

Tripura begs several awards for MGNREGA implementation

During the last financial year (2018-19) Tripura achieved first position among the 11 hilly states in terms of transparency in implementation of MGNREGA. It has secured second position for proper completion of MGNREGA work, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath at a press meet at the state secretariat yesterday. He said, beside this, the Union ministry of rural development has bestowed five awards on the rural development department of the state.

Gomati district has attained the first rank in regard to transparency in MGNREGA works in the hilly states. The same district has received second prize for fast implementation of work. Karbook block has become the first block among the hilly blocks in fast execution of the scheme. In geo-tagging Teliamura block has been adjudged the best block. In addition, two panchayats in North Tripura district have been awarded for excellent work in MGNREGA. Jamariapara and Laljuri are these two panchayats.

The minister also informed, under MGNREGA 1,76,04,000 mandays have been generated during the 2017-18

financial year. In 2018-19, 2,53,09,000 mandays were generated and in 2019-20 financial year 3,44,02,000 mandays were generated under the scheme. And in the current financial year till July, 2,88,18,000 mandays have been generated under the same scheme. He also informed that the state received Rs. 404 crore in the 2017-18 financial year, Rs. 435 crore in the 2018-19 financial year, Rs. 731 crore in the 2019-20 financial year and Rs. 583 crore till August of the current financial year (2020-21).



Arecanut plantation taken up at Sutarmura in Bishalgarh subdivision

Pic. by Kakali Bhomik, ICO

Krishak Bandhu Kendra inaugurated in Tulashikhar



Pic. by Dulal Debbarma, ICO

The state government is working towards fulfilling the target of doubling the farmers' income by 2022. Various initiatives have been taken to achieve agricultural development as well as welfare of the farmers, stated the agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Pranajit Singha Roy after inaugurating a Krishak Bandhu

Kendra at the Rajnagar regional office of agriculture in Tulashikhar block yesterday.

The agriculture minister said, to achieve the target several steps have been taken to give access to different benefits of the central and state government schemes. The farmers of the state are being encouraged to take up cultivation of cash crop. To protect the farmers from weather-driven losses Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Mukhyamantri Fasal Bima Yojana are in the process of implementation.

As the chief guest of the programme the tribal welfare minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia stated that, about 70 per cent people in the state are dependent on agriculture for sustenance. Considering this aspect the state government is giving utmost priority to agricultural development. The programme was also attended by the chief whip of the Tripura Legislative Assembly Kalyani Roy, MLA Prasanta Debbarma, Sabhadhipati of Khowai Zilla Parishad Joydeb Debbarma, BAC chairman of Tulashikhar Pradip Debbarma, director of the agriculture and farmers' welfare department Dr. Debprasad Sarkar, director of the horticulture and soil conservation department Fani Bhushan Jamatia and other dignitaries.

**344 People benefited under PM
Matru Vandana Yojana
in North district**

Financial assistance has been provided to 344 pregnant women and lactating mothers by the social welfare and social education department under the PM Matru Vandana Yojana in North Tripura district during the financial year 2019-20. Under the scheme, Rs. 5000 rupees has been given in three installments to the pregnant women and lactating mothers. Under the scheme, an amount of 1 lakh 21 thousand rupees has been provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers in the 1st installment. Rs 2000 has been provided to 136 pregnant women and lactating mother in the 2nd installment. Total 2 lakh 72 thousand rupees has been spent for this purpose. Rs 2000 has been provided to 87 pregnant women and lactating mother in the 3rd installment. Rs 1.74 lakh has been spent for this purpose. Total 5 lakh 67 thousand has been spent in the 3rd installment. The deputy director of the social welfare department in North Tripura district has informed this.

Assistance for fish farming

Loan will be provided by different banks to 59 SC category fish farmers under Special Central Assistance to Schedule Caste Sub-plan for cultivation of fish and production of fingerling in Bishalgarh subdivision

during the financial year 2020-21. Rs 20,000, as loan, will be provided to each farmer under the scheme. The fishery department will provide subsidy of Rs 10000 to the fish farmers under the scheme. Pond will be dug for SC category 8 fish farmers under Blue Revolution scheme in the subdivision for increasing production of fish this year. Under the scheme, one auto rickshaw at subsidised rate of Rs 1.2 lakh will be provided to one ST category fish farmer. Moreover, one boat, fishing net and ice box on subsidy rate of Rs 60,000 will be provided to one SC and ST category fish farmer group. The fishery superintendent of Bishalgarh Subdivision has informed this.

**SRI paddy system in Sabroom Nagar
Panchayat**

Paddy is being cultivated in SRI system in 15 hectare land of Sabroom Nagar Panchayat area during Aman season. Out of the total area, high yielding paddy is being cultivated in 5 hectare land. High breed paddy is being cultivated in 10 hectare land. 5 k.g paddy seed per hectare land has been provided to the farmers by the agriculture department. 50 farmers of Nagar Panchayat area are cultivating paddy under the scheme. The agriculture department is providing required fertilizer to the farmers. The Agri-sector officer of the Nagar Panchayat has informed this.