

## **Pumpset distribution among farmers of West district**

In the fiscal year 2020-21, 68 farmers of West district were distributed pumpset and pipes at subsidized rate for irrigation purpose under Krishi Sinchai Yojana. Among them 10 farmers are from Jirania agricultural sub division, 15 from Mandai agricultural sub division, 23 are from Mohanpur agricultural sub division, 10 from Hezamara agricultural sub division and 10 from Dukli agricultural sub division. Apart from that, 1 check dam was constructed in Mandwi block under this scheme investing 1 lakh 30 thousand rupees. This information was collected from the agriculture and farmer's welfare department, West district.

## **3975 Families benefit under PMAY (Rural) in South district**

Houses have been constructed for 3,975 families in South Tripura district under Prime Minister Awas Yojana (rural). Sanctioned for the 2019-20 financial year construction of these houses has been completed. Under the scheme number of beneficiary families under SC, ST and other category were 119, 3517 and 339 respectively. This information has been provided from the DM office, South Tripura.

## **Kisan Rail to start its first journey from Agartala on 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Farmers have been facing loss due to the Covid pandemic and the condition of farmers in Tripura is no different. The central and the state government keeping that in mind are set to start Kisan Rail from Agartala Railway Station. This will be the first time in Tripura that such step has been taken to solve the crisis and to prevent the wastage of seasonal agricultural products. Thanks to the present state government that 20 buggy trains will leave from Agartala to Delhi, Howrah and Guwahati to transport fruits like jackfruit, pineapple, lemon etc and vegetables with minimum cost.

First train from Agartala will leave for Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. Next schedule of the rail from Agartala to Delhi is on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> July. Schedule of the rail from Agartala to Howrah is on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> July. All the trains will leave at 1pm. These trains will have GS coaches and commodities may be loaded from Ambassa and Kumarghat railway station of Tripura.

The chief minister in his tweet on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021 thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal for granting the commencement of Kisan Rail from Agartala.

The rates of transporting the agricultural products through Kisan rail is as follows-

1. Agartala-Delhi = Rs. 2.815/kg
2. Agartala-Howrah = Rs. 2.025/kg
3. Agartala-Guwahati = Rs. 0.882/kg

Interested farmers and traders/exporters are being requested to contact concerned parcel officer to book space and for availing further details. The contact numbers of Agartala, Ambassa and Kumarghat station are given below-

Agartala= 7985971616/ 7005367158

Ambassa= 9435809266/ 9835013714

Kumarghat= 9430036234/ 7005190646

This information has been collected from a press release issued by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Tripura. After the government gifted the state with now available local trains, the gift of Kisan Rail is hoped to be a boon for the farmers of the state and the state

altogether. Now with the opening of SEZ and Kisan Rail, hopefully Tripura will set benchmark in markets both nationally and internationally.

### **Dal and maize cultivation in West district**

In the fiscal year 2020-21 Rabi crops like dal is being cultivated on 1140 Hectare land and maize is being cultivated on 792 Hectare land of 5 agricultural sub division with the initiative of agriculture and farmer's welfare department, West district. Among them, dal cultivation was done on 190 Hectare land in Jirania agricultural sub division, 47 Hectare land in Mandwi agricultural sub division, 579 Hectare land in Mohanpur agricultural sub division, 110 Hectare land in Hezamara agricultural sub division, 214 Hectare land in Dukli agricultural sub division.

Maize cultivation was done on 275 Hectare land in Jirania agricultural sub division, 100 Hectare land in Mandwi agricultural sub division, 227 Hectare land in Mohanpur agricultural sub division, 125 Hectare land in Hezamara agricultural sub division, and 66 Hectare land in Dukli agricultural sub division. This information was gathered from agriculture and farmer's welfare department, West district.

**In one month 8666 connections effected under Atal Jaldhara**

Atal Jaldhara Mission is being implemented in the state with the target of ensuring water connection for every household in rural areas. Accordingly water connections have been provided to 8,666 houses during the period from May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021.

Out of the total achievement 928 drinking water connections were given in North Tripura district, 867 connections in Unakoti district, 904 connections in Dhalai district, 756 connections in Khowai district, 1395 connections in West Tripura district, 1169 connections in Sepahijala district, 1704 connections in Gomati district and 943 connections in South Tripura district. This information has been provided by the DWS department source.

**20,000 MGNREGA mandays generated in Rupaichhari**

Following COVID guidelines various development works are being implemented in Rupaichhari block under

MGNREGA. Till now during the current financial year 20,000 mandays have been generated. Through these mandays land leveling and reclamation, digging of pond for fish farming and irrigation purpose, expansion of existing ponds, construction of checkdam and canal etc. works were executed. In addition, construction of new roads, brick soling work, CC road making, plantation activities, etc. were done. Rupaichhari block administration has provided this information.

**Over 1 lakh mandays generated in 22 ADC villages of Karbook under MGNREGA**

MGNREGA activities are being implemented in 22 ADC villages of Karbook block. Brick soling of roads for development of communication system, construction of new road, pond reclamation for fish farming, plantation work like raising rubber and betel nut orchard etc. are being done under the scheme. with the implementation of this scheme 8,253 families have got employment and through this 1,28,526 mandays have been generated. Karbook community development office has provided this information.