

Tripura stands second in COVID-19 vaccination programme

At present the state has 2,38,730 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, stated the education minister Ratan Lal Nath during a press conference at the state secretariat yesterday. He said, already first dose vaccination of 7,82,406 people out of the total target of 12,79,188 people ageing between 45-59 years and above 60 years as well as health workers, and other frontline workers has been done in the state. And second dose has been administered on 7,82,406 people of the same category. In terms of COVID-19 vaccination Tripura is in second position in the country. He also appealed to the people of the state to wear mask and follow other COVID-19 guidelines.

Addressing the media the education minister also informed, examination for filling up 2500 Group-D posts will be held on April 24, 2021. There will be 213 examination centres for this. The examination will be held from 10 am. to 12 noon. A total of 55,645 candidates will take this recruitment test. On April 25, 2021 there will be another recruitment test for filling up 2410 Group-C posts and 1,4,200 candidates will take this test in 436 centres. The test for first paper will be held from 10 am to 12 noon and the test

for second paper will be held from 2 pm to 4 pm.

COVID-19 Guidelines & fines imposed

The state government has taken various measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. The district magistrates have been directed to impose fine on the violators of the provisions of 'The Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulations, 2020' to ensure use of mask and maintenance of social distance. Accordingly the district administration, in coordination with the police, is taking necessary steps.



Pic. by Kakali Bhowmik, ICO

As per the order of the state government last two Saturdays have been observed as Mask Enforcement Days and fines have been collected from the violators of COVID-19 guidelines. Over two thousand people have been fined for not wearing mask and fines to the tune of Rs. 4,63,960 has been collected from them. The district

wise breakup is like this – Rs. 51,500 has been collected from 257 people in Dhalai district; Rs. 63,300 has been collected from 316 people in Gomati district; Rs. 24,000 has been collected from 120 people; Rs. 2,02,250 has been collected from 1,011 people, Rs. 47,910 has been collected from 243 people; Rs. 16,200 has been collected from 81 people, Rs. 27,550 has been collected from 142 people in Khowai district and Rs. 31,250 has been collected from 156 people in Sepahijala district. This has informed by the office of the chief secretary through a press release.

Subsidized pump sets distributed among farmers in Kanthalia

During the 2020-21 financial year under the aegis of Kanthalia sub-divisional agriculture office pump sets at subsidized rate have been distributed among 70 farmers for irrigation purpose under the agricultural mechanization scheme. At the subsidized rate of Rs. 85,000 power tillers have been given to 29 farmers. Farm machinery has been given to four self-help groups and various agri-equipments have been given to another four groups. An amount of Rs. 9.50 lakh has been spent to purchase equipments for each group.

Additionally, spray machines have been distributed among 24 farmers for which Rs. 5.21 lakh has been spent. Rice threshing machines have been given to 217 farmers spending Rs. 7.20 lakh and electric pump machines have been given to 291 farmers spending Rs. 7 lakh. Further, five patta farmers have received agri-equipments at 100 per cent subsidy. For this, Rs. 6.25 lakh has been spent. During the 2020-21 financial year, 3,703 farmers have received Rs. 6000 each in three installments under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. Then, machine for making parched rice has been given to two beneficiaries costing Rs. 2.80 lakh in total. This information has been given by the subdivisional agriculture supervisor Prashanta Debbarma.

Special drive for Divyangan students

Special drive has been taken up to encourage the Divyangan students. For this purpose, during the 2020-21 financial year commutation allowance and escort allowance has been increased for them. Earlier they were entitled to a yearly allowance of Rs. 2500. From the last financial year this amount has been increased to Rs. 3000. This allowance is given under the Samagra Siksha Abhiyan. Under the programme on the basis of the last year 37 identified students of Kumarghat subdivision will receive this

allowance. In addition, those who need escort to go to school 23 such students will also receive Rs.3000 allowance.

In addition, the students who have poor eyesight will receive readers allowance. During the 2020-21 financial year, seven such students will receive readers allowance of Rs. 2000 each. This allowance will also be provided under Samagra Siksha Abhiyan, informed the Kumarghat inspectorate of schools.



Improved bamboo tool kits distributed among the artisans of North Tripura at Dharmanagar today

Pic. by Sanjib Das, ICO

Driving training for women

With the objective of empowering women and making them self-reliant, the Kailashahar Municipal Council has organized a 25 day motor driving training. A total of 42 women and eight men from different self-help groups will receive this training. Under DNULM scheme of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Yojana, the training will be divided into 20-days for light motor vehicle and five days for motor-driven rickshaw driving. The training has started yesterday. The training was inaugurated by the CEO of Kailashahar Municipal Council Shanti Ranjan Chakma.

Training on biofloc fish culture in Dharmanagar

During the 2020-21 financial year training on biofloc fish culture has been given to 20 SC unemployed youths by the Dharmanagar fishery supervisor's office. Moreover, new water bodies have been created for two beneficiaries of Dharmanagar for fish cultivation under Blue Revolution during the 2020-21 financial year. For this Rs. 2.34 has been spent. Under the scheme auto-rickshaw and ice-box have been given to one beneficiary. In addition, fishing net, ice box for preserving fish and boats have been distributed among three fish farmers groups in Dharmanagar. Bijoy Roy, fishery supervisor of Dharmanagar has given this information.