicines allegedly distributed in Jalai” and the news item published in Tripura Observer on 17th October, 2025 under the caption “Expired medicines distributed spark outrage, investigation` has come to the notice of the CMO, Unakoti. Regarding this matter CMO, Unakoti clarified that, in response to these serious allegation immediately constituted a three-member Enquiry Committee, chaired by the District Immunization Officer, Dr. Sandipan Bhattacharjee, to conduct a thorough Investigation. The Enquiry Committee conducted comprehensive interviews, collecting statements from all concerned parties, including the Community Health Officer (CHO) of Jalai AAM, the MPW, all ASHAs, local villagers, and members of the Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS). The committee also reviewed the preliminary investigation report submitted by Kanika Memorial Primary Health Centre (PHC). The Community Health Officer (CHO) provided both a verbal and written statement to the District Enquiry Committee. In her statement, she asserted that, she meticulously follows all protocols regarding expired medicine disposal, including maintaining a separate Expired Medicine Box with lock and key and a dedicated Register. She affirmed that she never distributed any expired medicine to any patient. She stated that prior to taking leave, she had correctly discarded some expired medicines into the deep burial pit designated for solid waste disposal in the Ayushman Arogya Mandir premises. premises.
