

## **Face cover/ mask mandatory in offices: Rs. 100 penalty for violation**

In the National Directives for COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on April 15, wearing of face cover was compulsory in all public places as well as work places. So, use of face cover/mask was made mandatory in all government offices/ PSU offices. Citing that directive order has been given by the state government that to implement it has a penalty of Rs. 100 will be imposed on the employees violating that norm, specially in corridors, meetings and rooms where there are more than one person. To monitor that the general administration department will constitute a team for sudden inspection in offices. Similarly, the head of office will constitute as team to keep vigilance in their respective offices. On the basis of that report of the team, the secretary of general administration department will order for deduction of penalty from the next month's salary of the employee, provided a violation is committed.

## **Vehicle Sanitising Tunnel inaugurated at Bodhjungnagar today**

In compliance of the order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to combat COVID-19 initiative has been taken to sanitize vehicles at Bodhjungnagar

industrial complex to ensure safety of the workers. Accordingly the Tripura Industrial Development Corporation (TIDC), with the assistance of Agartala Municipal Corporation, has installed a vehicle sanitizing tunnel at the Gate no. 2 (EPIP Gate). The tunnel was inaugurated by the chairman of TIDC Tinku Roy today. The inaugural function was also attended by the secretary and director of industry and commerce department Kiran Gitte and P.K. Goyal respectively, apart from the owners of industrial units.

Now all the vehicles entering Bodhjungnagar Industrial Estate and exiting from it are being directed through Gate no. 2 of EPIP. This project has been implemented by AMC at a cost of around Rs. 4 lakh. This has been informed through a press release of the industry and commerce department.

## **Agri-Entrepreneurship Facilitation Desk coming up**

In the last meeting the state cabinet gave approval for setting up Agri-Entrepreneurship Facilitation Desk, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath during a press conference held at the secretariat today. He said, there was no such set up in the state earlier. As per decision the Desk will be set up at the directorate of horticulture department. He said, our state is an agriculture-based economy and the state government has also taken this as a

priority sector. Those who want to set up agro-based industry in the state are not aware of many subsidy etc. given by NABARD and National Horti-Board. That is why to disseminate various information on this the state government has taken this initiative.

Operator of the Desk will be selected through SOFED. Priority will be given to those who have degrees in agriculture, MBA or experience in marketing. For this purpose the state government has to bear an expenditure of Rs. 24 lakh annually. This fund will be procured from the fund of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture Technical Support Group.

The education minister further informed, various initiatives have been taken to have a way-out to utilize the jackfruit, lemon, pineapple, white radish grown in plenty in the state and double the income of farmers. To encourage the youths about agro-entrepreneurship target has been set to generate awareness among 2000 youths in the next one year. And attempt will be to enable at least 400 youths to start their own enterprises. Ten people have to start new industries and four seller-buyers meet have to be organized in a year. Through these initiatives agro-based industries could flourish and this will in turn create employment.

### **Atal Jaldhara in Kanchanpur: Implementation exceeds target**

Target has been set by the drinking water and sanitation department to provide drinking water connections to 3,860 families of Dasda, Laljuri and Jampuihill block under Kanchanpur subdivision. Already going beyond the target number water connections have been given to 3,944 families, informed the executive engineer of DWS Animesh Das has informed this. He also informed, in Dasda block target was set to provide water connections to 2,250 families. Out of this number, 1,984 families have been covered so far. In Laljuri block out of targeted 1,275 families, 1,616 families have been covered so far. In Jampui Hill block 344 families have been given water supply connections against the target 335 families.

### **Assistance provided by Raj Bhavan to 141 families**

Essential commodities were distributed by Raj Bhavan among 141 poor families of Brajapur gaon panchayat of Charilam block on April 29, 2020. This initiative has been taken by Raj Bhavan to assist poor people during lockdown. Additional secretary of Governor Ratnajeet Debbarma on behalf of Rajbhavan, SDM of Bishalgarh subdivision Jayanta Bhattacharjee and BDO of Charilam block Joydeep Chakraborty handed over rice, masoor dal, potato, onion, soyabean, cooking oil, biscuit, and mask etc to the families at the premises of Brajapur S.B School.