

Free ration under PM Garib Kalyan extended up to November

The stock of food in the state is satisfactory and the prices of commodities in the markets are under control, stated the minister of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs Manoj Kanti Deb during a press conference held at the state secretariat today. The principal secretary of the food and civil supplies department S.R. Kumar and director of the department Tapan Kumar Das were also present in the press conference.

Deliberating on various measures taken by the department since the beginning of lockdown, the minister said, 34,464 families have been identified having many children suffering from mal-nutrition. As per announcement in the budget this year, very soon free rice, dal, and salt will be supplied to these families. This scheme will continue for next three years. For this purpose the department has to spend Rs. 8.60 crore every year.

Shedding light on the COVID-19 relief package the food and civil supplies minister also said, under the Food Security Act, the rice quota of April 2020 was supplied to the beneficiaries free of cost. In total 5.67 lakh NFSA ration card holders availed this benefit. Similarly, free

ration was given to the 50,000 poorest APL families of the state for the month of April 2020.

The food and civil supplies minister informed, in the second phase of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, the programme of distribution of free rice and gram has been extended up to November 2020. Talking about the measures taken by the department for digitization of the public distribution system, the minister said, this accomplishment has saved about Rs. 1.68 crore by cancelling fake ration cards. Initiative has also been taken to inform the consumers about the prices of their collected ration through SMS on their registered mobile number. The minister also said, under Ujjwala Yojana, gas cylinders have been provided free of cost for three months i.e. April-June period.

Rs. 408.59 crore collected under Small Savings in West district

Under the Small Savings Scheme an amount of Rs. 408.59 crore has been collected in West Tripura during the 2019-20 financial year. The target for collection for the said period was Rs. 355 crore. Target for the current financial year has been fixed at Rs. 450 crore. Already Rs. 44.57 crore has been collected. Giving out

this information the small savings officer of West Tripura district said, during the last financial year Rs. 385.53 crore was collected from Sadar sub-division and Rs. 13.05 crore was collected from Jirania sub-division and from Mohanpur subdivision Rs. 10.01 crore was collected.



FMD vaccination and ear tagging in Longtharai Valley sub-division held recently.

Sabroom sub-divisional administration on alert for disaster management

To combat flood and other natural disasters various measures have been taken ahead of time by the Sabroom subdivisional administration. Regular vigil is being maintained on the water level of Feni River as well as flood-prone areas.

To provide shelter to the people in case of inundation in their areas spots for relief

camps have been identified in six places. These proposed relief camps will be – Manughat High School, Shyam Singh High School, East Manughat High School, Baishnavpur High School, Sabroom Community Hall and Brajendranagar Community Hall. The relief camps will be overseen by the government officials and elected representatives. The members of Quick Response Team have also been put on alert. This information has been given by the Sabroom sub-division office.

207 Families benefit under Swachch Bharat Mission in Jagatrapur

Under Swachch Bharat Mission (Rural), scientific toilets were constructed for 207 poor families of Jagatrapur ADC village under Kanthalia block during the last financial year. For the construction of each unit of toilet Rs. 12,000 was spent. And in total Rs. 24.84 lakh was spent in this project. During the current financial year toilets are being constructed for 44 more poor families of the same village.

On the other hand, the animal resource department source from the said village has informed that 19 families have been assisted for pig rearing. Each beneficiary has been provided with hybrid pig, pig-feed and other necessary equipments. In total Rs. 1.14 lakh has been spent with Rs. 6,000 allotted for each family.