

Free rice distribution under PMGKAY in Bishalgarh today

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana free rice was handed over to 20 families of Bishalgarh subdivision at a special programme today. MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma inaugurated the distribution programme held at the conference hall of SDM office. Speaking on the occasion he said, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was launched during COVID-19 period to give free rice to the poor. This scheme is still in operation. This scheme was a strong step on the part of the central government, stated the MLA. The free rice distribution programme was also attended by chairperson of Bishalgarh Municipal Council Anjan Purkayastha, member of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Dilip Debbarma and other dignitaries. It is worth mentioning here that under the scheme total 620 MT rice was distributed through fair price shops in the subdivision.

33X11 KV Power sub-station commissioned at Fatikroy today

People do not have to go to the government, but the government is coming to them. This is the outlook with which development activities are being implemented throughout the state for the

welfare of people, stated the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma today after inaugurating 33X11 KV and 2X5 MVA power sub-station and a Krishak Gyan Kendra at Fatikroy of Kumarghat block. He said, during the last four years total 35



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power sub-stations have been set up. This year by July another 70 sub-stations will be prepared. In order to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the people these sub-stations are being installed. He said, the present government has not increased the power tariff, rather loan has been secured from World Bank and Asian Development Bank to upgrade the power supply system further.

Addressing the gathering the agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Pranajit Singhat Roy said, efforts are on to double

the farmers' income. For this, coming away from the conventional system of farming, modern technology is being used to increase production. And the benefit is already visible. The government is planning to open agricultural subdivision in every administrative block. Godowns have been opened in all the eight districts for the convenience of farmers.

Minister of jail department Bhagaban Das said, during the last four years massive development works have been in process. Both the Prime Minister and the chief minister have been sincere about ensuring development of tribes and non-tribes. Others present in the programme were MLA Sudhangshu Das, director of agriculture department Dipak Das, Sabhadhipati of Unakoti Zilla Parishad and other dignitaries.

Total Rs. 7.72 crore has been spent in setting up the power sub-station. The work for this project started on September 1, 2019 and R.K. Industries and SR Chaddha Industries were in charge of making this reality. About 3,500 people of Fatikroy, Krishananagar, Rajnagar, Fatikchera and Gokul nagar will benefit because of this.

Roshni Abhiyan launched in West district to eliminate cataract

With a view to getting the West Tripura district rid of cataract, Roshni Abhiyan has been launched in the district. Giving out more details on this at a press conference at the DM office today DM of West district Debapriya Bardhan said, through Roshni Abhiyan West district will be freed from cataract in next six months. He said, the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb announced this scheme on April 27 at the Jirania block level health fair. The scheme will be implemented in phased manner. ASHA workers will visit door to door to survey the prospective beneficiaries. When the list is finalized by the doctors, cataract operation will be done through health camps. Patients will be under medical care for 45 days. He has appealed to the patients to take advantage of this scheme.

DM, West, also informed, Anganwadi workers of the social welfare and social education department are identifying physically challenged persons in mission mode. Later on they will be given certificates through camps to be organized by DDRCs. Chief medical officer Dr. Debashis Das, programme officer of Blind Control programme Dr. Shyamrup Bhattacharya and social welfare and social education officer Dr. Chandrani Biswas also spoke to the media there.