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Commencement of Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana

Government will bear the education expenses of children who lost their parent due to COVID infection till 18 years of age: CM

“The state government has decided to start a new scheme ‘Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana’ for children who lost their parent due to COVID infection,” announced the Chief Minister in a press conference called in the Secretariat last evening. He said that 3,500 rupees on monthly basis will be given to the children who have lost their parent and are living with their relatives until they are 18 years of age. Apart from this, the state government will also look after their education. In case of females, after they have crossed 18 years of age one-time financial help of 50 thousand rupees will be provided for their marriage. The Chief Minister also said, “In case the children are living in child homes, the home authority will bear all the expenses of the child including their education. Such children either living in homes or with their relative will be given a laptop or a tablet when they will be studying in class 11 and 12. Such scheme has been decided to secure the future of the children who lost their parent due to COVID.”

In the press conference the Chief Minister said, “Many people have lost their loved ones due to COVID. The government will bear the education expenses of children who lost their parent due to COVID infection till 18 years of age. The central and state government are working together to tackle the COVID pandemic. The State government has recently announced 579 crore rupees package to tackle the COVID situation. Keeping the welfare of poor people in mind, 332 crore rupees will be invested through this package under MGNREGA and 25 crore rupees under TUEP. Beneficiaries will receive 2 months social pension direct into their accounts for which 72 crore rupees will be invested. 7 lakh poor and needy families will receive financial assistance of one thousand rupees and food packets for which 80 crore rupees will be invested.”

The Chief Minister also said that the central and the state government are providing various kinds of help from time to time to tackle the COVID situation and that even during the pandemic the central government through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has provided 1 lakh 60 thousand housing for the state investing 2,400 crore rupees. The Chief Minister thanked the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar for the same.

In the press conference, the Chief Minister also said that the vaccination rate of the state is highest in the country. The state government has recently arranged oxygen attached beds, oximeter, COVID Care Centres, COVID dedicated hospitals, ventilator etc to tackle the COVID situation. Apart from this, North-east's biggest oxygen plant is being set up in IGM Hospital which will generate 1050 litres of oxygen every minute. An oxygen plant is also being set up in GBP hospital which will generate 900 litres of oxygen every minute. Apart from that, initiatives have been taken to set up oxygen plants in Khumulwng hospital and in 8 districts of the state. The Chief Minister also informed that 18 more oxygen plants are being set up through National Health Mission. Principal Secretary, Health department, J.K Sinha was present in the press conference.
