

Over 12,000 poor under PM Matru Vandana Yojana in Dhalai

So far 12,120 poor pregnant women have been registered for benefits of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana in Dhalai district. Those who are going to have their first child and do not have government job will get Rs. 5000. The benefit will be released like this – Rs. 1000 after registration, Rs. 2000 after first health check-up, and Rs. 2000 after first vaccination and birth registration of the child is completed. So far 5,198 women have received their first installment of Rs. 1000. Similarly, 4,243 women have got their second installment of Rs. 2000 and 2,679 women have received their third installment of Rs. 2000. This information has been given by the Dhalai district office of social welfare and social education department.

More state awards in different fields on the anvil

The state government has decided to reward the personalities contributing to different fields in the state. This was approved in the state cabinet yesterday, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath. Recently Thanga Darlong and Beni

Chandra Jamatia were honoured with Padmashri Award by the Government of India. The minister said, already different state have their own awards to honour renowned persons of their states. Now the state government has decided to a special award will be given to such persons who have immensely contributed to different fields on the occasion of Statehood Day.

Five such awards to be given will be in the field of literature, art, sports, science, social work, journalism, general administration and health service. The award will be named Tripura Bibhushan and consist of Rs. 5 lakh cash prize and memento. Another award of Rs. 2 lakh and memento for having contribution to the same fields will be given and called Tripura Bhushan. S.D. Barman Memorial Award carrying Rs. 1 lakh and memento will be given in the field of music, art and culture.

Similarly, Rs. 1 lakh and memento will be given as prize of Maharani Kanchanprabha Debi Memorial Award in the field of women empowerment, woman and child care, female literacy campaign etc. Rs. 1 lakh and memento will also be given to those having huge contribution towards innovative science. The state government will constitute a committee to nominate persons for these awards.

**Tripura Media Representatives
Accreditation Guidelines' replaces
'Tripura Press Accreditation Rules-2001'**

The 'Tripura Press Representative Accreditation Rules – 2001' has been amended to be known as 'Tripura Media Representative Accreditation Guidelines'. The state cabinet had approved this amendment yesterday. Giving further details of the decision the education minister Ratan Lal Nath said at the press meet at the state secretariat yesterday, the new 'Tripura Media Representative Accreditation Guidelines' has been modeled after the 'Model Accreditation Rules-2014' of the Press Council of India.

Talking to the media persons the minister said, there was a long demand that accreditation cards may be given to the media persons of electronic and web media also as it is given to the print media persons. Keeping this in view the electronic and web media persons have been covered in the new guideline. Now there will be one representative from news agency, one representative from mass media and mass communication, one editor from local electronic or web media, one cameraman-cum-correspondent in the Accreditation Committee.

The education minister informed further that the number of accreditation cards has been increased in different categories of

print media and accreditation card will be given to the members of satellite channels in A, B, C, D categories. On the eligibility criteria front the minister said, for junior reporter category age has to be 25-40 years, degree or diploma in journalism/ 10+2 pass and 5 years or more experience. In the senior category 15 years or more experience will be mandatory and the rest criteria remaining same as that of junior category.

The education minister also informed, the state government had decided to give Rs. 35,000 in the lockdown period to the 10,323 teachers who lost their job. Of them, Rs. 35,000 has been deposited to the account of each of 4,546 teachers of elementary education, same has been done for all teachers of secondary education except 310 teachers. The said amount could not be deposited into the account of 310 teachers due to some problem with their bank accounts.

Bamboo plantation in 28 ha.

Initiative has been taken by the horticulture and soil conservation department to raise bamboo plantation over 26 ha. land of eight blocks of West Tripura district during the current financial year. An amount of Rs. 13 lakh will be spent for this under National Bamboo Mission scheme. Already plantation has been completed over 4 ha. land. The break-up of plantation to be raised is – 2 ha. in Jirania block, 6 ha. in Belbari block, 2 ha. in Mandwi block, 5 ha. in Hezamara block, 2 ha. in Mohanpur block, 2 ha. in Bamutia block, 4 ha. in Lefunga block and 3 ha. in Dukli block.