

Countrywide campaign begins to control adulteration in edible oil

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is responsible for ensuring availability of safe and healthy food to the people of the country. There are various instances and allegations of adulterated edible oil being sold without the mandatory AGMARK license as well as approved blending of oils. There are also allegations of open sale of packaged or bottled products despite prohibitions under FSS regulations. In this context, the FSSAI has decided to conduct a nationwide campaign from 1st August, 2022 to 14th August, 2022 through State food Authority to control adulteration in edible oil. Joint Food Safety Commissioner Dr. Radha Debbarma has informed this in a press conference recently.

He said that Keeping trans-fatty acid level under control, labeling provision and multi-source edible oils are mandatory to use AGMARK license. The main objective of the campaign is to ban the open sale of edible oils in open market of the country. In this regard, all designated officers have been directed to collect at least two samples of

oil from their respective districts. Dr. Radha Debbarma also informed that FSSAI has ordered 15 parameters to be tested in these samples. These tests can be done only in 30 laboratories across the country. In this case, the sample collected from the state will be sent to the designated laboratory of Kolkata. Deputy Food Safety Commissioner Dr. Anuradha Majumder was present in the press conference.

Recruitment of 200 junior engineers in PWD, 5 percent dearness allowance for government employees

The state government has announced 5 percent dearness allowance to state government employees and retired employees. This decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting on 2nd August, 2022. Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Sushanta Chowdhury announced this news at the press conference organized at the secretariat's press conference hall after the cabinet meeting. The announced DA will be effective from July 1, 2022. The state government will spend 523 crore 80 lakh rupees every year to pay 5 percent DA. Information and Cultural Affairs Minister said that fixed salary employees will also

get this benefit. He opined that a large number of government employees and retired employees will benefit from this decision of the state government.

The Minister also said that, cabinet has decided to appoint 200 junior engineers in the PWD. Out of which 100 Tripura Engineering Service Grade-v (A) and 100 Grade-v (B) Junior Engineers will be recruited. Recruitment process will be completed soon through TPSC. He said that the Cabinet has decided to appoint 100 staff nurses in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Besides, the Cabinet meeting also decided to recruit 22 Pharmacists (Homeopathy), 25 Pharmacists (Ayurvedic) and 31 Laboratory Technicians (Blood) under the Department of Health And Family Welfare. Moreover, the Cabinet has decided to create 90 promotional posts for the post of Multipurpose Supervisor in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. The cabinet has also decided to fill-up four posts of Assistant Professors of Pharmacy for Regional Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology (RIPSAT). It has been decided to create 25 supernumerary posts in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. In this

regard, it has been decided to promote those who are in Grade-IV to the post of Grade-III (Driver).

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister also said that, the cabinet has decided to create 12 LDC posts on fixed salary in the Directorate of Audit under the Ministry of Finance. Besides, 16 posts have been created in the Department of Information and Culture. Out of which, 4 posts of Assistant Director, 6 Senior Information Officers and 6 Reporters have been created. The posts of 4 Assistant Directors and 6 Senior Information Officers will be filled by promotion and the posts of Reporters will be filled by direct recruitment.

In the press conference, the Minister said that the present state government has taken various decisions in the past few days that are friendly to newspapers and journalists. On 2nd August, 2022 cabinet meeting approved the amendment of Tripura Media Representative Accreditation Guidelines 2022. He said that this amendment has been decided to implement the announced health insurance for accredited journalists. This Tripura Media Representative

Accreditation Guidelines 2022 amendment has brought a lot of relaxation in various areas for the convenience of journalists.

Also the state government has decided to provide 200 gram packets of Soya Chunk in public distribution system from now onwards. In this case, every family will be given a packet of 200 grams of soya chunks every month. Moreover, keeping in mind the welfare of the farmers, it has been decided that as part of the integrated crop management programme, additional 20 thousand hectares of cultivable land in the state will be brought under paddy cultivation. Moreover, various assistance will be given to the farmers through this programme.

Review meeting on flagship programme of power department

Priority has been given to modernize the electricity service in the state as well as providing uninterrupted power service in the state. For this purpose, the work of flagship projects for the development of electricity services should be implemented quickly with transparency. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said this in a review meeting on the flagship programme of the Power

Department at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 2nd August, 2022. In the review meeting, the Chief Minister also said that those who want to get electricity service should be encouraged and connection should be given. Chief Minister directed to take strict action against hook line users if necessary. The department should keep an eye on the matter so that the customers are not subjected to any kind of harassment. Chief Minister said that work needs to be done seriously from now onwards to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Durga Puja.

In the review meeting, Chief Minister said that when customers call the customer service centres, it is necessary to treat the customers politely and give correct information to the customers. Power sub-stations in the state are required to be inspected from time to time. He said, maintenance of transformers should also be given importance. The Chief Minister also advised TSECL officials to install solar lights around the identified 'Amrit Sarovars' in the state.

In the meeting, Secretary of Tripura State Power Department, Brijesh Pandey said that Tripura State Electricity Corporation is working on various plans for uninterrupted power supply in the state. He said that more sub-stations will be set up across the state by next December. He

said that a total of 22,500 street lights have been installed across the state. Installation of more lights is under progress and 3 lakh study lamps have been provided in the state so far. Till July of this year, 1,057 solar pumps have been provided under the Pradhan Mantri Kusum scheme and there is a target of giving more, which will be completed by February next year. He said that an initiative has been taken to build a model village based on solar power in the state. Also in the meeting, Secretary discussed, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Gram Jyoti Yojana, projects related to various departments of Central and State Governments, transmission lines, number of electricity consumers in the state, power generation plants. In the meeting, the secretary discussed about various programmes before puja, office programmes before and after monsoon, repair of jumpers, customer service centre. In this context, Chief Minister directed to make the call center of TSECL more developed and functional.

Deputy Chief Minister, Jishnu Dev Varma who is also the Minister of Power, Chief Secretary J.K Sinha, TSECL Managing Director, Debashis Sarkar and other senior officials of the department were present in the review meeting.



Kalyanpur community health center and quarter complex were inaugurated by the Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha today at Kalyanpur in presence of Chief whip Kalyani Roy, MLA Pinaki Das Chowdhury, secretary of Health dept. Debasish Basu, and Dr. Radha debbarma, director, family welfare department.

Jal Jeevan Mission : 3,91,315 houses covered in rural area

Drinking water connection has been provided to 3,91,315 houses in rural area of the state under Jal Jeevan Mission up to July 31. Drinking water connection has been provided to 4341 houses under the scheme on the month of July. Among these, drinking water connection has been provided to 662 houses of North Tripura district, 230 houses of Unakoti district, 925 houses of Dhalai district, 267 houses of Khowai district, 850 houses of West Tripura district, 560 houses of Sepahijala district, 627 houses of Gomati district and 220 houses of South Tripura district. The Nodal officer of DWS Department has informed this.