

Walking aids for Divyangans in Bishalgarh

Under the aegis of the social welfare and social education department wheel chair and tri-cycles were given to nine Divyangan beneficiaries of Bishalgarh block. Recently these walking aids were distributed at a programme held at Chhayanat Hall in Karaimura of Bishalgarh sub-division. Sabhadhipati of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Supriya Das Datta handed over the walking aids to the beneficiaries. Among others were present chairman of Bishalgarh Panchayat Samiti Chhanda Debbarma, vice chairman Arun Chandra Das, gram pradhan of Raghunathpur Gram Panchayat and CDPO Dipankar Das. Welcome address was delivered by the social welfare and social education officer Dr. Chandrani Biswas.

A society to look after management of Golaghati Park

The state government has decided to hand over the Golaghati Park to a society for its management. It was decided in a meeting of the State Council of Ministers recently. Developed by the information and cultural affairs department targeting rural tourism, this park was inaugurated

on October 10, 2017. The department, in view of shortage of manpower to manage the park, sent a proposal for constituting a society by the name "Society for Management of Golaghati Park".

Moreover, proposal was there to change the name from "Golaghati Rural Tourism Project" to "Society for Management of Golaghati Krishak Samman Park". As per the proposal, Jampuijala BAC chairman will be its chairman. Out of the 21 members of the Society, 17 will be officials, while 4 will be non-officials. This decision has been taken to beautify preserve the park. The Society will levy a minimal entry fee on the visitors.

Webinar by ECI on elections in COVID-19 period

The Election Commission of India had organized an international level webinar the theme of which was "Issues, challenges and protocols during COVID-19: Sharing of experience by countries:. In this webinar the democracies across the globe shared their experiences in conducting elections in the time of COVID-19. The seminar was organized to mark the one year completion of India as chairman of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB). At the fourth

general assembly of the body held at Bengaluru on September 3, 2019. India will be in this charge for three years from 2019-2021.

Inaugurating the webinar the chief election commissioner-cum-chairman of A-WEB Sunil Arora said, in a public health emergency it has become predicament for conducting elections across the world. He said, depending on the severity of the pandemic, different contextual frameworks are there. He spoke about the measures taken up by the countries like Australia, South Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia etc. to ensure public health and safety. He also referred to the challenges in conducting elections in India due to its huge electorate, geographical variation, linguistic and climate conditions etc. aspects. Due COVID-19 situation, number of maximum electors per electoral centre has been reduced to 1000 from 1500. Resultantly number of polling booths has also increased by 40 percent. This will cast influence on the logistics and manpower requirements.

In the present situation, the ECI has emphasized on special services to the senior citizen women, Divyanggan voter, positive persons and those in quarantine. The postal ballot facility could be availed of by the positive and those in home

quarantine. He said, elections are likely in West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, Pondicherry, and Tamil Nadu by the first half of 2021. On this occasion two publications were released. In the webinar delegates of 45 countries including Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bosnia and Harzegovina, Brazil, Combodia, Camaroon, Indonesia etc. countries, participated.



Students felicitation programme in Teliamura sub-division
pic. by Siddhartha Shankar Paul, ICO

Laptop distributed to ensure proper monitoring of educational activities

Apart from fast advancement of the education system the state government has given utmost importance on quality education. New initiatives and programmes have been taken up for the development of education system by use of technology, stated the education

minister Ratan Lal Nath today during the laptop distribution ceremony as part of Natun Disha under Samgra Shiksha of the central scheme. The programme was also attended by academic leaders, academic coordinators, district education officers, inspectors of schools, and representatives of NCERT.

The education minister informed, under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, 400 laptops have been sanctioned. Plan has been taken to groom 400 academic leaders to make Natun Disha a successful programme. Already 185 academic leaders been made. Out of this number, 135 academic leaders will receive a laptop each for their good performance. In addition, initiative has been taken to give laptop to academic coordinators, district education officers, inspectors of schools including those of ADC areas, in 20 schools run under CBSE, centralized examination unit, Natun Disha Cell, Pre-Primary unit, BRC, blind school at Narsingarh etc.

Basically these laptops are being given to ensure proper supervision of academic process in schools and also of the departmental activities. Each unit of laptop costed Rs. 27,000. The minister said, after the introduction of NCERT syllabus 30,000 teachers of the state have

been trained. The higher education director Saju Wahid A and director of school education U.K. Chakma were present in the programme.

Age relaxation for sacked teachers: decision in cabinet

The state cabinet decided to give relaxation in age up to March 31, 2023 to the ad hoc teachers who lost their jobs while recruiting teachers, Group-C and Group-D non-technical posts. The decision was taken by the Council of Ministers on September 21, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath while briefing the press at the secretariat yesterday. He also informed, the state government has identified 1,280 LDC and 9,268 multi-purpose workers posts for recruitment.

Moreover, supervisor, panchayat secretary, agriculture assistant and fishery assistant etc. posts have been identified. The sacked teachers will be given age relaxation in all these posts. Recruitment to these posts will be done on fixed pay basis through a series of advertisement. For this purpose, the GA (P&T) department has been asked to prepare Common Recruitment Rules.