

Achievements under Jal Jeevan Mission-Rural

So far in the state, 54 percent households have been provided to drinking water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission-Rural Scheme. Another 80,000 homes has already been connected. DWS minister Sushanta Chowdhury said this in a press conference at the secretariat conference hall on 9 September, 2022. He also said that there is a target of providing potable water connection to 7 lakh 42 thousand houses in rural areas of the state. So far 3 lakh 95 thousand houses have been given drinking water connections. The concerned department is working on the target of providing drinking water connection to 80 percent of the houses in the state by December. For this he thanked the all officials of drinking water and sanitation department.

He further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the implementation process of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in the state. Adequate financial resources are being kept by the central government to work in this project in mission mode. Another 100 crore rupees is expected to be available for this project in the next few days. DTW, SBDTW and innovative scheme for water supply are being arranged in this project. In response to questions in the press conference, he further said that special

emphasis will be given on water conservation in the state in the coming days. State Government Secretary Pradip Kumar Chakraborty and others were present at the press conference.

CM inaugurates Halfway Home & Senior Citizen Helpline number-14567 at Narsingarh

‘People are for people’ it is with this idea that we should extend our hand of cooperation and sympathy to the Divyangjans. Besides, it is our moral duty to give social respect to divyangjans. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the National Helpline – 14567 to provide counseling and assistance to senior citizens and 50 bedded halfway homes yesterday at Narsingarh. At the programme, Chief Minister said that there are many people in the society who have various problems including physical and mental but none of them are taken care of in the society. It is our duty to extend helping hand to all these people.

At the programme, Chief Minister said this full-service halfway home is designed for people who are not accepted after recovering from mental illness. Not only this, the central and state governments are also working together to solve various

problems of the senior citizens of the society. A helpline number has also been launched yesterday for senior citizens to voice their concerns. Chief Minister said that Divyangjans are also part of the society. The state government is working with a humanitarian approach to help them in many ways. There are many street children in the society who are suffering from various problems including health, food and shelter. It is necessary for everyone to come forward with a social service attitude to extend a helping hand to them because this work cannot be done by the government alone.

At the programme, Social Welfare and Social Education Department Minister Santana Chakma said that the state government is working for the welfare of people from children to the elderly by following the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. There are many mental patients in the society who recover but are not taken back home by their families. Therefore, with the aim of helping them live a healthy and normal life, the Halfway Home has been inaugurated. Also helpline number has been launched to provide proper advice and support to senior citizens. Also, ramps have been installed in different office, courts of the state for easy movement of Divyangjans.

Abhishek Singh, secretary of Social Welfare and Social Education Department, in his welcome speech said that the 50-bedded halfway home was inaugurated with the aim of supporting those who have no one in the society. The policy adopted by the state government to empower women also includes the provision of halfway homes for mentally ill women. MLA Krishnadhan Das and Dr. Siddharth Shiv Jaiswal, director of Social Welfare and Social Education Department among others spoke at the programme. At the programme, Chief Minister unveiled a booklet on the policy adopted for the rehabilitation of street children in the state.

Chief Minister Dr. Saha launched the Juvenile Justice Fund website at the programme. Also, Chief Minister Meritorious Award was given to 2 students who got the highest marks in the secondary and higher secondary examinations. Among these, a cheque of 24,000 rupees was given to the best student in Madhyamik examination and a cheque of 54,000 rupees to the best student in the higher secondary examination. Divyangjan students who have achieved meritorious success in secondary and higher secondary examinations were also awarded.

Health infrastructure & services reviewed by West Tripura District Health & Family Welfare Society

The second meeting of the governing body of West Tripura District Health and Family Welfare Society was recently held at the conference hall of the West Tripura DM Office. The meeting was presided over by the District Magistrate of West Tripura District Debapriya Bardhan.

In the meeting, health infrastructure was reviewed for improving the quality of health services and infrastructural development in West Tripura district and various decisions were taken through discussion. It was decided in the meeting that Radha Kishore Nagar health sub-centre under Ranir Bazar primary health centre will be built in a new way. A Block Public Help Centre will be set up at Mandai Primary Health Centre. A plan to build an advanced lab was also taken in the meeting. It was informed in the meeting that the construction of one health sub-centre in each of the 51 wards of Agartala Municipal Corporation is progressing rapidly. The meeting also reviewed the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCBVI), National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) etc.

and Mukhyamantri Roshni campaign programme was also reviewed.

After reviewing, District Magistrate Debapriya Bardhan ordered the officials of different departments present in the meeting to quickly complete the unfinished works constructed with the funds of the 15th Finance Commission. Besides, he said in the meeting that the remaining cataract surgeries in West Tripura district should be completed. He said that by 2025, every district of Tripura should have TB free blocks.

Therefore, he asked to provide better quality training to ASHA workers if necessary to make the blocks of West Tripura free of TB disease. If necessary, TB patients should be identified by surveying door to door. In connection with the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), District Magistrate Shri Bardhan ordered the formation of an enforcement team in different parts of the district to make Tripura free from drug.

76,426 brought under artificial insemination under the Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Scheme

With the aim of increasing milk production in the state as well as creating employment opportunities, the Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Scheme has

been launched. This scheme will run till the financial year 2022-23. The government will spend a total of 15 crore 72 lakh 48 thousand rupees for subsidy in this scheme. A target of 3 lakh 12 thousand doses of artificial insemination through frozen semen has been taken within the stipulated period of project implementation. T.K Debnath, Secretary of Animal Resources Development Department, gave this information in a press conference organized at the secretariat's press conference hall yesterday. He said that the amount of government subsidy for each dose of sex-assigned frozen sperm in this scheme is 504 rupees. He said that till July 2022, 1,29,923 doses have been administered to 76,426 cows in the state for artificial insemination. As of July 2022, 13,266 female calves were born under this scheme which is close to 90 % in terms of percentage.

The secretary also said that the government has taken initiative to provide balance diet at 50 percent subsidized price for female calves born under this project. It will cost a total of 5 crore 25 lakh rupees. He said that 120 hybrid breed of female calves from outside the state have been given to the beneficiaries with the financial support of the North Eastern Council and the state

government. Another 120 will be given to the beneficiaries. He said, to give the benefits of this scheme to the people, extensive publicity is being done by the department. Gram sabhas have already been held in 1,178 villages of the state. Training for artificial insemination is being organized under the initiative of the department. He said that currently the annual demand of milk in the state is 2 lakh 57 thousand 480 metric tons. The Secretary mentioned various project programmes under the National Livestock Mission.

He said, Rural Poultry Farm Programme of the National Livestock Mission has facilities for entrepreneurs to get capital subsidy of 50 percent or up to Rs. 25 lakhs for the construction of brooder houses. There is provision of subsidy on capital up to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh for construction of goat or sheep farm. There is provision for subsidy of 50 percent on capital or up to a maximum of Rs. 30 lakh for construction of farm in rearing piglet. Entrepreneurs have the facility to get 50 percent subsidy on capital or capital subsidy up to Rs. 50 lakh in construction of animal food factory.