

Seminar to discuss various aspects of pre-matric & post –matric scholarship

A district level seminar to discuss pre-matric and post-matric scholarship for the SC, ST, OBC and minority students was held at September 28 at Dharmanagar. Organized by the district administration of North Tripura district the seminar was inaugurated by Sabhadhipati of North Tripura Zilla Parishad Bhabatosh Das. Chairmen of SC Sub-committee of different blocks were present in the seminar. Among others present on the occasion were subdivision welfare officers Dharmanagar and Kanchanpur, district education officer Sudip Kumar Nath who presided over it, and district welfare officer Hemanta Debbarma. To avail the scholarship necessary documents like income certificate, various certificates, verification of the same, registration on the National Scholarship portal etc. came up for discussion. Besides, head teachers and other officials were present in the seminar.

150-Seated campus for girls for training on software programming

State is forging ahead by empowering women to build self-reliant Tripura. Today a new feather was added to Tripura's

education sector, stated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb after inaugurating 150 seated free job linked training in software programming campus for girls at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Youth Hostel yesterday by pressing a button from the conference hall of the Secretariat. The inauguration programme was jointly organised by Tribal Welfare Department and NavGurukul Foundation. A contract was also signed between the department and NavGurukul Foundation in the programme.



Chief Minister in the inaugural programme said, the joint initiative of Tribal Welfare Department and NavGurukul Foundation will be a sturdy step towards a self-reliant Tripura. This 18-month free residential coaching includes software training and personality development courses. 150 number of class X pass girls will be taken in this year. 44 girl students have already passed an online test and have been selected for the purpose. NavGurukul will be responsible

for job placements. The Chief Minister lauded the efforts of Tribal Welfare Minister and NavGurukul Foundation owner in this regard. This is a remarkable initiative for the youth of Tripura who are moving forward with the mentality of self-reliance, he said.

Chief Minister hoped that in coming days these students will play a leading role in building a self-reliant Tripura with self-dependant mentality. He said, in coming days NavGurukul will also provide free spoken English, personality development trainings to more 10 thousand students who have mobile or smart phones, which is a very beneficial and significant step in the development of future generations of our state.

Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia in the programme said, at present computer education is a very necessary subject in the education field which is why this initiative has been taken and this will benefit the girl students hugely. Secretary of tribal welfare department Tanushree Debbarma shed some light on this initiative. Vote of thanks was given by the department director L.T Darlong. NavGurukul CEO Abhishek Gupta attended the programme through video conferencing and shared the aspects with Chief Minister and others. A documentary was also shown in the programme.

Priority to primary sector to accelerate the economic development – CM

The State Government is giving priority to primary sector to accelerate the economic development of the State. In this regard, primary sectors like tea, fisheries, animal husbandry and agriculture have been given utmost importance. State banks will have to come forward in order to make the people involved in all these primary sectors and become economically self-sufficient, stated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a state-level Banker's Committee conference in the conference hall of the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed progress of all the decisions taken in the last state-level Banker's Committee conference on various issues. Chief Minister then urged the banks to be aware of all works being done in the primary sectors by the state government and asked them to take necessary cooperative steps in those primary sectors and complete the targets in due time.

Chief Minister in the conference said, state government's target is to lower the NPA and increase CD ratio of the banks. Banks have to roll out loan programmes for sectors where it is attainable. Chief Minister emphasized on simplifying loan processes and to plan specific targets on how much loans they will be providing in

particular sectors. He also asked bank officials to keep watch on whether the targets were fulfilled or not. Referring to the success of health department in Sustho Shoishob, Sustho Koishor Abhijan and said, 99% success was achieved in a 15 days mission to give vitamin A, iron folic acid etc to 13 lakh children and youngsters. Similarly, the banks have to work in mission mode to achieve success.

Chief Minister also said, rubber is a special sector in the state from economic point of view. Maximum revenue in the state comes from rubber sector which is why banks need to come forward to develop this sector. He asked the banks to also come forward on developing tea gardens as state has many big tea gardens. He advised banks on conducting a conference with tea garden owners if required. He also asked banks to stand for organic farmers, Biofloc fish farmers besides rubber, tea, Agar etc. he said, bank authorities need to be proactive in providing timely loans through Kisan credit cards to farmers involved in various fields including agriculture. He also asked the banks to come up with a project so that the farmers can get loans through Kisan credit card.

Punjab National Bank DGM Anand Kumar informed in the conference that banks have set target for 100%

disbursement in all primary sectors in annual credit plan of financial year 2021-22. Banks have disbursed 1518.24 crore rupees this year for agriculture, small and micro industries and other primary sectors. 15 thousand 805 KCC holder farmers were brought under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana this year. 998SHG loans have been sanctioned till June of 2021-22 financial year. 79 SC/ST women beneficiaries were given loans till June of 2021-22 financial year. 70 loans were sanctioned under Dairy Unnayan Prakalpa this year till June. 2,628 loans were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor Atmanirbhar Nidhi Prakalp. Apart from this, opening of new bank branches, assistance for tourism development and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana etc were discussed in the conference.

Others present in the 136th conference were Chief Secretary Kumar Alok, Principal Secretary of Health J.K Sinha, Secretary of Urban Development department Kiran Gitte, Secretary of Rural Development department Soumya Gupta, Secretary of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare department Apurba Roy, Secretary of Minority Welfare department Tapas Roy, Reserve Bank of India Agartala branch General Manager Tamal Sinha, NABARD DGM Anil Purohit, and PNB General Manager Gopal Saha.