

Total lockdown for 24 hours in state tomorrow

To contain large scale spread of COVID-19 pandemic the state government has decided to enforce 'total lockdown' in the entire state for 24 hours beginning from 5 am of July 5 (Sunday) to 5 am of July 6, 2020. During the lockdown the activities that have been restricted are – 1. Movement of individuals except for essential needs; 2. All business/commercial establishments, industrial establishments (except those with continuous process), shops, trade activities, shops selling grocer, vegetables, meat, fish, weekly haat/ market etc. Only selling of milk, baby food and medicines will be allowed; 3. All transport services including inter-state and inter-district transport; 4. All religious places for public, no congregation there; 5. All social, political, sports / entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions; 6. Congregation of more than three people in public places; 7. Agricultural, fisheries, animal husbandry, tea estates and forestry activities. Any person violating the restrictions would be liable to legal action under the Disaster Management Act 2005 and Section 188 of IPC. The state government has informed this through a press release.

Mukhyamantri Corona Pratirodh Abhiyan launched to build immunity



Pic. by Kriti Sundar Chowdhury, Photographer

The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb today launched the 'Mukhyamantri Corona Pratirodh Abhiyan' at Chandrapur market complex by distributing pineapple and lemon juice. Launched with the objective of building immunity in people, seasonal fruits like pineapple and lemon juice will be offered to the poor people in urban areas.

Addressing the gathering there the chief minister said, Vitamin C-rich food intake is necessary to fight Corona virus and pineapple and lemon are two such seasonal fruits that are available in plenty in Tripura. He said, the virus is spreading due to arrival of people from outside but in Tripura it is yet to turn into a community transmission. So we have to prevent this disease at this stage only.

Being implemented through SHGs this programme will be funded by the state government. The chief minister also said, Tripura is the first state in the country to have launched such a programme. From today onward this programme will be organized once a week in 316 places of the state from 12 noon to 4 pm. This programme will be operational throughout the month of July. Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation presided over the programme.



Pic. by Atul Debbarma, ICO

On the other hand, the education minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated a similar programme in Mohanpur Municipal Council area. Similar programmes were organized at different places of the state today. In Dharmanagar Municipal Council area in North district, the programme was launched by the deputy speaker of the Tripura Legislative Assembly Bishwabandhu Sen.

In Teliamura Municipal Council it was the chief whip Kalyani Roy who inaugurated the programme. Similarly, pineapple and lemon juice were served to the poor people in Khowai, Melaghar, Kumarghat, Santirbazar, Sonamura and Ambassa Municipal Council area. The Wards which did not implement the programme today will be doing so on another day.

71st Van Mahotsav celebrated today

The 71st State Level Van Mahotsav was launched today at the hands of the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb at the secretariat complex. Organised by the forest department the programme was also attended by the forest minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia, principal secretary of the department Varun Kumar Sahu, PCCF Dr. Alind Rastogi and other officials.

Speaking on the occasion the chief minister said, plantation of trees is not the only responsibility we have to carry out, but we should ensure that they are alive. About 90-95 per cent trees planted in the 2019-20 financial year could be preserved. This year 18 lakh saplings are being produced in the state through nursery. He said, the present government has introduced digitization in different fields, the forest department has also launched e-tree concept for the first time in Tripura. This

concept enables us to know about the status of the tree, who planted it and what are the benefits of that particular tree by scanning with a mobile phone.

In the beginning of the programme the PCCF Alind Rastogi informed, as part of the programme trees will be planted through two days by maintaining social distance. As part of the occasion this year about 1.5 lakh saplings have been distributed among the police, TSR, BSF, CRPF, Assm Rifles and Army personnel. To observe the 71st Van Mahotsav online essay competition, slogan competition, photography and videography competition have also been organized. Names of the winners were declared today. Additionally, the 'Forester of the year' Van Ratna Puraskar and the best award for participatory forestation management were also announced today. The awards went to range officer Subrata Paul, Niranjana Debnath and Bhabani Debbarma respectively. The chief minister also launched new website of the forest department, e-nursery and e-Smritivan websites.

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Speaking on the occasion the MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma emphasized fast completion of development schemes. He appealed to the people of this locality to lend their cooperation to prevent society infection of Covid-19 virus. DM C K Jamatia interacted with the local people regarding development schemes of PWD, DWS, agriculture and farmers welfare, horticulture, school education, rural development departments. Applications for 12 PRTC, 1 SC, 4 OBC, 30 Marriage certificates and 7 Income certificates have been received in the camp. The health department provided required medicine after treatment of 20 patients in the camp.

Animal vaccination camps in Khowai

120 camps have been organized by the Khowai subdivision animal resource development office in different places of Khowai district to control rheumatic disease of cattle under National Animal Disease Control Programme. A total of

7,637 cattle had been vaccinated in the camps. Even, the cattle have been tagged in the camps. The subdivisional animal resource development officer Dr. Jhutan Ghosh has informed that the cattle will be tagged after vaccination in the camps to be held in different places of 25 panchayats of Khowai block in a phased manner.

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Construction of 249 houses completed in Laljuri block

Construction of 249 houses for poor families of Laljuri block has been completed in Kanchamnpur subdivision under PM Awas Yojana(Rural) during the last financial year. Decision was taken last year to construct houses for 581 families. The construction of remaining 332 houses is going on. Rs 1.30 lakh is being spent for construction of each house. Laljuri block has informed this.

Drinking water connections for 800 families in Sabroom

Drinking water connections have been provided to total 800 families of Satchand and Powangbari blocks in Sabroom subdivision under Atal Jal Dhara Yojana. The Sabroom subdivisional DWS office has informed that drinking water connections have been provided to 750 families of Satchand block, 20 families of Powangbari block and 30 families of Sabroom Nagar panchayat.