

Auto rickshaw distributed by OBC Corporation in Bishalgarh

Passenger auto rickshaws have been distributed by Tripura OBC Corporation among 12 persons of Bishalgarh block and Municipal area free of cost through a small programme on May 19,2020. It is worth mentioning that price of each auto rickshaw is Rs 2.5 lakh. This programme was jointly inaugurated by Shabhadhipati of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Supriya Das Datta and chairman of OBC Corporation Tapas Majumder at the premises of Officetila Kalibari in Bishalgarh. Among other distinguished guests vice-chairman of Bishalgarh MC Anjan Purkayastha and Councilor of Bishalgarh MC Sushanta Deb were present in the programme. Board of Director of Tripura OBC Corporation Samir Ghosh delivered welcome address. The programme was presided over by chairperson Rupali Dey. The programme was organized by maintaining all government guidelines related to Covid-19.

State cabinet approves new insurance scheme for farmers

The state cabinet has recently approved a new scheme called 'Chief Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana' in the interest of paddy cultivators. Giving details of the scheme at

the secretariat yesterday the education minister Ratan Lal Nath said, at present over 5 lakh farmers associated with paddy cultivation. Among them 4.42 lakh farmers are small and marginal farmers. These 4.42 lakh farmers will be brought under this new scheme. A nominal part of the insurance scheme will be borne by the farmers themselves and the rest will be borne by the state government.

The minister also said, the premium has been fixed in two slabs. Those who own 1 acre or 2.5 *kani* paddy land in their case they have to pay Rs. 10 per *kani* as premium and the government will give Rs. 210.93 per *kani* for them. Such marginal farmers have been estimated at 3,09,000. In the second category those who have upto 1 acre paddy land in their case farmers have to pay Rs. 100 as premium for per *kani* land and the government will bear Rs. 120.93 per *kani* land. The state has 1.33 lakh Such small farmers. To implement this scheme the state government has to spend Rs. 14.77 crore every year. Once paid the premium crops of Aus, Aaman and Boro will be covered. Flood, disease etc. reasons will be covered under the scheme. The minister said, a total of 2,03,591 farmers have benefited under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi and till April, 2020, farmers have

received Rs. 179.50 crore under this scheme.

On the other hand another important decision was taken by the state cabinet on May 19. The education minister said, in the cabinet of June 20, 2019 decision was taken to introduce metered auto system in Agartala Municipal Corporation area. Three slabs were made for this purpose. But later on the Controller of Legal Metrology (the department overseeing the matter of metered auto) advised that passenger fare cannot be divided into three slabs and advised to make two slabs for that. Accordingly the cabinet of May 19, 2020 had given approval for making two slabs of fare for metered auto rickshaws. As per the new guideline, fare for the first 4.20 km. will be Rs. 30 and after that fare for every additional km will be Rs. 7.20. Apart from the driver at best three passengers could sit in an auto. Due notification will be issued before bringing this new system into effect, the minister informed.

Various activities under PDF to be implemented in Khowai

Various programmes under Panchayat Development Fund will be implemented by Khowai Panchayat Samiti in Khowai during the 2019-20 financial year. The block office has informed that Kani Jal (one kind of

fishing net) has been provided to 100 fish farmers and Ber Jal (another type of fishing net) has been provided to 4 beneficiaries in Khowai block. Estimated for this has been calculated at Rs 2,34,000. Sewing machines will be provided to 130 beneficiaries of 25 gram panchayats of the block. Rs 7 lakh will be spent for this purpose.

Moreover, Rs 50,000 will be provided to 10 Lok Ranjan Shakhas of the block at the rate of Rs 5000 each for purchasing musical instruments. Rs 6000 will be provided to each of 50 Carpenters for purchasing wood instruments. Rs 3 lakh in total will be spent for this purpose. Moreover, Rs 5000 will be provided to each of 15 weavers for purchasing handloom clothes. Rs 7,50,000 will be spent for this purpose.

Various development works under MGNREGA implemented in Killa block

Various development works under MGNREGA are being implemented in Killa block. 23,876 mandays have been generated in the block till now. Killa block office has informed that average 9.03 mandays have been generated under the scheme. Rs one crore 8 lakh 25 thousand in total has been spent for this purpose.