

Online training for elected representatives & panchayat functionaries

An online training through Skype on prevention against COVID-19 and role of the elected representatives and functionaries under RD (Panchayat) department, Government of Tripura was held on April 27. This was the first of its kind in the state conducted by the Panchayati Raj Training Institute and it was meant for West Tripura and Sepahijala district only. Director of the panchayat department Rajendra Kumar Noatia inaugurated the online training for generating awareness among them. The training programme was conducted as direction of the NIRDPR, Hyderabad. A similar programme was conducted by Prof. Gyanmudra, NIRDPR with all the states on April 4, 2020 where a total of 18 participants attended through Zoom application from the RD (Panchayat) department, Government of Tripura.

There were 147 participants in the training conducted on April 27 which continued for 90 minutes. Participants hailed from all the blocks, Zilla Parishads of West Tripura and Sepahijala district. The training focused on issues like – COVID-19, and its probable symptoms, status of asymptomatic patients in India, preventive measures, India and global statistics, guidelines issued by the ministries and departments of the

Government of India and state government. Initiatives taken by the Government of Tripura, case studies of different states and installation of Aarogya Setu app and its importance.

In addition, the Panchayati Raj Training Institute has prepared a vide clip of 1.25 minutes for faster dissemination of information to the grass root level. The joint director of panchayat department had given vote of thanks to all the participants and informed that more such training programmes will organized in the coming days to avoid social gathering amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

Harvesting machines to be distributed in North district

Under the aegis of the North district office of agriculture and farmers' welfare department target has been set to provide rice harvesting machines to 23 farmers at subsidized rate during the 2019-20 financial year. Subsidy amount on each machine will be Rs. 75,000. Under the scheme seven beneficiaries will be from Kadamtala agri-subdivision, nine beneficiaries from Panisagar agri-subdivision, four beneficiaries from Kanchanpur agri-subdivision, three beneficiaries from Damchera agri-subdivision. Deliberating on the issue further the deputy director of the department said, during the 2018-19

financial year rice harvesting machine was given to one farmer each from Kanchanpur and Damchera agri-subdivision with a subsidy of Rs. 63,000. In addition, power tiller has been given to two farmers of Kanchanpur agri-subdivision at a subsidized rate of Rs. 1.25 lakh.

Control room to facilitate COVID-19 issues

The state government has opened a control room to help the people stranded outside the state and disseminate COVID-19 related information. This control room is operational from 9 am. to 10 pm. Landline numbers of this control room are – 0381-241-2424, 0381-241-3434 and 0381-241-5879. WhatsApp / call number is - +91-8414969592. E-mail id is state-control@tripura.gov.in. The control room is headed by the secretary of GS(SA) department who can be contacted on 0381-241-6042 and 9856766409. Giving this information the transport department has stated that this control room can also be contacted for health issues, financial assistance and inter-state traveling.

Implementation exceeds target under Atala Jaldhara

Under the Atal Jaldhara Yojana target was set by the drinking water and sanitation department to provide water connections to 650 families in Dharmanagar Municipal Council area and Pansiagar Nagar

Panchayat area. Already connections have been given to 883 families, that is beyond the target number, informed the executive engineer of DWS Animesh Das. He informed, target for Dharmanagar was 250 families while in practice 417 families have been covered and target for Panisagar was 400 wherein 466 families have been covered in reality.

Paddy seeds to be distributed for jhumias in Dhalai

The agriculture and farmers' welfare department office, Dhalai district, has taken initiative to ensure that cropping process by the Jhumias is not disrupted during the lockdown period. Already 12 MT paddy seeds have been distributed by the department among the jhumias. The break-up of beneficiaries goes like this – 1080 kg for the farmers of Ambassa sub-zonal, 3510 kg for the farmers of Gandachera sub-zonal, 3450 kg for the farmers of Chhamanu sub-zonal, 2070 kg for the farmers of Ganganagar sub-zonal, 1890 kg for the farmers of Manu sub-zonal has already reached the respective offices. In addition, 60 MT paddy seeds have been distributed among the Aus paddy cultivators of the district. Sandip Som, deputy director of Dhalai agriculture and farmers' welfare office has informed this.