

Two years relaxation in upper age limit

In view of the COVID pandemic and disruption in recruitment process the state government has decided to relax the upper age limit of the job seekers by two years. The relaxation in age bar will be in force till June 30, 2023. This policy will be applicable to the jobs of various government departments/ PSUs/ Boards. This information has been given by the general administration (employment and personnel) department.

Tripura awarded under National Food Security Act

The central government has awarded Tripura under National Food Security Act. The Ministry of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of India has recently published National Food Security Act Index 2022 based on National Food Distribution Act (NFSA) and Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS) in the states and union territories of the country. Tripura has topped among states and union territories of special category and ranked fifth in the country under this Index. This was informed by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of Tripura. It is to be noted that food

security coverage in urban areas is 50 % in urban areas and it is 75% in rural areas of the country through public distribution system under National Food Security Act, 2013.

Three-day training for teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School at Agartala

The central government has taken special initiative to provide better and quality education to the students of Eklavya Model Residential School. The initiative has been taken by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under the Ministry of Tribal Welfare. For this purpose special training has been arranged for the teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School in the state. A three-day training programme for the teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School has started on 18th July, 2022 at the conference hall of Gitanjali Guest House, Agartala. The training programme will end on July 20. Punit Aggarwal, Principal Secretary, Tribal welfare Department, officially inaugurated the training programme.

The main objective of the training programme organized by the National Education Society for Tribal Students

under the Ministry of Tribal Welfare Department of the Central Government is to provide special training for teachers of 21st century experiential education for Eklavya Model Residential Schools. Till now such training for teachers was in online mode. An online certificate would be issued at the end of the training. However, this is the first time a three-day offline training workshop has started in Agartala where skilled and experienced trainers from different states of the country will provide face-to-face training to teachers.

Punit Aggarwal, principal secretary of the Tribal welfare Department, said in his opening speech that teachers play an important role in shaping the future of students. Even during the time of covid, when the students could not go to school, the teachers taught them through digital medium. Therefore, this three day training camp has been organized to make the teachers more skilled and experienced in various aspects. Because in order to impart quality and valuable education to the students, the teachers must also be properly trained. Apart from this, the students should be made aware of the

importance of any subject, and not just limited to routine learning.

The teachers participating in the training programme can also take important advice from resource persons from outside the state and they will benefit from it. Moreover, the Principal Secretary of the Tribal Welfare Department advised the teachers to follow different methods in imparting education to the students.

Deputy Commissioner of Union Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Indira Mudgal, Additional Director of Tribal Welfare Department Ananda Hari Jamatia, Dr. Anju Chajjat of Mahatma Gandhi International School, Ahmedabad, Dr. Bobby Ebrol of Tata Trust, Sameer Murasingh, Nodal Officer of Tripura Branch of NESTS were present as distinguished guests in the inaugural session. Besides them, the first teacher of Eklavya Model Residential School who received the President's Award, Sudha Penoili, was present as an expert for the trainees. Taking part in the discussion, the guests highlighted various important information about the education system. 26 delegates from different states and 42 delegates from Tripura participated in the

three-day training camp. CBSE, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Mahatma Gandhi International School have given full support in conducting this training programme. To note, this programme had started on November 20, 2021. 300 people from 6 states including Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh participated in the first batch.

Training of Civil Defense Volunteers of South Tripura district held at Gokulnagar

Training of 2nd batch of Civil Defense Volunteers of South Tripura district was held at Central Training Institute of Gokulnagar on July 12. 50 Volunteers of the district participated in the training programme. Director of Civil Defense, Fire and Emergency Services department A K Bhattacharjee , State project officer of disaster management Dr. Sarat Kumar Das, Commandant of CTI A Choudhury and Programme Officer of disaster management of South Tripura district Jeevan Kanti Sarkar were present in the conclusion ceremony of the programme. The guests emphasized on importance of civil defense training. Training on different

systems and tactics related to disaster management has been given to the civil defense volunteers. The guests handed over prize and certificate to the volunteers.

23,539 Mandays generated in Harijoy Choudhury gram panchayat

23,539 Mandays had been generated in Harijoy Choudhury gram panchayat of Jirania block under MGNREGA during the last financial year. Rs 1, 59, 29,892 was spent for this purpose. Digging of 13 ponds for fish cultivation, construction of one rural road, 12 irrigation sources for cultivation and 99 crop fields leveling have been done under the scheme. Moreover, houses have been built for 94 families of the gram panchayat under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (rural) during the last financial year. Drinking water connection has been provided to 207 families under Jal Jeevan Mission till now. Scientific toilet has been raised for 96 families under Swach Bharat Mission rural scheme till now. 55 farmers of the gram panchayat have been benefited under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana till now. Harijoy Choudhury gram panchayat office has informed this.