

Government decides to regularize 45 TET qualified teachers

The state government has decided to regularise 45 TET-qualified teachers recruited under Samagra Shiksha after the High Court ruled in favour of their regularization. To materialize this the government has decided to adopt a special scheme, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath during a press conference at the state secretariat yesterday. The education minister said, under Samagra Shiksha i.e. Sarba Shiksha a total of 5,176 teachers were recruited. Out of this number, 45 teachers cleared TET and 4,502 teachers, post recruitment, passed B.L. Ed. There are still 575 teachers to clear D. El Ed course. Besides, 54 of them are Madhyamik-passed or have secured less than 50 per cent in Higher Secondary examination. The state government, giving due respect to the High Court ruling, has decided to regularize those 45 teachers.

The education minister further said, those 4,502 teachers who have not cleared TET but have passed D. El. Ed Course will be getting the same basic as that of regular teachers. They will also be entitled to increment. This decision will come into force from February 23, 2021. Rest of the teachers who have not passed Higher

Secondary or secured less than 50 per cent marks will be given further training through NIOS. Arrangement will also be taken for those who have not passed D. El. Ed. to pass the course through DIET. The minister said, to implement this decision an additional amount of Rs. 27.9 crore will be incurred from the state exchequer.

Agar Policy-2021 released at Buyer-Sellers Meet

The state government is working towards *agar*-based economic development. Initiative has been taken to pave the way to economic development by commercializing *agar* through proper management, stated the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb at the *agar*-based Buyer-Seller Meet organized by the forest department at Agartala yesterday. On the day the chief minister and other guests also released Agar Policy – 2021. The Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal also addressed the meet through video conference.

The chief minister, addressing the Buyer-Sellers Meet said, there are ample prospects of making Tripura Atmanirbhar on the basis of *agar*-based activities. The government is that is why giving priority to this prospective sector. Emphasis is on

enhancing income of people by utilizing the various materials extracted from *agar* to be used in perfume or incense sticks etc. At the same time plan is there to generate income for women of self-help groups through manufacturing *agar*-based products. This sector holds prospects not only in the national market but also in the international market, added the chief minister.

The Union commerce minister said, the oil extracted from agar is precious like liquid gold. So, it agar-based economy has immense prospects of prospering. And the Agar Policy-2021 of the state government will play a significant role in income generation in this sector. He said, on the basis of the report from the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb necessary measures have been taken in this regard. At the same time Tripura's rubber is also paving the way to economic prosperity.

State forest minister N.C. Debbarma, chairman of Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Tinku Roy, chief secretary Kumar Alok also spoke on the occasion. Among others present there were PCCF D.K. Sharma, additional DG of foreign trade, Government of India Bijoy Kumar, chairman of CII, Northeast Council and other dignitaries.

Recruitments lined up

The State Council of Ministers has decided to recruit 125 lab technicians in the health department, informed the ICA minister Sushanta Chowdhury at a press meet at the state secretariat yesterday. He also informed, decision has also been taken to create eight new posts of Assistant Professor for RIPSAT. In addition, the state cabinet decided to recruit 15 persons in the Tripura Government Printing and Stationery department. This recruitment will be for the posts – 2 chargeman, 3 machine man, and 10 binder. Further the post of deputy manager of Tripura Government Printing Press will be filled up. A senior scientific assistant will be recruited in the Lie Detection division of State Forensic Science and Laboratory of the home department. Three vacant posts of homeopathy medical officers will be filled up in the health department. Very soon these recruitments will be done.



Rashtriya Poshan Maah observed in Kamalpur today. Pic. by Tuhin Aich, ICO