

COVID-19 awareness drive at Goalpara

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GOALPARA, March 22: The Goalpara College Teachers' Association along with the Goalpara branches of Assam Science Society and National Service Scheme jointly organised a series of awareness programmes on COVID-19 at Goalpara.

During the campaigns, the organisers arranged street corner meetings at several spots of the town where speeches were delivered for creating awareness regarding the deadly virus. Also, leaf-

lets were distributed where important precautions to be adopted by people to prevent the COVID-19 from entering the third stage of community transmission.

The speakers also alerted and warned the members of the public not to believe and swayed away by the rumours and unapproved, pseudo-scientific facts that had flooded the social media and day-to-day discussions, in order to keep themselves protected from this virus. They gave public demonstrations of the process (WHO recommend-

ed) of hand washing.

Goalpara College has started making sanitisers and has decided to distribute those among the people. The organisers have also urged the government and administration to arrange adequate number of quarantine chambers, medicines, trained health workers, oxygen cylinders, testing centres etc.

Meanwhile, secretary of DYFI, Goalpara branch Parvez Ali said that he has witnessed a large number of villagers (around 120) working under an MGNRE-

GA scheme at a project site at Budhipara, Santipur under Kalyanpur gaon panchayat without taking preliminary precautions as directed by the Health Department. He further asked that despite serious health warnings why such large congregations of people were allowed where labourers were not able to avoid social contact which is utmost important to prevent the virus from spreading. He also pointed out that all preventive measures should be taken so as to avoid exposure of COVID-19 virus.