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**Inauguration of Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogajog Yojana for the academic year 2023-24**  
**Smart phones are very essential for students: Information Technology Minister**

The importance of smart phones to students is essential. Smart phones are essential for students to make Digital India as well as Digital Tripura program a success. Students are capable of playing an important role in the development of the state and the nation. Information Technology Minister Pranajit Singha Roy said this while inaugurating Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogajog Yojana for the academic year 2023-24 at IT Bhavan in Indranagar yesterday. At the program, the Information Technology Minister said that final year students studying in all government educational institutions of the state can apply for this scheme by January 15, 2024. Students have to apply on BMS portal <https://bms.tripura.gov.in>. The government will credit the amount in the bank account of the students. Nowadays smart phone is a very necessary electronic device for students for online courses or classes. In this scheme, the government will give a maximum assistance of 5 thousand rupees to each student for the purchase of a smart phone. He said many parents cannot afford to buy smart phones for their children. So the government is giving assistance under this scheme.

Information and Technology Minister Pranajit Singha Roy also said that 6 crore rupees have been allocated in the budget of the current financial year for this scheme with the target of 12000 students in the academic year 2023-24. But under the initiative of Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha, it has been decided to bring 19,796 final year students studying in all government educational institutions of the state under this scheme in the academic year 2023-24. For this the fund requirement has been increased to Rs 9.49 crore. He said that the government has introduced e-office in every government office. A target has been taken to achieve paperless offices by December 31, 2023.

This scheme is being implemented from the financial year 2020-21. 7,274 students got benefits in financial year 2020-21, 9,579 students in financial year 2021-22, 11,892 students in financial year 2022-23 have benefited under this scheme. A total of 28,745 students have benefited from this scheme in the last 3 financial years. 14.37 crore rupees has been spent for this. Secretary of Information Technology Department Kiran Gitte, Additional Director of Information Technology Department Bidyut Dutta, Additional Director Uttam Poddar, Nodal Officers of various educational institutions and final year students were present in the inauguration program. Besides, Heads of educational institutions also attended the inauguration program through video conference.