

## **Three primary health centres accredited by National Quality Assurance Standard**

Another feather of success is added to the health sector of the state. Garjee Primary Health Centre, Hemanta Debbarma Memorial Primary Health Centre and Matai Primary Health Centre have been accredited with National Quality Assurance Standard. In 2014, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India launched the National Quality Assurance Programme to maintain quality in healthcare services. Every government hospital, community health-centre and health sub-centre has been covered under this scheme. The hospital or health centre is recognized by National Quality Assurance only if 70% of the medical services of a hospital conform to the quality standards set by the Government of India.

In July this year, a delegation of the Government of India assessed three primary hospitals in the state, namely Garjee Primary Health Centre in Gomati district, Hemanta Debbarma Memorial Primary Health Centre in Khowai district

and Matai Primary Health Centre in South district, against the quality of National Quality Assurance Standards. And in this regard, on September 12, 2022, the Health Secretary of the State Health Department was informed by a letter from the Ministry of Health of the Government of India that the said three primary health centres have been recognized by the National Quality Assurance Standard.

Garjee Primary Health Centre of Gomati District got 93.85% compliance, Hemanta Debbarma Memorial Primary Health Centre of Khowai District got 90.47% and Matai Primary Health Centre of South District got 75.20% compliance with National Quality Assurance Standard. So far 11 hospitals in the state have received national recognition of the National Quality Assurance Standard. This information was given in a press release from Tripura branch of National Health Mission.

## **MoU signed with NE Development Finance Corporation to brighten future of tribal students**

The Tribal Welfare Department yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the North-Eastern

Development Finance Corporation Limited to develop a bright future for the tribal students of 10 residential schools of the state run by the Tribal Welfare Department. Director of the Department, Dr. Vishal Kumar and NEDFI Executive Director S.K Barua signed the MoU yesterday at the Directorate office of the Tribal Welfare Department.



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Tribal Welfare Department is currently running 10 residential schools across the state. Among these are 5 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, 1 Eklavya Model Day Boarding School, 1 Residential School and 3 Ashram Schools. These schools are managed by Tripura Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institution Society. Students belonging to the tribal community of the North Eastern region are often left behind in choosing their future career due to lack of necessary

information and guidance. NEDFI is working on various schemes to inform, advice, and psychologically help the students who have passed class 8 about their future and career opportunities and the MoU was signed in this regard yesterday.

Initially NEDFI will provide training to 30 teachers from 10 residential schools in this regard. They will be master trainers and later they will guide and advise the residential school students about building their careers. At present around 1500 students are studying in 10 residential schools in the state.

### **Town buses will run on 3 routes on Saptami, Ashtami and Navami**

Like every year, this year also town buses will run on 3 routes on Saptami, Ashtami and Navami of Durga Puja from 10 am to 6 pm. No fare will be collected from passengers on these buses. These routes are Ranirbazar to Battala and vice-versa, TRTC Krishnanagar Complex via Amtali to Sekerkot and vice-versa and Agartala Rail Station to MBB Airport via Battala, Radhanagar. The Chairman of the Corporation Abhijit Deb gave this information in a press conference at the

Tripura Road Transport Corporation Complex in Krishnanagar yesterday. In the press conference, he said, keeping in view the needs of the people, a decision has been taken by the board of directors of the corporation to run buses on some new routes.

Chairman of the Corporation informed that during Puja days, this town bus service will run from Akhaura Integrated Checkpost to MBB Airport, TRTC Complex in Krishnanagar to Jampuijala via Old Motorstand, South Anandnagar, GB Hospital to Kamalasagar, Kasba Kalibari, Agartala Railway Station to Ashwini Market, Kailashahar to Kumarghat Railway Station, Dharmanagar to Khedachhera to Damchhera, Dharmanagar to Karimganj and Dharmanagar to Kailashahar. After Durga Puja, it is planned to re-run the buses on these routes in a phased manner. He hoped that TRTC's plans to launch services on these routes would be implemented with the cooperation of people from all sections. He also said that the decision to consult Agartala Smart City Limited authorities for the development of Kunjaban TRTC Complex, Krishnanagar TRTC Complex and Battala TRTC Complex has also been taken by the board.

In the press conference, he said that the state government has been approached

through the transport department for the approval of additional fund so that the employees of TRTC can get dearness allowance at the rate of 5 percent like Tripura state employees. Besides, a proposal has been sent to the State Government through the Department of Transport to cover accrued leave pay for employees of TRTC after retirement. Sri deb said it has been decided to model the Tripura Road Transport Corporation logo on the temple of Mother Tripureswari. TRTC Vice Chairman Samar Roy, Board of Director, Ashok Pal and Managing Director of TRTC, Subrata Chowdhury were present at the press conference.

### **State-Level Athletics Meet from September 21 to 23 in Kamalpur**

State-Level Athletics Meet will be held from September 21 till 23 in Kamalpur under the initiative of Tripura School Sports Board. The Meet will be organized in three sections – under 14, under 17 and under 19 years of age. In this regard, a preparatory meeting was held on September 14 at the conference hall of Kamalpur SDM's office. It was decided in the meeting that the State-Level Athletics Meet will be organized at Kamalpur Government College premises in the evening on September 21. The meeting was presided over by Chairperson of Kamalpur Nagar Panchayat Prashanta

Sinha. Others present in the preparatory meeting were Chairperson of Durga Chowmuhni Panchayat Samiti Sampa Das, DCM Nabarun Chakraborty, representatives of different schools and officials of different departments. For successful conduction of the State-Level Meet, a preparatory committee has been formed with Food and Urban Development Minister Manoj Kanti Deb as Chief Patron and five sub-committees were formed.

### **Fish fingerlings released in River Manu and River Deo under PMMSY**

1 lakh 80 thousand fish fingerlings have been released in River Manu and River Deo in Kumarghat under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana on September 14. With the financial assistance of National Fisheries Development Board, fish fingerlings of different species such as Rohu, Catla, Carp etc. were released in both the rivers. An awareness camp was organized at the Community Hall of Kumarghat Motorstand on this occasion. The awareness camp was inaugurated by Chairperson of Kumarghat Municipal Council Biswajit Das. Other dignitaries present there were President of Agriculture related Standing Committee of Unakoti Zilla Parishad Subhrendu Das,

Deputy Director of Fisheries department Jayanta Chakraborty and Kumarghat sub-division Fisheries Supervisor Pranab Kanti Das. The guests have released the fish fingerlings at Dashamighat in Kumarghat. The main objective of the program was conserving the ecosystem of the river and creating income opportunities for those fishermen whose sole source of livelihood is fishing in the rivers.

### **Drinking water connection to 6,808 households in Salema block under JJM**

Drinking water connection has been provided to 6,808 households so far through pipelines in Salema block of Kamalpur sub-division under Jal Jeevan Mission. Drinking water connection through pipelines will be provided to 13,328 households in Salema block under the Mission. Apart from that, drinking water connection has been provided to 7,163 households so far through pipelines in Durga Chowmuhni block of the sub-division so far. Target is to provided drinking water connection to total 19,701 households in Durga Chowmuhni block under the Mission. This was informed by Executive Engineer of Drinking Water & Sanitation department Hiranmoy Chakma.