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CM launches disbursal of financial assistance under Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme

CM presents Rs. 1 lakh to each family whose houses have been flown away by flood

Six lakh new beneficiaries would be included in Orunodoi scheme

State government has been relentless for socio-economic empowerment of women: CM

Dispur, September 20: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today ceremonially launched the disbursal of Rs. 25 thousand to each selected beneficiary under Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme at a function held at Collegiate Playground in Tezpur. At the same programme, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also presented cheque worth Rs. 1 lakh to each of the beneficiary family whose dwelling houses were completely damaged by the flood in 2022. There are 308 families across the state that will be eligible and entitled to this government assistance, as Chief Minister Dr. Sarma presented cheques to some of the 44 families in Sonitpur district to start off the process of the government assistance for the year.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that State government has been relentlessly working for the socio-economic development of the women of the state. Stating about the *Orunodoi* scheme under which the beneficiary would be getting Rs. 1250 every month, the Chief Minister said that another six lakh beneficiaries would be added to the scheme. He also said that under National Food Security scheme, another 10 lakh families would be given ration card. He said that the family having ration card in the state would be given another card by the State government to enable them to enjoy free medical treatment to the tune of Rs. 5 lakh.

Speaking on the life and works of Indira Miri, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma highlighted the contribution of this great educationist towards academic and social uplift of the people. He said that this charismatic lady worked very dedicatedly for tribal women in the state. Speaking on Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme, Dr. Sarma said that those women beneficiaries who are not included in the pension scheme of the Central government would be included under this scheme to make them part of State government's commitment to 'inclusive growth'. He also said that as part of State government's vision to help the beneficiaries, contrary to the earlier governments which were not sincere in giving the monthly pension in time, the present State government is disbursing the monthly pensions on 10th of every month. He also requested the deserving beneficiaries to contact either the office of the Gaon Panchayat or Block Development Officer to get their name enlisted in the beneficiaries' list.

Speaking on the appointment procedure of the candidates in government jobs, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that as a result of the stringency and transparency adopted by the government, many deserving meritorious candidates are getting government jobs these days. He also said that in the coming 6-7 months, his government would appointment one lakh more youth to government jobs.

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Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Dass while speaking on the occasion said that because of the able leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme has become so successful. This scheme has empowered the women socially and economically.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Ashok Singhal, Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, MP Pallab Lochan Das, MLAs. Prithvi Raj Rabha, Ganesh Limbu, Krishna Kamal Tanti and senior officers of Panchayat and Rural Development department were present on the occasion.

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