

New scheme 'Kishori Suchita Abhiyan' to be launched

The state cabinet has decided to launch a new scheme namely 'Kishori Suchita Abhiyan' today. Under the scheme students of class-VI to XII will be provided sanitary napkin free of cost. This decision was divulged by the education minister Ratan Lal Nath at a press meet held at the state secretariat today.

The education minister informed, there was a mention about providing sanitary napkin to the students in the current year's budget speech. At present 1,68,252 girl students are studying in the schools of the state. An amount of Rs. 60,57,072 will be spent to provide sanitary napkin to them for three months of the current financial year. Expenditure on this account has been calculated at Rs. 1,75,34,907 in the next financial year. And in the 2022-23 financial the expenditure for this purpose will be Rs. 1,86,28,288. He said, for health security of the students this scheme will be implemented in all the government as well as private schools.

The education minister further informed, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, has formulated a policy called 'School Bag Policy – 2020' to decide on the just weight of school bag of the

students. For this purpose the Central government has constituted a six-member committee. This Committee has given directions as to what should be the weight of school bag in which class. As per their decision, the weight of school bag for class-I to class-II should be between 1 kg 600 gm to 2 kg. 200 gm; for class-III, IV and V the weight should be between 1.7 kg to 2.5 kg; for class-VI and VII it should be between 2 kg to 3 kg; for class-VIII it should be 2.5 kg to 4 kg; for class-IX, and X it should be 2.5 kg to 4.5 kg. The state cabinet has also accepted this policy today. So, this direction should be followed in all schools.

On the other hand, the state government has allotted 0.03 acre land at Gokulpur of Dhwanjanagar in Udaipur to Meteorological department for setting up an automatic weather station. The cabinet had approved the matter today. The education minister said further, the COVID-19 situation in the state is comparatively good now. vaccination is under process and 46,500 more vaccines have reached the state yesterday.

Kakborok Sal celebrated in befitting manner

Culture and language are not things to be preserved in museum, both have pivotal role in the evolution human civilization.

Everyone should come forward for the development of culture and language, stated the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma after inaugurating the felicitation and cultural programme organized on the occasion of Kakborok Sal at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan on January 19. Terming the day a day of glory he said a good number of poems, stories, novels have been written in Kakorok. This trend should be promoted further.



Some glimpses of celebration

Speaking on the occasion as guest of honour the revenue minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma said, although this day has been celebrated officially for the last 43 years, this language had been in use for ages. So it deserves to be developed further. The Janjati Kalyan minister

Mewar Kumar Jamatia also urged the people to come forward for its development.

Among other dignitaries present on the occasion were- chairman of Kakborok Language Development Advisory Committee Dr. Atul Debarma, secretary of the Janjati Kalyan department Taushri Debbarma, director of Tribal Research and Cultural Institute L.T. Darlong and director of Kakborok and other Minority Language department D.B. Reang.

On this occasion Radhamohan Thakur Award was bestowed upon Kakborok litterateur Dr. Bijoy Debbarma. Alindra Lal Tripura Award went to author Dharinjoy Tripura. Satyaranjan Debbarma was honoured with Mahendra Debbarma Memorial Award. Folk Music award was given to Keshab Bharati Debbarma, Folk Music award was also given to instrumentalist Shubhajoy Tripura, Modern Music Award went to Prabharani Rupini and Amit Murasingh was felicitated with Field of Sports award for martial art. Besides, those who secured highest marks in Kakborok in Madhyamik to post-graduate level have been felicitated. The Day was also marked with a colourful cultural programme. The Day was also celebrated across the state in befitting manner.

Rs 136.39 crore sanctioned for PMAY (Urban)

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has recently sanctioned Rs. 136.39 crore to the State Government under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) for construction of house for financially weak families living in AMC, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayat areas of the state. The director of urban development department Dr. Sandeep N Mahatme has informed this in a press release.

A target has been fixed for construction of 80588 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till now. Among this number of houses, construction of 39,355 houses has been completed and construction of remaining houses is going on. Dr. Mahatme also informed that construction of the houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) is progressing fast.

Health camp at Sushila Shishu Bihar Anganwadi centre

A health camp was held at Sushila Shishu Bihar Anganwadi centre under Goldharpur health Sub-centre in Unakoti district on January 14. 30 persons have availed medical service in the camp and required medicine has been provided to them. Regular vaccination, advice has been

given on prevention of COVID-19 and other diseases, maintenance of health guideline etc.. MPW, Extension Educator, Anganwadi workers, and ASHA workers were present in the camp. Family welfare and preventive medicine department has informed this in press release.

500 Rural Health & Nutrition Days organized in Dhalai district in December

Total 500 rural health and nutrition days had been organized by 21 health organizations of Dhalai district during the month of December. 856 pregnant mothers and 6599 couples unable to have babies were present in the programmes. Total 1489 children between the age group of 0-11 months, 119 children between the age group of 12-23 months and total 4002 children up to six years old were present in the programmes of Rural Health & Nutrition Day. Advice on different health issues was provided to 1518 adolescent girls in Dhalai district on Rural Health & Nutrition Days. Weight check-up of 326 pregnant mothers was done. IFA tablets were distributed among 2044 mothers. Weight check up of 1526 children was done and additional nutritious food had been distributed among 8281 persons. The family welfare and preventive medicine department has informed this in a press release.