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**ICA Minister at the blood donation camp in Lichubagan**

**The government has tried to turn blood donation into a mass movement: ICA Minister**

The supply of blood is less than its demand in the state which is why the government has tried to turn blood donation into a mass movement. However, during the Covid-19 situation, this effort was somewhat hindered, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Chowdhury after inaugurating a blood donation campaign at Government College of Arts and Crafts situated in Lichubagan yesterday. The 7-day special blood donation campaign organized by the NSS Unit of the college. ICA Minister in the programme said, our country needs 38 thousand units of blood every day. There is no alternative to blood. The Minister called upon everyone to come forward for the noble work of donating blood.

ICA Minister also said, we have to work for the country and the society by being responsible towards the welfare of the society. We have to fight against drugs together. In this regard, the Minister called upon clubs and NGOs besides the administration and the public to come forward. He said a meeting has already been held with the club forum on the issue. The impact of Covid-19 is much less in the state at present. But the state government is still cautious about it. 91% Covid vaccination has been done in the state. Vaccinating 15-18 years age group is continued in the state. The target is to vaccinate 2 lakh 13 thousand of the age group. Other dignitaries present in the programme were Director of Higher Education N. C Sharma, Tripura State NSS Officer and Associate Professor Dr. Chitrajit Bhowmik, Principal in charge of the College Abhijit Bhattacharjee, GBP Hospital Blood Bank Medical Officer Dr. Sanjana Goswami. Welcome speech was delivered by NSS Program Officer Manish Bhattacharjee.

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