

the special guest. The programme was also attended by the special secretary of labour department Chaintanya Murthi, labour commissioner Tapas Roy and hordes of Anganwadi workers, members of different labour unions.

The scheme has been launched to benefit the workers of unorganised sector. It is a pension scheme for people having monthly income of less than Rs. 15,000. Workers ageing between 18-40 years could avail of the facility by contributing a certain amount per month. This is a contributory pension scheme but the monthly instalment differs on the basis of age of the beneficiary. So far more than 5000 workers of the unorganised sector in Tripura have enlisted their name for the scheme. On completion of 60 years of age they will be entitled to this pension.

The Revenue Minister launched the scheme by handing over an e-card to a beneficiary, which was followed by handing over of e-cards to other 12 selected beneficiaries by the other guests. Initially the beneficiaries have to pay in cash, later on the EMI will be deducted from their bank or Jan Dhan account. To get enlisted one has to approach the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) alongwith AADHAAR card, bank passbook and mobile phone. EMI will vary from Rs.

55 to 200 depending on the age of the beneficiary.

Terming the launch of the scheme a historic decision the Revenue Minister presented a statistical picture of how the labour force in agri-sector is diminishing and joining other unorganised sectors, in view of which this scheme will be a large number of people will benefit from it. He urged the concerned department, NGOs and all others to create awareness about the scheme so that more and more people could reap the benefit. Social Welfare Minister Santa Chakam expressed her delight at the launch of the scheme and urged people to be aware of their rights and opportunities and be enterprising so that it could match with the government initiative for self-reliance. Welcome address was given by the special secretary and vote of thanks was given by the commissioner of the labour department.

Agri-equipments distributed in Matabari

Under the aegis of Matabari agri-subdivision agricultural equipments were distributed among the farmers on March 3. Organised at the Udaipur town hall the programme was inaugurated by the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare department Pranajit Singha Roy. Addressing the gathering the minister

