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**Vaccination programme started in the state under the National Animal Disease Control  
Programme: ARDD**

The 45-day FMD or foot-and-mouth disease 2nd phase vaccination programme has started from 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 across the state as part of the Central Government's National Animal Disease Control Programme(NADCP) scheme. In this programme all types of cattle will be vaccinated against foot and mouth disease. Bhagwan Chandra Das, Minister of Animal Resources Development Department, announced this news in a press conference held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 in the Press Conference Hall of the Secretariat.

Minister Bhagwan Chandra Das said that a large number of people in the country are involved in animal husbandry, their economic status is largely dependent on cattle milk. But FMD stands in the way and naturally has a financial impact and the herdsman are exposed to losses. In order to get rid of this problem, the central government initiated a nationwide cattle vaccination program on September 11, 2019 through the 'National Animal Disease Control Programme'(NADCP) scheme. He said that the first phase of vaccination has already been completed in Tripura. In the first phase, 6 lakh 32 thousand 623 cattle were vaccinated and tagged across the state. He said the name of the owner of the respective animal is given in the tag, it helps to identify the animal. The minister said that this tag has many positive aspects. The minister said that some financial assistance has also been allocated in this animal vaccination. The vaccinator will be paid 26 rupees for vaccinating big animals and 11 rupees for small animals. He appealed to herders to follow all the hygienenorms and maintaining the covid rules to take their cattle to the nearest vaccination centre and vaccinate their cattle in the current corona situation. He said that registration must be done by putting in earrings during vaccination.

Minister Bhagwan Chandra Das said that this vaccination process will continue in different phases for the next 5 years across the country. It is through the success of this vaccination that the animals will be completely freed from foot and mouth disease. Apart from Secretary T.K Debnath of Animal Resource Development Department, Director of the Department Dilip Kumar Chakma was present at the press conference.

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