

Jungle Mahal

Special Development Package

announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister



Different departments of the Government of West Bengal have undertaken a number of schemes for the development of Jungle Mahal areas, as desired by Hon'ble Chief Minister. They are now being monitored by the Planning Department as the Nodal Department. Needless to say, this is the first time that serious focus has been given on all-round development of tribal areas.

In brief, some of the achievements are as follows:-

- 10,000 appointments to NVF/Home Guards and Junior Constables. In addition 700 ST Junior constables being appointed.
- Vocational Trainings on Skill Development leading to employment.
- Rice given @ Rs.2 per kg. @ 2 kg. per adult per week along with fortified atta with Vitamin-A, iron and folic acid.
- New colleges at Lalgarth, Nayagram and Shalboni.
- Construction for 34 Girls hostels going on. Construction for 23 new schools from Class-I to Class-XII with attached hostels to start shortly. 40000 bicycles distributed to girls students from Class-IX to Class-XII.
- ITIs at Khatra, Balarampur and Shalboni.
- Sports Academy at Jhargram, Kharidungri in Bankura and Purulia.
- New Stadiums at Nayagram and Shalboni.
- 41 Piped Water Supply schemes in Paschim Medinipur, 5 Piped Water Supply schemes in Purulia and 4 Piped Water Supply schemes in Bankura for drinking purposes.
- Five Super-Speciality hospitals to come up in Jungle Mahal.
- Bridges over river Subarnarekha and river Kangsabati.

Some elaborations, sector-wise, are mentioned below:-

Education

- (a) The Higher Education Department is setting up three general degree colleges at Lalgarth, Shalboni and Nayagram. Land has already been transferred to the Higher Education Department for setting up of the colleges. PWD is scheduled to float tenders by 14.05.2012. The capacity of girl students of Jhargram Raj College is being increased.
- (b) The School Education Department has undertaken upgradation of 235 schools from the Secondary level to Higher Secondary level. 124 schools have been upgraded till now. 114 new girls' hostels will be set up in Jungle Mahal areas. Construction of 34 hostels has started and will be completed by 31.12.2012. About 40000 by-cycles have been distributed to girls students between class-IX to class-XII facilitating their attendance in schools. 23 new schools from Class-I to Class-XII with residential facilities are due to be set up including construction of additional Teachers' Training Institute. One such school has been inaugurated at Lalgarth by Hon'ble CM recently. Process has started for appointment of Alchiki/Santhali teachers in the primary schools which has been the demand of the people in these areas for a long time.
- (c) The Department of Minorities Affairs and Madrasah Education has completed a High Madrasah at Simlapal in Bankura district.
- (d) Work has started for setting up of a new Polytechnic at Ramgarh. ITIs are being set up at Shalboni in Paschim Medinipur, Balarampur in Purulia and Khatra in Bankura.

Skill Development

Skill Development for unemployed youth has been taken up in a big way by the Departments of Technical Education & Training and Youth Services. About 275 persons have been already trained in motor driving. About Rs.4.26 crore has been extended as loan under BSKP (Bangla Swanirvar

Karmasansthan Prakaalpa) for the 23 LWE blocks during 2011-2012 to 784 beneficiaries. Vocational training courses of various types like mobile repairing, electrical equipment repairing, tailoring, AC, refrigerator repairing have been undertaken by the Youth Services Department.

Sports

In order to give a fillip to the natural talent possessed by the tribal people of these areas, importance has been laid on sports activities. Work has started for upgradation of existing stadium at Jhargram where the seat capacity is being increased from 150 to 2000. Much progress has been made for setting up of a Sports Academy at Jhargram in Paschim Medinipur and another at Kharidungri in Bankura. The existing Sports Academy at Purulia is being up graded. Land has been transferred to the Sports Department for setting up of new stadiums at Shalbini and at Nayagram. Work order will be issued by PWD by 25.05.2012. Mini Indoor Stadium with Gymnasium will be set up numbering 4 at Bankura, 3 at Purulia and 6 at Paschim Medinipur. The work has started in the blocks of Bundwan and Barabazar in Purulia district.

