

**Review meeting for the celebration of Pilak State
Level Archaeological & Tourism Festival 2022**

A review meeting for the celebration of Pilak State-Level Archaeological & Tourism Festival 2022 was held in the conference hall of Pilak Higher Secondary School on January 7. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman of Santirbazar Municipal Council (SMC) Satyabrata Saha in presence of BAC Chairman, Bokafa RD Block Gouri Shankar Reang. The meeting was presided over by the SDM of Santirbazar Abhedanada Baidya.

In the review meeting, it has been decided by the Mela Organizing Committee that the SDM of Santirbazar Abhedanada Baidya will be the convenor of the festival and BDO of Jolaibari RD Block Dr. Abhijit Das will be the Joint Convenor. An Executive Committee has been constituted comprising of svarious officials, artiste, social workers, and public representatives to ensure smooth conduct of the festival.

The Mela Organizing Committee of Pilak has constituted eight sub-committees for reception, cultural, volunteers, construction, transportation, awareness & IEC, finance and media & publicity to organize the Mela in a befitting manner involving local's citizen and line department officials.

The SDM in the meeting said, about 15 different line departments will be taking part in the Mela and showcase their developmental work and achievements. The festival would have cultural programmes consisting of drama, dance, songs, traditional music and recitation of poems and seminar based on Pilak history. "Pilak Festival is a unique archaeological tourism festival for all the artist and public to showcase their culture and talent from across the state", enunciated the SDM. The festival will be organized by ICA Department & Santirbazar Sub-Divisional Administration in collaboration with the line departments and local organizations. This year, the Mela will be organized for three days starting from January 23, 2022 to January 25, 2022. Discussions were also held on chief guest for the inauguration and closing ceremony of the Mela.

BAC Chairman, Bokafa RD Block Gauri Shankar Reang advised to continue the preparations for the Mela following the Covid-19 guidelines. The meeting was attended by Councillor of SMC Shyamlal Debnath, Chairman of Paschim Pilak Dr Abhijit Das, BDO of Jolaibari RD Block, cultural artistes, members of Sub-Divisional Cultural Advisory Committee as well as by officials of different line departments.