



farmers of Udaipur / Kakraban will be held at Kakraban Community Hall and procurement from the farmers of Sonamura will take place at vegetable wholesale market of Sonamura from December 24 to January 1, 2019.

Apart from that, procurement of paddy from the farmers at minimum support price will take place at Bishalgarh Co-operative (PACS) office complex (near Bishalgarh food godown), Tarapur High School premises of Mohanpur and food godown premises of Madhab Bari under Jirania from January 3 to 10. In this system a farmer could sell a maximum of 15 quintal paddy through quality test as per standard fixed by the Government of India. Price of sold paddy will be disbursed by Food Corporation of India into the bank account of concerned farmer within four days. Food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department has made an appeal through a notice to all the interested farmers to contact the agri-officers of the concerned areas for availing certificate through farmers registration. It is to be noted that Food Corporation of India has set a target to procure 10 thousand metric tonne paddy from the farmers through this system, informed the food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department source.

### **1,51,28,716 Mandays generated under MGNREGA**

This year (2018-19) the an amount of Rs. 384.27 crore including central share of Rs. 325.18 crore and state share of Rs. 59.09 crore has been received under MGNREGA. So far Rs. 340.086 crore has been spent generating 1,51,28,716 mandays against the target of 2 crore mandays. Till now the average mandays generated is 30 per cent. With this fund and mandays assets have been created in sectors like afforestation, digging of pond, construction of dam, check-dam, road, agricultural and horticultural activities etc. Of the executed work 83 per cent geo-tagging has been completed, against the national average of 92 per cent. Social audit has been done in 1226 cases. This information was revealed by the principal secretary of rural development department B.K. Sahu during a review meeting of the Tripura State Employment Guarantee Council held at the secretariat yesterday.

Chairing the meeting the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has called for a concerted work strategy of all the MLAs, BAC Chairmen, panchayat pradhans, village chairpersons, DMs, BDOs, panchayat secretaries, village secretaries, MGNREGA workers and rural programme managers. On the one hand he urged the DMs to develop every district into a model district



machines will be distributed among 500 farmers through National Food Security Mission scheme. Each farmer will be provided an amount of Rs.600 as subsidy. For this purpose the department has to spend an amount of Rs.18 lakhs.

### **National Deworming Day to be observed on Feb. 8**

National Deworming Day will be observed in the state on February 8, 2019. In this connection a meeting of State Coordination Committee was held at the conference hall of youth affairs and sports department on December 11, 2018. Directors of health, social welfare and social education etc departments and district level officers of concerned departments, NCC, State Programme Manager and State ASHA Programme Manager under National Health Mission were present in the meeting chaired by the secretary of health department Samarjit Bhowmik.

It was informed in the meeting that the programme would commence on February 7, 2019 and children of 1-19 years of all governmental and private schools of the state including Anganwadi centres will be given de-worming medicine on February 8, 2019. Those who miss out on the opportunity will be able to get the medicine on February 14,2019. This time a total of 12 lakh 80 thousand 766 children will be covered under this programme.

This programme will be conducted in 58 blocks of the state with involvement of education, health, social welfare and social education departments, three-tier panchayats, Swacch Bharat Mission, Scouts and Guide, Neheru Yuva Kendra, volunteers of NCC. Special focus will be given on areas like various brick fields, slums and habitations of displaced people. This kind of programme was also implemented in the state last August. During that period a total of 10 lakh 59 thousand students were brought under the de-worming programme.

### **Budhha Mela in Matabari block on Dec 22**

Budhhamela will be held at Chaigaria Chakmapara of Adipur ADC village under Matabari block on December 22 and 23. For this a preparatory meeting was held at the conference hall of Matabari block under chairmanship of MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh on December 10. Chairman of Shantirbazar BAC Gourishankar Reang, BDO of Matabari block Sourav Das, Chairman of Adipur village Swapan Chakma and officers of various departments were present in the meeting. During the fair nightlong cultural programme will be organised. One advisory committee, one executive committee with MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh as chairman and few Sub-committees were constituted to make the programme successful.