



phase this programme will be introduced in 25 schools of the state. For this purpose four schools from West Tripura and three each from other seven districts have been selected. As a result, a total of 6,000 students will come under the new programme. This programme consists of online, offline and classroom course of 96 hours. It has to be completed in six months time. Course fee will be borne by the school education department. Additionally he said, in order to motivate the students of primary level, another programme called Uddipan has been introduced in 811 schools of nine educational blocks.

Speaking on this occasion the president of National Education Foundation Prof. M.B. Gururaj said, under the STEM programme, students of ninth to twelfth standard will be taught. At the end of the course the students will be awarded certificates from State University of New York. It is worth mentioning that this innovative system of learning was first introduced in America. This system of learning was innovated for creating interest among the students in learning.

29th Industry and Commerce Fair from January 29

Popular annual event, the 29th Trade and Commerce Fair is going to start from

January 29, 2019 at the Hapania International Fair Ground. In connection with this a review meeting was held at the secretariat yesterday. Chaired by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb this review meeting was also attended by the special chief secretary Dr. G.S.G. Ayengar, principal secretary to the Chief Minister Kumar Alok and other concerned officers.

Addressing the review meeting the Chief Minister advised to focus on advanced agricultural techniques in the fair and organisation of seminar everyday. For this purpose he advised to invite eminent personalities from different parts of the country. He said, not confining the fair to commercial benefits, endeavour should be to highlight the measures taken by the state government in order to promote industrial development in the state. About displaying of the goods produced in the state he stressed on e-marketing system.

Attending the meeting the director of industry and commerce department Dr. Sandeep R. Rathore informed, invitation has been sent to not only various departments and PSUs, but to different merchant organizations of Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Myanmar and Thailand. One executive committee and nine sub-



Subdivisional administration in collaboration with Chawmanu block at Hazirai Chowdhury para SB School under Malidhar ADC village on November 17. 44 applications for PRTC were submitted in that camp. On the basis of these applications PRTCs were issued to 29 persons. Apart from this ST certificates to 31 persons and marriage certificates to 2 persons were issued. Moreover 12 applications for ST certificates were received. Financial assistance of rupees two thousand to each was provided to patients and older persons. Apart from that, various articles were distributed among the children.

Health check-up and necessary medicines were provided by Manikpur PHC to 57 persons in that camp. An interactive meeting with the local people of that locality was held in presence of SDM of Longtharai Valley Siddharth Shib Jaiswal, BDO of Chawmanu block and other officials of various departments regarding the progress of various development works being taken in that area.

Winter harvest in Dukli block

Winter harvest (vegetable) has been taken up under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture scheme in 30 hectare land during the current

financial year in Dukli block. Cauliflower, tomato and brinjal have been cultivated under this scheme. 180 cultivators of block have benefited from this. On the other hand, summer harvest of these vegetables will be taken under this scheme in 30 hectare land during the coming summer. For this, 180 cultivators will be benefited from cultivation of various vegetables viz. spine gourd, bitter gourd, lady's finger etc. An amount of Rs. 7 Lakh 50 thousand will be spent for this purpose.

Initiative taken for cultivation of Queen Pineapple at Dukli block

The Agriculture and Famers Welfare department has taken massive initiative to enhance the income of fruit cultivators through cultivation of profitable fruits in Dukli block area. Target has been set to raise Queen Pineapple as profitable fruit in 33.5 hectare land of this block through MGNREGA. Work has been started under this scheme to create Queen Pineapple orchards for 100 cultivators of various panchayats of this block. Expenditure of an amount of Rs. 60 lakh 21 thousand 416 through MGNREGA has been estimated for this purpose.