

Distribution of agri- instruments among the farmers in Tulashikhar

40 Power tillers have been provided by the office of Tulashikhar agri-subdivision superintendent to 40 tribal farmers of Tulashikhar block at subsidized rate of Rs 85,000 under SMAM scheme during the 2019-20 financial year. Total 34 lakh rupees has been spent for this purpose. One spray machine has been provided to each of 100 farmers at subsidized amount of Rs 1300 under NFSM scheme during the same financial year. One spray machine more has been provided to each of 55 farmers at subsidized amount of Rs 1300 under state scheme. Rs 2 lakh 1 thousand 500 in total has been spent for this purpose. Moreover, irrigation machines have been distributed among 7 farmers under NHSM Scheme and among 6 farmers under PMSKY scheme at a subsidy of Rs 10,000. Rs one lakh 30 thousand in total has been spent for this purpose. Tulashikhar agri-subdivision superintendent Swapan Debbarma has informed this.

Workshop trade prospects in agriculture

Agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fishery, sericulture etc. primary sectors will play an important role

in the economic development of the state. The state government has taken various strategies for the development of these sectors, said the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb after inaugurating a workshop on trading in primary sector organized by the agriculture and farmers' welfare department at Pragna Bhavan yesterday. He said, the primary aim of the state government is to double the income of farmers. The state government has started procuring paddy at minimum support price that this has encouraged the farmers in cultivation of paddy.

The chief minister also said, at present there are 4.42 lakh marginal and small farmers in the state. The government has decided to launch an insurance scheme for them namely 'Chief Minister Fasal Bima Yojana'. Under the scheme those who have 1 acre or 2.5 *kani* land will have to pay Rs. 10 per *kani* land as premium of the scheme while the government will bear Rs. 210 per *kani* land; on the other hand those who have more than 1 acre land will have to pay Rs. 100 per *kani* as premium and the government will bear Rs. 120 per *kani* land. To implement this scheme the state government had to spend about Rs. 15 crore a year.

The chief minister further said, the state government has taken initiative to

promote organic farming for which 9 hectare land has been identified. 15 Hectare more land has been identified to be brought under organic farming. Initiative has been taken to link eight agriculture based markets with E-NAM for proper marketing of produces. Apart from paddy cultivation, the government is also emphasizing on development of animal husbandry, fishery, floriculture, bee-keeping etc.

Attending the workshop the agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy spoke on the need for convergence of agriculture and allied sectors. The animal resource development minister Santana Chakma was also present there, apart from the additional chief secretary S.K. Rakesh.

Drinking water connections for 1045 families in Killa & Kakraban under Atal Jaldhara scheme

Drinking water connections have been provided to total 1045 families in Killa and Kakraban blocks under Atal Jaldhara Scheme during the last financial year. Among them, drinking water connection has been provided to 480 families of Killa block and 565 families of Kakraban block. Moreover, drinking water connections have been provided to 159 families of Udaipur Municipal Area under Atal Jaldhara Scheme during the last financial

year. The office of the executive engineer of DWS department has informed this.



Governor Ramesh Bais on a visit to exotic flower garden at Dhakarbari, Bishalgarh today

Houses being constructed for fish farmers in Kanchanpur

Concrete houses are being constructed by fisheries department for total 30 fish farmers of Dasda block through different schemes during 2019-2020. Houses are being constructed for 5 families of North Tuisama village of Dasda block, 5 families of Gachirampara village, 5 families of Kumpui village, 5 families of South Dasda village, 5 families of North Dasda village. Rs. 1 lakh 30 thousand will be spent for construction of each house. The Kanchanpur sub-division office of fishery superintendent has informed this.