

## **Essential commodities distributed by Raj Bhavan in Belbari**

Essential commodities were distributed by Raj Bhavan among 123 poor families of Belbari block in West Tripura district on April 27, 2020 during this lock down period. Additional secretary of Governor Ratna Jeet Debbarma on behalf of Raj Bhavan handed over rice, masoor dal, potato, onion, soya bean, cooking oil, salt, biscuit, soap and musk to the families at the premises of Biswamani S B School. Chairman of BAC Ganesh Debbarma, BDO Suresh Chandra Jamatia were present during the distribution.

## **Financial assistance provided to labourers of brick kilns in Kanchanpur**

On behalf of Kanchanpur subdivisional administration one time financial assistance has been provided to 335 migrated labourers of four brick kilns which were closed due to lockdown. Rs 1000 has been provided to each migrated labourer. On behalf of Kanchanpur subdivisional administration a delegation headed by DCM provided financial assistance to the migrated labourers. The office of Kanchanpur subdivisional administration has informed this.



*Health camp held at Narayan Khamar SB School relief camp today. The health camp was organized by Takarjala community health centre.*

*Pic. by Shivendra Debbarma, ICO*

## **Cabinet decision to export pineapple through refrigerated parcel van**

Several important decisions were taken in the meeting of state cabinet on April 23. Education minister Ratanlal Nath informed this in a press conference at the secretariat later on. He informed that the Council of Ministers had given approval for a pilot project on transportation of crops produced in the state through refrigerated parcel vans of trains. In the pilot project, two trains namely Agartala-Kolkata Kanchanjunga Express and Agartala-Delhi Tripura Sundari Express would be used for transporting state's crops specially pineapple and scented lemon in refrigerated parcel vans. The cost of

transportation by Kanchanjunga Express and Tripura Sundari Express will be Rs 1, 08,233 and Rs 1, 46,000 respectively. The refrigerated parcel vans can carry 17 M.T.

Earlier air cargo and surface transportation were used for transportation of these crops at higher price. After implementation of the pilot project, sale of farmers' produce will be increase and farmers will benefit from it as the new system will be more cost-effective. Education minister also informed that people of different groups like cobbler, rickshaw puller, motor driver, laundry labourer, barber, fish farmer, carpenter and black smith are getting different pensions. But there are some other people who are not getting pension despite being poor. In the cabinet meeting, another major decision taken was to provide one time financial assistance of Rs 1000 to 12000 people of unorganized sectors.

The minister also informed that there are 58 tea gardens in the state. Work has been started in 47 tea gardens maintaining social distance. Work will be started in the remaining 7 tea gardens. Now, 11,397 labourers are working in the tea gardens. 22,025 labourers are working in 251 brick kilns of the state. Season's work has lapsed in 207 brick kilns. Now, work is going on in 44 brick kilns. Education minister informed

that there are 8142 small and cottage industry units outside industrial estate. About 34,000 labourers are working there. An initiative has been taken to run the small industries in rural areas. State government has taken initiatives to tackle any kind of crisis in the state in future.

**PM Kishan Samman Niddhi Yojana:  
11,231 farmers of Panisagar  
registered**

11,231 farmers of Panisagar block and Jubarajnar block under Panisagar agriculture subdivision have been registered under PM Kishan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Under the scheme each farmer has received Rs 2000 in each installment totaling Rs 6000 in three installments. 4,953 farmers of Panisagar block have been registered under the scheme. Among them, 4732 farmers have availed the money of first installment, 4562 farmers have availed money of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment and 4060 farmers have availed money of third installment. Moreover, 6278 farmers of Jubarajnar block have been registered under the scheme. Among them, 6132 farmers have availed money of first installment, 5976 farmers have availed money of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment and 6380 farmers have availed money of third installment. Deputy director of agriculture and farmers welfare department, Swapan Kumar Sinha has informed this.