

Kumarghat going to be hub of incense sticks production: Chief minister

Kumarghat is going to be the hub of incense sticks. There was a time when 29 Thousand MT of incense sticks used to be exported to Bangalur, which later came down to 400 MT. After the intervention of central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the export has now reached nearly 2,000 MT. These statements were made by the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb at the inaugural ceremony of the newly constructed building of Kumaraghat Agricultural superintendent's office and Farmers Knowledge Centre. The chief minister said, initiatives have been taken to increase the production of incense sticks to 29,000 MT.

Other dignitaries present were agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy, deputy speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Biswabandhu Sen, MLA Bhagawan Das and Rampada Jamatia, principal secretary J K Sinha, secretary and director of agriculture Chandra Kumar Jamatia and DM North Tapas Roy. The second floor of Kumaraghat Agricultural superintendent's office and Farmers Knowledge centre has been constructed with an expenditure of Rs 47 Lakh whereas the existing

annexure bhawan was constructed with an expenditure of Rs 15 Lakhs.

After the establishment of the current government, rural people are being encouraged to increase agricultural productions. Farmers are being assisted by the agriculture department and as a result, the income of farmers has increased. Under the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi" scheme, 3,166 people have been given financial assistance in the Pabiachara Assembly itself. Irrigation facility is being provided for agriculture. Updated agricultural methods are being formulated.

The chief minister added that now initiatives have been taken to set up industries based on Agar trees. North and Unakoti district have plenty of Agar trees and there are chances of industrial development based on Agar. The government has taken initiative to implement this possibility. The chief minister added, there is a plan to form Agar Board in the state in the coming days. He said that in the next two years as there is prospects of business worth Rs 2,000 crores based on Agar trees. He later highlighted various public welfare projects including the national highway in Kumarghat and expressed his desire to further augment the per capita income in the state. Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb and other dignitaries handed over subsidized power

tillers worth Rs. 85 thousand to five farmer families. Besides, agricultural equipment worth Rs 9 lakh 50 Thousand were distributed.



*Inauguration of
Farmers Knowledge*

*Centre at Vangmun yesterday. Pic. by
Vidyamohan Jamatia, ICO*

Health camp at Barbahu Anganwadi centre

A health camp was recently organized at Barbahu Anganwadi centre by Laxmichhara health Sub-centre under Hemanta Debbarma PHC in Khowai district. MPW staffs had discussed on different contagious and non-contagious diseases, personal health consciousness and health check-up of aged persons for awareness. Total 17 persons have availed health care services in the camp. Among them, 5 persons were suffering from stomach problem. Required medicines have been provided to them after check-up. ASHA workers and Anganwadi staffs were present in the camp. Family welfare and preventive medicine department has informed this in a press release.

Cataract detection camp at North Baramura health sub-centre

A cataract detection camp was organized by Killa PHC at North Baramura of Gomati district on February 8. Total 52 patients were present in the camp. Among them, cataract has been detected in 7 patients. The date for cataract operation has been fixed for February 10 and the patients were requested to appear at Gomati district hospital on schedule time for availing this facility. M.S of Gomati district hospital cum programme officer of National Blind Control Programme Dr. Debashree Debbarma, Ophthalmic Assistant Bhabatosh Shil and others were present in the camp. Family welfare and preventive medicine department has informed this in a press release.

Training on pain and palliative care in South Tripura district

An orientation training camp on pain and palliative care was held in conference hall of CMO office of South Tripura district on February 9. Nine doctors and 15 staff nurses participated in the training. SPO of NPPC programme Dr. Arup Roy Barman, CMO Dr. Jagadish Nama and programme officer of NPPC Dr. Alok Das were present in the camp. Training was imparted to the trainees on how to provide modern health service to old seek persons and cancer patients. Member secretary of State Health and Family Welfare Society has informed this in a press release.