

## **Assistance pregnant women in Padhmabil under PM Matru Vandana Yojana**

Assistance has been provided to 327 pregnant women and lactating mothers under Pradhan Mantra Matru Vandana Yojana through Padhmabil ICDS project of Social Welfare & Social Education department in the month of December of the current financial year. Among them, Rs 1000 of 1<sup>st</sup> installment to 138 persons, Rs 2000 of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment to 103 persons and Rs 2000 of 3<sup>rd</sup> installment to 86 persons have been provided. It is also worth mentioning that total Rs 5000 in three installments have been provided to each beneficiary under the scheme. Padhmabil ICDS project office has informed this.

## **Online Kokborok Speaking Course for government employees launched**

Online Kokborok Speaking Course has commenced for non-Kokborok speaking state government employees belonging to Group A, B and C categories on January 30. Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath has officially inaugurated the Online Kokborok Speaking Course at Shiksha Bhawan. In the first batch 100 government employees of eight districts including TCS and IAS officers have got the opportunity to learn Kokborok

language. The coaching will be given by resource persons on every Sunday, second and fourth Saturdays of every month. The learning course of the first batch will end on the second week of the third month.



Terming this to be a breakthrough initiative, Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath said, the government has taken various steps for the development of Kokborok language. This initiative has been taken to expand and bring Kokborok to non-Kokborok speaking people. After the Online Kokborok Speaking Course of the government employees, the department may consider about making Online Kokborok Speaking Course for general people. The Minister also called upon the journalists to learn Kokborok language. He said, in a short span of time the state government has introduced Kokborok as a subject in 116 schools starting from primary to higher secondary level. The cabinet decided to recruit 22 Kokborok Assistant Professors in 22 colleges.

Besides that, Kokborok handbooks for classes 3 to 10 have been released on Statehood Day this year so that the teachers could take Kokborok classes. Earlier government press releases used to be released only in Bengali language. Now the press releases are being released in Bengali as well in Kokborok and English languages. Governmental schemes are now being published and broadcast in English and Kokborok languages beside Bengali language. Not only this, but the state government has also taken up different initiatives for the development of 7 minority languages such as- Kuki, Garo, Mizo, Halam, Chakma, Bishnupriya and Manipuri languages. In this regard, an initiative has been taken to start a minor research programme in the state.

After the inauguration of the Online Kokborok Speaking Course, Education Minister interacted with the trainees. He said, the trainees will be given certificates after the completion of their course. MLA and Chairman of Advisory Committee for development of Kokborok Atul Debbarma also delivered speech in the inaugural programme. Welcome speech was delivered by the Director of Kokborok & Minority Languages department Nagendra Debbarma. Others present were Deputy Director Sabyasachi Singh and other officials of the department.

### **Review meeting on Vision Document at the Secretariat**



The various action plans adopted by the state government for the welfare of the people should be implemented with utmost importance on priority basis. Officials of the concerned departments should play a leading role in bringing the benefits of governmental projects to the people of all sections by implementing various action plans of the state government's Vision Document, stated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a review meeting on Vision Document held at the Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister briefly reviewed the steps taken by the state government and status of implementation for the overall development of the people of the state.

While reviewing the programmes of the transport department as per the target of the state government's Vision Document, the Chief Minister directed the Principal Secretary of the Transport department to take initiative to build helipads for starting helicopter services for tourist spots to attract more tourists to Tripura. He also directed to regularly

monitor the construction of Sabroom and Nishchintapur Railway Yard along with the bus service from Agartala Airport to Agartala town.

The Chief Minister also reviewed various public welfare programmes implemented by other departments. He emphasized on taking necessary steps towards marketing of various textile products produced by the indigenous people. Setting up of Eklavya Model Residential Schools, development of the tribal areas through Mukhyamantri Gram Samridhi Yojana etc. were also discussed in the meeting.

During the review meeting, the Secretary of the Urban Development department elaborated on the current status of the various programmes of the department and the steps taken as per the Vision Document. The Chief Minister also emphasized upon beautifying both sides of River Howrah besides improvement of canal for irrigation. Secretary of the Information and Cultural Affairs department elaborated on different steps taken and their publicity as per the Vision Document. After reviewing them the Chief Minister advised the department to take all necessary steps for promotion of Jatra, puppetry on a larger scale. Publishing a coffee table book on various important fairs and festivals in the state was also discussed in the meeting. Various schemes and programmes of the tourism

department in line with the Vision Document were reviewed in the meeting.

Rubber, tea sectors, initiatives for launching Smart Ration Card etc. issues were also discussed. In this regard, the Chief Minister asked the Secretary to take necessary steps to introduce home delivery service in ration shops. Chief Secretary Kumar Alok also attended the review meeting. Besides, different development programmes in terms of Vision Documents of the government by departments like Revenue, Minority Welfare, OBC Welfare, Finance, General Administration (Administrative Reforms), Science and Technology, Tribal Research and Cultural Institute, etc. were elaborated by their respective Principal Secretaries and Secretaries.

#### **Assistance for flower cultivation**

Assistance will be provided to tribal youths for cultivation of flower in different villages of Tulashukhar block under Chief Minister Puspa Udyan Prakalpa. Assistance will be provided to 20 tribal beneficiaries for cultivation of marigold in 4 hectare land under the scheme during the current financial year. Rs 4.60 lakh will be spent for this purpose. Moreover, assistance will be provided to 4 tribal beneficiaries for cultivation of Gladiolus in 0.8 hectare land. Rs 3.20 lakh will be spent for this purpose. Office of the Agri-Superintendent, Tulashikhar Agri- subdivision has informed this.