

## **Loan for street vendors in Kumarghat**

Under the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, measures have been taken to help the street vendors in Kumarghat municipal area with loan. It is worth mentioning that there are 506 registered street vendors in Kumarghat municipal area. Under the scheme registered street vendors may avail of Rs. 10000 loan for expansion of their business.

The willing street vendors may apply online through Common Service Centres (CSC). Introduced during the lockdown period, this scheme will be in operation till October 31 of this year. So far, loan proposals of 33 street vendors have been sanctioned. Out of them one vendor namely Nitai Shukla Baidya has already availed the loan of Rs. 10,000. If repaid on time, there will be a rebate of 7 per cent. This information has been given by the Kumarghat municipal office.

## **Central team visits Khowai district hospital**

Last evening a three-member delegation of the Union health ministry had visited Khowai district hospital. The team comprised senior regional director of the ministry Dr. Satyajit Sen, epidemiologist

advisor to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Dr. Daisy Panna, and assistance professor (medicine) in Lady Hardinge Memorial College (LHMC) Dr. P.K. Verma. The team members visited different rooms of the hospital and enquired about various health related issues. During their visit to the hospital district magistrate Smita Mol, DCMO Dr. Nirmal Sarkar and other doctors of the hospital were present.

## **CM inaugurated blood donation camp in Camperbazar**

The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb has urged all to come forward in combating COVID-19 menace, after inaugurating a voluntary mega blood donation camp at Swabalamban training centre, Camperbazar yesterday. Addressing the audience he said, to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 'Sewa Week' will be observed from September 14-17 across the country. The programmes to be taken up as part of the observance are plantation, voluntary blood donation, distribution of tri-cycle for the differently abled people, distribution of fruits among patients and distribution of masks etc. And as part of this, this blood donation camp was organized by Bharatiya Janata Juba Morcha of 14 Badharghat.

The chief minister also said, the government has taken all-out measures to combat COVID-19. Now the members of different self-help groups are making masks, oximeters have been given to the patients in home isolation, doctors, nurses and volunteers are working relentlessly. He also informed that so far Rs. 1.5 crore has been spent for renovation roads in Badharghat area. Proposal has been sent to the central government to upgrade fourteen primary health centres of the area to community health centres. Work for expansion of drinking water facilities is going on. A total of 1.50 lakh farmers have been assisted under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.

The programme was also attended by social activist Dr. Manik Saha and veteran citizen of the area Dr. Alak Bhattacharya. At the same time among other dignitaries present there were chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Corporation Rajib Bhattacharya and others. In total 26 persons donated blood in the camp.

### **8,24,028 Mandays generated under MGNREGA in Dharmanagar**

During the current financial year, 8,24,028 mandays have been generated in

Kadamtala, Kalachera and Jubarajagar block of Dharmanagar subdivision under MGNREGA. Under the scheme Rs. 16,89,25,740 has been spent. Implementation of the scheme resulted in renovation of rural roads, land leveling, and plantation etc. activities.

As per the detailed report, 2,53,525 mandays have been generated in Kadamtala block at the cost of Rs. 5,19,72,625; similarly 2,42,471 mandays have been generated in Kalachera block at the cost of Rs. 4,97,06,555 and in Jubarajagar block 3,28,032 mandays have been generated spending Rs. 6,72,46,560. This information has been given by the North Tripura DM office.



*A school teacher receiving the chief minister's message regarding COVID-19*

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