

PM interacts with CMs of different states on Covid-19 situation via video conferencing

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Chief Ministers of different states through video conference regarding Covid-19 situation today. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb attended the virtual meeting from the Secretariat. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya also attended the meeting. Union Health Secretary elaborated about the present Covid-19 scenario and progress in vaccination in the country. Chief Ministers of different states elaborately discussed about preparation of the respective state to prevent Covid-19 infection including public awareness, present condition of health infrastructure, progress in vaccination etc.

Others present with the Chief Minister during the virtual meeting were Principal Secretary of Health & Family Welfare department J.K Sinha, Director of National Health Mission (Tripura Division) Dr. Sidharth Shiv Jaiswal, Director of Family Welfare & Preventive Medicines Dr. Radha Debbarma and State Surveillance Officer Dr. Deep Kumar Debbarma.

After the meeting, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb discussed the matter with Principal Secretary of Health & Family Welfare department and officials of the department. The Chief Minister emphasized upon ensuring availability of adequate oxygen plants and other treatment facilities in different hospitals and on regularly reviewing the matter as primary preparation to prevent Covid-19 in the state.

The Chief Minister, following Prime Minister's advice, also directed the department to take necessary steps for routine safety audits in different hospitals of the state. He also emphasized upon beautifying GBP and IGM hospitals. He said, patients are also able to relax if the hospital is well kept and clean.

Tripura participates in International Expo-Aahar in Delhi

36th Edition of annual flagship B2B expo, 'Aahar- the international food and hospitality fair in New Delhi commenced yesterday and will continue till April 30, 2022. The fair is being organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). This

expo has been organized for 35 years in South Asia. The event will offer a two-way live communication between exhibiting Food manufacturers and participating buyers interested in food products and beverages, F&B equipment, Hospitality & Deco solution, Wine & spirits, and Allied Sectors. AAHAR is the platform for the food and hospitality industry for showcasing high-quality products and offerings to the large numbers of buyers and sourcing executives visiting the expo.

Industries & Commerce department, Agriculture and Horticulture department are participating in the expo with Tripura Pavilion. There are also scopes for private entrepreneurs to participate in Tripura Pavilion. Among those are- Annada Spices Industry of Agartala, Nunsei Fruits and Vegetable Product Industry of Kumarghat and 6 FPOs. Scented lemons, limes, pineapples, ginger, turmeric, pepper, jackfruit, TPS seeds, anthurium etc., were displayed in Tripura Pavilion.

New Aadhaar Seva Kendra opened in Agartala

To increase accessibility of Aadhar Services in Tripura, UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) opened a

new Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Agartala which has been inaugurated by West Tripura District Magistrate & Collector Debapriya Bardhan today. The new Aadhaar Seva Kendra is located at 1st Floor, Ava Market, Motor Stand, Shivnagar, Agartala. The centre was opened by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. The new centre can process up to 250 Aadhaar enrolment and update requests per day.

Residents shall be able to avail Aadhaar related services such as enrolment, updating address, name, gender, date of birth, mobile number, e-mail and biometrics (photo, fingerprints and Iris) through booking an appointment at UIDAI portal

(<https://appointments.uidai.gov.in/bookappointment.aspx>) or mAadhaar App or can avail the services through walk-in on weekdays from 9.30 am to 5.30pm. Applicants are requested to bring original documents along with them. List of acceptable documents can be found at https://uidai.gov.in/images/commdoc/valid_documents_list.pdf.

Aadhaar enrolment and Mandatory Biometric update (MBU)/MBU along with

demographic update shall be done free of cost. Biometric update with or without demographic update shall be done at the cost of Rs. 100. Demographic update (name, address, gender etc.) shall be done at the cost of Rs. 50. e-Aadhaar download and colour print on A4 sheet paper shall be done at the cost of Rs. 30. Update of more than one field on single instance will be considered as one update. Aadhaar enrolment and Mandatory Biometric update (MBU) for children of 5-15 years of age shall be done free of cost.



Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, in presence of ICA Minister Sushanta Chowdhury, inaugurating Jirania Block level Health Fair today

Pic. by Goutam Das, SIO

ICA Minister inaugurates West Tripura District Level Krishi Mela at Champaknagar

About 60% population of the country is dependent on agriculture. Country's economy is mainly dependent on

agriculture. The farmers also play an important role in taking the nation forward. The central and state government is implementing different programmes for the welfare of agriculture and farmers. Prime Minister has taken special step to double farmers' income, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury after inaugurating West Tripura District Level Krishi Mela organized at Haradhan Saha Community Hall at Champaknagar yesterday. Nine farmers from nine blocks of West Tripura district were felicitated with scarf, certificate and were handed over battery operated spray machine.

ICA Minister spoke about implementation of different central and state government schemes for the welfare of the farmers. He said, paddy is procured at MSP twice in a year to double farmers' income. As a result, direct money goes to the farmers from paddy procurement. Krishak Bandhu Kendras (KVKs) have been opened in different areas for farmers' welfare. Farmers of the state are getting facilities of Fasal Bima Yojana, Soil Health Cards etc.

Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Sarkar Deb as chief guest of the programme said, the state

government is working to take the state ahead based on agriculture. President of Agriculture related Standing Committee of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Samaresh Biswas and Joint Director of Agriculture department (ICAR) Dr. Biswajit Das also spoke on the occasion.

The inaugural programme was presided over by Chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Sanju Das. Other dignitaries present there were Vice Chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Pritam Debnath, Belbari BAC Chairman Roken Debbarma, Chairperson of Jirania Nagar Panchayat Ratan Kumar Das, Director of T-SAMETI Bishnupad Chakraborty, social worker Gouranga Bhowmik and Abhijit Debbarma. Welcome speech was delivered by the Deputy Director of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare department Sukanta Das.

Water body created in Rupaichari block under PMMSY

Water bodies have been excavated for four families of Rupaichari block under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Each water body was created on 1 Kani of land. As a result, 4 Kanis of land was brought under fish farming. Apart from this, water bodies were created for more

4 families of the block for modern fish farming under the scheme. 80 thousand 640 rupees was spent on creation of each water body. As a result, 0.64 Ha of water body was brought under fish farming. This was informed by Fisheries office, Rupaichari block.

Covid-19 first dose to 9,887 students of 12-15 years of age in Sepahijala district

Covid-19 vaccination is being given to students of 12-15 years of age in Sepahijala district to prevent Covid-19 infection. It was informed by the office of Chief Medical Officer of the district that Covid-19 vaccination is being given in all schools of the district.

First dose of Covid-19 vaccine has been given to 9 thousand 887 students of 12-15 years of age of the district. Work is in progress to give vaccine jabs to 5 thousand 815 students. 24 thousand 109 students of 15-18 years of age have already been given first dose and 16 thousand 227 students have been given second dose. 3 lakh 40 thousand 293 individuals of 18 years and above have already been given their first dose and 2 lakh 83 thousand 44 students have been given second dose.