Food

The Department of Food & Supplies has undertaken distribution of rice and 'atta' at subsidized rate to the tribal families of Jungle Mahal having annual income up to Rs.42000/- and non-tribal families having annual income up to Rs.36000/-. Forty nine new outlets are operating in the three districts. Full financial support is being given to the tribal women for selling of 'Kendu' leaves to West Bengal Tribal Development Corporation at Rs.75/- per chhata (2000 leaves).

Health

The Health Department is set to construct five Multi-Speciality hospitals in Jhargram, Nayagram, Shalboni, Gopiballavpur and Purulia, in addition to upgradation of quarters of Medical Officers, Nurses, etc, in the Jungle Mahal areas. The Sub-divisional hospital at Jhargram is being upgraded to a District hospital. The Blood Bank at Khatra is being set up along with a 100 bedded hospital at Raipur in Bankura. Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and SNCUs (Sick Newborn Care Units) have come up in these areas.

An ANM Training Centre is coming up at Lalgargh. Estimates will be finalized by PWD immediately. The State Health Department aided by several voluntary organizations is now reaching out health care services to remote villages of Jungle Mahal. This is a follow up to the mobile trauma care, ambulance service that Hon'ble CM had flagged off in July last year. The unit comprises of a MBBS doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, aided by laboratory and x-ray technician. Basic pathological test as well as x-ray will be done in this unit itself.

Water

The Jungle Mahal area is drought prone area have insufficient water both for drinking and irrigation purposes. The PHE Department is taking up piped drinking water supply scheme at Paschim Medinipur (numbering 41), Bankura (numbering 4) and in Purulia (numbering 5). They are due to be completed by early 2014. The Water Resources Development Department have taken up 79 schemes in Paschim Medinipur, 60 in Bankura and 37 schemes in Purulia for enhancing irrigation facilities in these dry areas.

Communication

In the Transport sector, a new road connecting Lalgargh to Netai is being constructed by P&RD Department; a bridge over river Subarnarekha at Nayagram and Amkola bridge over river Kangshabati at Lalgargh are other endeavours in this sector. The Amkola bridge has recently been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Tourism

Tourism Hubs will be developed in Gopiballavpur, Jhargram and Nayagram.

In addition to the above projects as announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, the following works are going on in the Jungle Mahal areas made under Integrated Action Plan (IAP).

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1	Irrigation	276
2	Education	227
3	Integrated Child Development Services (AWCs)	253
4	Drinking Water Supply	1210
5	Health	23
6	Road Communication/ Rural Connectivity	485
7	Community Infrastructure	1
8	Community Hall	39
9	Livelihood	57
10	Sanitation	17
11	Tribal House	90
12	Market Infrastructure	26
13	Agri Implements Hub	2
14	Hostel	27
15	Public Utility	7
16	River Training Works	1
Total number of schemes		2741

Funds to be utilized are Rs. 115.00 crore. The above schemes are due to be completed shortly.



Construction of SC/ST Hostel building at Chandra



Deep tube well with pump house for Irrigation at Orma



Construction of culvert at Lalgarb



Construction of SC/ST Hostel building at Dasbandh



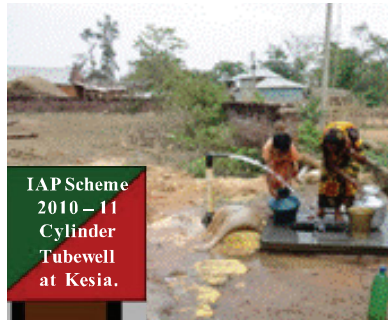
Vented causeway at Boylasole



Const. of multipurpose market shed at Metaldoba



Irrigation Channel (pilot scheme)



Cylinder tube well with platform for drinking water