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## Road renovation works taken up in Bishalgarh subdivision

Renovation of four roads and one drain under has been taken up under Bishalgarh division of PWD during the current month at the cost of Rs. 57 lakh 15 thousand. By the next month renovation work will be completed. Renovation work of the 4 km. stretch from Baidya Dighi of Bishalgarh-Golaghati road to Dhwajanagar has been started. Rs. 19.43 lakh will be spent in this work. Both sides of the concrete drain beside PWD office will be renovated at the cost of Rs. 7.18 lakh. Under the scheme, 4.30 km. stretch from Baluarchar to Kamtha will be renovated at the cost of Rs. 7.22 lakh. The 3 km. stretch road from Madhumala ΙB School to Laskar Chowmuhani will be renovated at the cost of Rs. 11.45 lakh. The 3 km stretch from Kamalasagar to Harihardowla Bazar will be renovated at the cost of Rs. 11.87 lakh. The office of the executive engineer of PWD, Bishalgarh has informed this.

## Development activities under PDF in Rabindranagar

Different development works have been implemented in Rabindranagar ADC village in Laljuri block under Panchayat

Development Fund during the current financial year. This year, four RCC ring wells and five mud wells have been renovated in the concerned village at the cost of Rs. 1,96,336. Moreover, initiative has been taken to provide scientific toilets to 59 families of Rabindranagar ADC village through Swachch Bharat Mission during this year. Fingerlings and different items will be provided to three fish farmers of the village under different schemes of the fishery department during the current financial year. The Rabindranagar village committee source has informed this.



A public library was inaugurated at Kurti on August 25.

Pic. by Debanajan, ICO

#### **Renovation work in schools**

Seven school rooms have been renovated under Panchayat Development Fund in Gomati Zilla Parishad with the objective of developing educational infrastructure. Rs.

1 lakh has been spent for renovation of each school. Rs. 7 lakh has been spent in total. The schools to benefit are - Halakhet High School, Goalgao High Totamura High School, Gokulpur High School, Powermura High School, Khilpara High School and Hirapur High School. Rooms of 23 Anganwadi Centres in four blocks of the district have been renovated at the cost of Rs. 4.50 lakh under Panchayat Development Fund. Moreover, paddy weeder machines have been provided to 950 marginal cultivators at subsidized rate of Rs. 3.50 lakh. The office of Gomati Zilla Parishad has informed this.



Coconut tree plantation by MLA Subhash Das on the West bank of Neermahal pic. by Amrit Das, ICO

# EC guidelines for elections during COVID-19 period

The Election Commission of India has approved the broad guidelines for conduct of general/bye-elections during COVID-19

period. Earlier the Commission sought views/suggestions of National /State political parties till July 31, 2020 and had extended it further till August 11, 2020 on request of the political parties. Now after considering the views/suggestions received from different political parties and chief electoral officers the Commission has issued certain guidelines for election campaign and public meetings.

The Commission has revised the norms of number of persons accompanying the candidate and number of vehicles at the time of nomination. It has also kept optional facility to fill the nomination form and submit affidavit online. The candidate could also deposit the security deposit online. Keeping the containment guidelines the Commission has limited the number of persons including the candidate for door to door campaign to five. Public meetings and road shows will be permissible with suitable instructions subject containment instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs / State. Face mask, sanitizer, thermal scanning, gloves, face shield and PPE kits shall be used during the electoral process ensuring social distance. Hand gloves will be provided to all the electors for signing on the voter register and pressing button of EVM for voting.