

Education department to conduct interim assessment

Education department will be doing interim assessment of the students from class III-IX in government school, government aided school and madrassas of the state from February 8-13 after reopening of the schools. Education minister Ratanlal Nath informed this in a press conference held at the conference hall of Secretariat on February 6. He said that if some weakness is found in any student due to Covid-19 situation as per interim assessment the student will be prepared through special coaching before annual examination. He added that if any students is absent in the respective school in due time on these days mop up round will be done from February 15-20. He said that the education department has adopted various reforms aiming to provide quality education and ensure inclusive development of the students. Nutan Disha is one of the reforms where baseline survey for the students of class III-VIII was done in the month of February, 2019. On the survey, the education department started coaching classes and exam conducted in 2020 showed remarkable improvement in results in terms of reading and numeracy.

The education minister informed that education system of the state has also achieved success in grade index ranking.

While grade of the state was 5 in PGI ranking during FY 2017-18, grade was 3 in PGI ranking during FY 2018-19 and grade was 1 in PGI ranking during FY 2019-20. A project namely Information Communication and Technology (ICT) was taken up in 400 schools of the state in 2007. ICT project will be introduced in 365 schools starting from 2021-22 academic session. Foundational Literacy Numeracy will be introduced for reading. Scholarship worth Rs 1500 will be provided to the talented students for science and mathematics. He informed that education department made a requisition on TRPT for filling up 1676 UGT posts. TRPT sent the list of 571 candidates. Among them, offer has been issued to 326 candidates. Decision of the state cabinet will be required for 245 posts. Moreover, requisition has been sent for filling up 2055 GT posts. TRPT sent the list of 897 candidates. Offer has been issued to 494 candidates. Decision of the state cabinet will be required for remaining 403 posts.

State gets a modern dairy milk unit

The government has taken initiative to make the state self-reliant by creating employment opportunities. This was stated by chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb at the inaugural function of a modern dairy milk plant of SarvaSiddhi agritech private limited in Bodhjunnagar on February 6. Further the chief minister added that earlier a huge amount of money was spent for importing milk and dairy products into the state and

to restrict it, the government has taken initiatives to increase milk production in the state. The "Chief Minister's Unnat Godhan Prkalp" is being implemented in the state. The chief minister further said that initiatives have been taken to increase the number of female calves through sex sorted semen technology in the next three years. This will improve the economic condition of the state as well as create employment opportunities.

Highlighting the success statistics of the Gomati co-operative milk producers union, the chief minister said the amount of milk purchased from the milk producers in the state was 2145 MT in the financial year 2017-18 which has increased to 2828 MT in the financial year 2019-20. The number of milk suppliers was 5700 in the 2017-18 financial year increasing to 7740 in the 2019-20 financial year. The number of dairy co-operative societies in the state was 60 in financial year 2017-18 which has increased to 117 in the financial year 2019-20. The bulk milk cooling station had a capacity of 2000 litres in 2017-18 financial year. In the financial year 2019-20 it has been increased up to 13,000 litres. Regarding the annual income of the Gomati co-operative milk producers union, the chief minister said that during financial year 2017-18 it was Rupees 24.93 Crores which has increased to Rupees 26.21 Crores in financial year 2019-20.

The chief minister also said that the government has emphasized the importance of women education and women protection in the state. The chief minister in his speech further highlighted

various programs that are being implemented in the state for its development. Large-scale vaccination programmes are being done. The country is now moving towards progress and gradually becoming self-reliant. He asked for everyone's support to make "Ek Tripura, Sreshtha Tripura", a success.

MLA Ratan Chakraborty thanked the director of Modern dairy plant of Agrotech Private Limited and all the staffs for setting up the industry here in Tripura. The welcome speech was delivered by the director of SarvaSiddhi agrotech Private Limited, Uttam Kumar Saha. Other dignitaries present at the function were secretary of Industry and Commerce department, P K Goyal.

Farmer's Knowledge Centre inauguration in Vangmun

The newly constructed Farmer's Knowledge Centre will be inaugurated by the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb on 9th February in Vangmun in Jampuihill block. Along with him agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy and animal resource development minister Santana Chakma will be present as special guests. Guests of honour will be MLA Bhagaban Chandra Das, secretary and director of agriculture Chandra Kumar Jamatia, and Dr. D.P Sarkar respectively. The programme will be presided by Jampuihill block BAC Chairman Chungnunga.