

## **Walking aids distributed among Divyangjans in Khowai**

Walking aids have been distributed by Khowai district social welfare and social education office among the Divyangans through a programme on October 6. The programme was organized by the district social welfare and social education office and was inaugurated by Sabhadhipati of Khowai Zilla Parishad Joydev Debbarma. DM of Khowai district, Smita Mal appealed to all for taking proper advantage of each initiative of the government. The deputy director of district social welfare and social education office Sanjit Rupini delivered welcome address. The programme was presided over by CDPO Dinesh Debbarma. The distinguished guests handed over wheel chair, hearing machine, mobile phone and walking stick to 18 Divyangans.

## **Initiative taken for cultivation of cash crop in Jampuijala**

Cash crop will be cultivated by Forest division of TTAADC under MGNREGA in 3 villages of Jampuijala block during the current financial year. This cash crop will be cultivated in 15 hectare land of 25 tribal patta holder cultivators. Under the scheme, 5000 betel nut, 500 Youn Chak,

1000 lemon and 1000 bamboo saplings including other saplings per hectare land will be provided to the beneficiaries. These will be cultivated in 5 hectare land of East Ratanpur village, 5 hectare land of West Ratanpur village and 5 hectare land of Amarendranagar village of the block. Rs 11 lakh 97 thousand will be spent for this purpose and 2926 mandays will be generated under the scheme.



*Bio-tech kits being distributed among beneficiaries of Daspara in Charilam block, Bishalgarh sub-division, on October 6, 2020*

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## **Rice produced from bamboo flowers is highly profitable: CM**

Rice produced from bamboo flowers is economically profitable. One can become self-sufficient by producing this rice. The entrepreneurs have to come forward to market this rice. Because this rice has more medicinal value, stated the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a programme at his office in Civil Secretariat on October 5, 2020.

He emphasized marketing of Tripura Bamboo Rice. He said that for the first time in the state, an initiative has been taken to market rice by processing it from bamboo flowers. Enough bamboo is being cultivated in Tripura. The source of income is being created based on this bamboo. He expressed that the entrepreneurs of the state have recently made biscuit from bamboo shoot. Chief minister called upon the people of the state to take advantage of this possibility. He said that the issue of rice production from bamboo flowers should also be brought to the forefront.

He added that according to other types of rice, this rice has to be made by milling from bamboo flowers. This rice helps to control sugar level, cholesterol and fat. This rice increases resistance power in human body to prevent diseases. This rice has more protein than other rice. The state government has taken initiative to market this rice produced from bamboo flowers. The director of industries and commerce department Prashant Kumar Goyal and other officials were present in the programme.

### **Training on making bamboo biscuit**

A three-day training camp on making biscuit from 'Muli' bamboo started at BCDI

conference hall at Lichubagan on October 5, 2020. The camp was inaugurated by the secretary of industries and commerce department Kiran Gitte. Inaugurating the camp, Gitte said that this training camp was organized to encourage the innovative initiative of making biscuit from Muli bamboo.

He elaborated on the support given to various projects like Swabalamban, PMEGP, NBM and PMFMP. He urged the camp participants to take initiative in making Muli bamboo biscuit in the state. A total of 34 prospective entrepreneurs took part in the camp. The camp will continue till October 7.

The participants will also be given training on business, economy and planning. The participants will also be briefed on how to avail financial assistance under various projects. The training camp has been organized by BCDI with the financial support of National Bamboo Mission (NBM) and collaboration of Tripura Bamboo Mission (TBM). The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the making of biscuit from 'Muli' bamboo on September 18, 2020.