

## **CM meets Union home minister & road transport minister**

Today the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, called on the Union home minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and discussed the issue of sanctioning an Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Nischintapur at the junction point of Agartala-Akhaura rail line. The ICP is likely to facilitate both passenger movement as well as international trade. The Union home minister assured that the ministry would consider the proposal for sanction of ICP at Nischintapur. The chief minister also apprised the Union home minister about the progress of settlement of Bru people in the state.

Today the chief minister also had a meeting with the Union minister for road transport and highways and micro, small and medium enterprises Nitin Gadkari. During the meeting the chief minister requested the Union minister to support the state in speedier development of national highways network and declaring more state highways as national highways. In response the Union minister assured support the ministry. The chief minister also requested the Union minister for greater support of the ministry for facilitating micro, small and medium enterprises in the state

particularly for cluster development of new infrastructure development at Lalchari of Ambassa and Jalefa of Sabroom subdivision and strengthening of existing Industrial Estates at Bodhjunnagar and Dwajanagar. The Union minister assuring support for that also suggested that the state should do more value addition to rubber and agarbatti industry under the Cluster Development Programme of the ministry.

## **Cabinet decides to procure 20,000 MT paddy in 2020-21**

Decision has been taken in the State Cabinet meeting of January 5 to procure 20,000 MT paddy at minimum support price (MSP) during the current financial year, informed the education minister Ratanlal Nath in a press conference at the civil secretariat on January 5. He stated that the state government started purchasing paddy from the farmers at minimum support price from the financial year 2018-19 with a view to doubling the income of farmers. He informed that the state government had procured 27,272 MT paddy in FY 2018-19. Rs 47 crore 73 lakh has been deposited into the accounts of 14,129 farmers on account of this. 21.444 MT paddy was purchased from the farmers during FY 2019-20. Rs 38.92 crore

had been deposited into the accounts of 13,606 farmers for that.

The education minister further informed that the process of purchasing paddy across 32 centres of the state will start from January 12 in the current financial year. The minister said that the decision to purchase 20,000 MT paddy in the current financial year would cost the state treasury Rs 5 crore 28 lakh 50 thousand to subsidize the milling charge. The state government as well as the Union government is working on various decisions to increase the income of farmers in the state. He also said that RS 271.33 crore has been deposited into the accounts of 2, 30,000 farmers in the state so far under the Prime Minister's Kishan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

On the other hand, decision had been taken in the cabinet to consider the applications of the enterprisers under the Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Intensive Scheme, 2019 for subsidy up to December 31, 2020. The education minister informed that industry and commerce department requested the enterprisers to submit applications for subsidy under 'The Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Intensive Scheme during the period from March 25, 2020 to June 30,2020. But the enterprisers were unable to deposit the proposal of subsidy

within due time due to Covid-19 situation. So, relaxation for submitting proposal of subsidy has been extended up to October 31, 2020.

The education minister also informed that there were 4951 micro enterprises in the state before March, 2018. Now, from the month of March, 2018 to till date 4328 micro enterprises are there in the state. 515 micro industries were in the state. Now, 690 micro industries have been set up during the last two and half years. There were 27 medium industries in the state. 21 more industries have been set up in the state during the tenure of present government. He informed that Rs 643 crore has been invested in micro, mini and medium scale industries in the state during the tenure of present government. 30,166 employments have been generated. Rs 4 crore 67 lakh 81 thousand has been provided to different industrial units in FY 2018-19 for development of industrial sector in the state. Rs 12 crore 95 lakh as subsidy has been provided in the FY 2019-20.

#### **Brick soling of road under MGNREGA in Jampui hill block**

Different works were implemented to develop the communication system in different ADC villages of Jampui Hill block under Kanchanpur Sub division in the current fiscal year with the initiative of RD

department. This year brick soling was done from PWD road of West Manpui village of Jampui Hill block to Biya Kwthang Sanga garden with a length of 645 m road under MGNREGA. 13 lakh 41 thousand 371 rupees was spent for this. Apart from this, brick soling was done from Sathar Twisurpeng of West Manpui village to Puliyan Sanga garden measuring 370 m road. 8 lakh 18 thousand 61 rupees were spent for this. Brick soling was done on 268 m road around Jampui market in Bhangmun village of the block spending 8 lakh 94 thousand 930 rupees. This was informed by Kanchanpur RD division office.

### **Water connections under Atal Jaldhara Mission in Gouranagar block**

1,304 houses Gouranagar block were provided with water connection under Atal Jaldhara Mission. Water connection has been given to 12 Panchayats of the block. Apart from this, 22 deep tube wells and 14 small bore wells were installed in 23 Panchayats and villages of the block. 24 more deep tube wells, 13 small bore wells will be set up and 6 deep tube wells will be re-installed in the block. This was informed by the drinking water and sanitation department's sub divisional office.

### **960 housing under PMAY in Kanchanpur**

House construction for 960 families of Dasda, Jampui Hill and Laljuri block under Kanchanpur sub division of North Tripura district have started under PMAY (Rural). So far houses were built for 678 families of 3 blocks of the sub division spending 1 lakh 30 thousand rupees for building each house. Houses are being built for 256 families of Dasda block under this scheme. So far 160 houses have been built. Houses are being built for 125 families of Jampui Hill block. So far 78 houses have been built. Apart from this, houses are being built for 581 families of Laljuri block. So far 490 houses have been built. This was informed by the RD department's district assistant project officer Dipankar Biswas.



*Street drama being presented by local artistes in Kailashahar yesterday*

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