

Education minister launches Auro Scholarship programme

In a virtual event organized by Sri Aurobindo Society, the education minister Ratan Lal Nath launched the monthly micro-scholarship of Sri Aurobindo for all the students of the state yesterday. This virtual event was also attended by SPD of Samagra Shiksha Saju Vaheed, secretary of education department Saumya Gupta, member executive of Sri Aurobindo Society from Puducherry Vijay Poddar and director (education) of Sri Aurobindo Society Sambhrant Sharma from New Delhi, apart from thousands of teachers and students.

Addressing the virtual event the education minister said, "I am glad to know that the Auro Scholarship programme of Sri Aurobindo Society is providing an innovative solution in the form of micro-scholarships to our students, that promotes improved learning outcomes of the students, besides motivating them to adopt remedial learning". The minister also informed that through simple mobile-based quizzes the students can win scholarships of upto Rs. 1000 every month on achieving good performance in online curriculum based assessments.

It is worth mentioning here that working through Auro Scholar App, Auro Scholarship programme awards monthly micro-scholarships to K-12 students on achieving benchmark performance in a 10-min curriculum-aligned quiz on an internet enabled phone. The parents receive upto Rs. 1000 per month (Rs. 50 per quiz, 20 quizzes across five subjects) in their bank account, which they can use to pay their child's education in various ways.

This monthly micro-scholarship is said to be first of its kind. This scholarship programme was launched nationally about one and half year ago and lakhs of users have registered on the App since then. Auro Scholar aims to eventually reach 25 crore K-12 children across the country and incentivize them for learning.

27 roads constructed under PMGSY in previous fiscal year

In the fiscal year 2020-21, 27 roads were constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The total length of the roads was 108.798 km approx. Apart from this, four bridges were built under the same scheme in the previous fiscal year.

This was informed in a press release by the PWD department (PMGSY). It was informed that in 2018-19 fiscal year, 58 roads and four bridges were constructed. The total length of the roads was 169.087 km. In 2019-20 fiscal year, 21 roads and six bridges were constructed. The total length of the roads was 85.20 km. The chief secretary also informed that so far 22.09 km road development work has been done and the work is ongoing for more 235.49 km road in the second phase.

Irrigation facilities created in West District

Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana in 2020-21 fiscal year, ponds were excavated for 26 families and old ponds were repaired for 14 families in 5 blocks of West Tripura district spending 40 lakh 80 thousand rupees. Among these, 7 new ponds were excavated and 6 old ponds were repaired in Jirania block, 7 new ponds were excavated and 6 old ponds were repaired in Mohanpur block, 3 new ponds were excavated and 2 old ponds were repaired in Hezamara block, 3 new ponds in Mandai block and 6 new ponds in Dukli block were excavated. This

was informed by the agriculture and farmer's welfare office, West Tripura district.

Housing for 78 fishermen under Blue revolution scheme

78 fishermen families of Kanchanpur sub division were provided housing under Blue Revolution scheme. Among them 18 families are from Laljuri block, 24 from Dasda block, 26 from Pecharthal block, and 10 families from Damcherra block. An amount of Rs. 1 lakh 30 thousand was invested for each housing. House construction for 12 more families is in progress. This information was collected from Kanchanpur Sub Division fisheries supervisor Aghore Debbarma.

1287.166 MT paddy procured at MSP in West Tripura district

With the initiative of agriculture and farmer's welfare department in the 2020-21 fiscal year, 1287.166 MT paddy was procured at MSP from 863 farmers of four agricultural sub divisions of West Tripura district. As a result, 2 Cr 39 lakh 97 thousand rupees was sent to the farmer's bank accounts as informed by the agricultural officer of West Tripura district. Under this programme, 568.522

MT paddy was procured from 368 farmers of Mohanpur agricultural sub division, 602.61 MT paddy was procured from 403 farmers of Jirania sub division, 90.454 MT paddy was procured from 75 farmers from Dukli agricultural sub division and 35.580 MT paddy was procured from 17 farmers of Mandai agricultural sub division.

Yoga & physical exercise camps held in South district

Ayush and Yoga camps were held at the health and wellness centres under primary health centres of Barpathari, Matai, Nalua, Paikhola, Maichera, BC Manu and Hrishyamukh and Manubazar community health centres in South Tripura district on April 29. MPW, Anganwadi workers and ASHA workers were present in these yoga and physical training camps. Local people participated in these camps. In the camps discussion was held on the importance of yoga and physical exercise and preventive measures. The secretary of the State Health and Family Welfare Society has informed this in a press release.

Successful Cochlear Implant surgery under Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakram

Sagnika Saha, aged 4.6 years daughter of Biswajit Saha, Bishalgarh has undergone Cochlear Implant surgery under Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakram. Now the child is being able to hear and with two years speech therapy she is believed to be able to speak also. The parents of Sagninka have expressed gratitude for this treatment.

It is worth mentioning that under Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakram, Tripura, children who have in-born physical deformities get treatment facilities free of cost. Children ageing between 0-18 years are eligible for this facility. During the 2020—21 financial year total 52 children have availed of this facility for hearing defects under RBSK. Among them four have received Cochlear implant surgery and hearing devices. Cochlear surgery involves an amount of about Rs. 10 lakh. But in the state RSHK has offered this free of cost. This has been informed in a press release from the family welfare and preventive medicine department.