

## **Foundation stone laid for a boys hostel in TU**

New Education Policy (NEP) has been adopted in place 34-year old national education policy. Priority has been given to vocational education in the New Education Policy. As a result, mentality of becoming self-reliant will develop among the students, stated the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb informed in after laying the foundation stone of a 150 bedded boys hostel at Tripura University on February 16. It is worth mentioning here that the hostel will be constructed by DONER ministry with the assistance of North-East Council at the cost of Rs. 11 crore 16 lakh 71 thousand 198. CPWD will accomplish the construction work by March, 2022.

The chief minister also said that necessary decisions have been taken and NCERT syllabus has been introduced to groom the state educational environment into a national standard educational system. On the other hand Ganga Prasad Prasain, vice chancellor of Tripura University said, at present 4,102 students are studying in the university. The university has 44 functional PG courses and two boys and three girl hostels. Initiative has been taken to establish indoor stadium, playground etc. infrastructure in the university campus. On this occasion the chief minister also

released an online journal. Among other dignitaries were present education secretary Soumya Gupta, Dean (Arts & Commerce) Prof. Shyamal Das, Dean (Science) Prof. R.K. Nath and Registrar Dr. Deepak Sharma.

## **Identification of urban homeless started**

Under the aegis of urban development department work for identification of homeless people has started in urban areas. A private organization namely Citiyano De Solutions Private Limited has been entrusted with the survey work in areas under 20 urban bodies. Preliminary survey has already been started. As per guidelines, those who do not have their own house and cannot afford to rent a house to stay in and are seen put up in parks, rail station, bus station, in front of temples, shops or factories or construction sites, under a bridge or under the open sky will be covered under the scheme. Through this survey basic minimum amenities like drinking water, sanitation, security etc. will be provided to the homeless. Differently abled, children, aged and mentally retarded people of this category will also have special facilities. Already construction of shelter houses has been completed in Agartala, Belonia, Khowai and Kailashahar. Six more shelter houses are under construction. The urban development department has informed this in a press release.

### **103<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Tripura Housing and Construction Board**

The 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Tripura Housing and Construction Board was chaired by the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb on February 15, 2021. In the meeting, the current status of various construction works of Tripura Housing and Construction Board was discussed. The chief minister advised to complete the construction works with utmost diligence while maintaining quality of the work being done. He also emphasized the importance of disaster-resilient methods in the construction of multi-storied buildings.

In the meeting, Kiran Gitte, vice-chairman of Tripura Housing and Construction Board and secretary of public works department, presented an illustrated report on the steps taken in view of various decisions taken in the last meeting of the board. He informed that the process of handing over all the ownership-based flats built in New Capital Complex, Agartala, has been completed. In addition, 24 new garages have been constructed at Shyamalima Apartments in New Capital Complex. Initiatives will be taken to distribute the garages among flat owners, he said. He later discussed the annual audit of Tripura Housing and Construction Board for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20. He also discussed on the restructuring and strengthening of the board. He said the board is trying to expedite the construction of a 16-storied building at Gorkhabasti area.

Principal secretary to the chief minister J K Sinha, chief engineer of PWD (Roads and Bridges) Dipak Chandra Das, chief engineer of PWD (Building) Sanchaita Das, chief executive officer of Tripura Housing and Construction Board, S K Debnath were present in the meeting and took part in the discussion.

#### **Health Camp at Karmakartila Anganwari Centre**

A special health camp was held on February 10 at the Karmakartila Anganwari Center under Radhanagar primary health centre in South Tripura District. Medical services were provided to 28 male and 39 female patients. Necessary medicines were distributed after health checkups. The health workers discussed about prevention of various communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Blood sugar and blood pressure of 23 people were tested in the camp. Each of them was advised to go to the hospital for monthly blood sugar and blood pressure tests. In addition, 40 people were tested for malaria and hemoglobin in the camp. However, Malaria virus was not found in anyone. 5 people in the camp had fever and 3 had respiratory infections. Dr. Deepjyoti Bhattacharya, Physician (in-charge) of Radhanagar primary health centre provided health services to the patients at the health camp. This was informed in a press release issued by the department of family welfare and preventive medicines.