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**Inauguration of state-level Handloom and textiles fair**  
**Handloom and textile fair are being organized for self-reliance**  
**of handloom artists: Minister of Handloom and Handicrafts**

14-day state-level handloom and textile fair has begun yesterday in Santirbazar H.S school ground. Minister of Handloom and Handicrafts Bikash Debbarma inaugurated the fair. Cooperation Minister Shukla Charan Noatia, MLA Pramod Reang, MLA Mailafu Mog, Sabhadhipati of South Tripura Zilla Parishad Kakali Das Dutta, Chairperson of Santirbazar Municipal Council Swapna Baidya, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Abedananda Baidya and others were present at the opening program.

Inaugurating the fair, Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma said that the handloom and textile fair is being organized to help the handloom artists of the state become self-reliant. Products produced by self-help groups will also be sold in this fair. It will also strengthen the economy of the state. Speaking on the occasion, Cooperation Minister Shukla Charan Noatia said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken initiative to give the benefits of various schemes and services of the government to the last person of the society through Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. 60 stalls have been opened in state-level handloom and textile fair. Interesting cultural programs was organized by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs. The fair will end on December 13.

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