

Burima Tuima Festival held at Golaghati Park



The government is committed to preservation of the traditional culture, language and history of the state. The indigenous people of the state have their own rich cultural heritage, stated the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma after inaugurating the Burima Tuima Festival at Golaghati Krishak Samman Park in Jampuijala subdivision on January 30. He also added that 12 blocks in ADC area have been declared as Aspirational Blocks. Considering their development further the state government has submitted a proposal to the central government for renaming the TTAADC as “Tripura Territorial Council”.

The inaugural function was also attended by MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma, DM Viswashree B., chairman of the Minorities Development Commission Mhd. Jaseemuddin, Sabhadhipati of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Supriya Das Dutta and other dignitaries.

Achievements and plans of urban development department at a glance

Extensive development has occurred in different sectors during the last 34 months of the present government. It has been possible due to sincere initiative of the state government and right direction and dedication of the employees concerned. Education minister Ratan Lal Nath said this while presenting a report of different development works implemented in the state under the urban development department during a press meet at the state secretariat on January, 30.

Giving statistics of the department the minister said, 40,000 houses have been built in urban and rural areas of the state under PMAY till now. Construction of 33,523 houses has been completed during the tenure of present state government. Target has been set by the government to build 80,544 houses by 2022. Tripura has ranked first in the NE region and hilly

states in implementation of the PMAY (urban). The education minister said, 1000 houses will be constructed under Light House scheme within a year spending Rs. 160 crore. The minister informed further, under Swachh Bharat Mission (urban) 19,511 individual household toilets, 349 community toilets and 219 public toilets have been constructed. Door to door collection of solid waste has begun in 298 wards of the state. 20 urban local bodies of the state have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF). 35 projects at the cost of Rs. 151 crore have been started under the Smart City Mission. 10 water ATMs have been installed at the cost of Rs one crore. Construction of Integrated Command Control Centre has been started at the cost of Rs 135 crore in IT Bhawan. Construction of 40 smart bus shelters has been completed at the cost of Rs 2 crore. A 23 KM road would be built in Agartala for which tender has been invited. Rs 35 crore has been sanctioned for renovation of Ujjayanta Palace. Rs 30 crore has been sanctioned for development of MBB College Lake. 10 projects under AMRUT Scheme have been taken up at the cost of Rs 160 crore.

The education minister presented the statistics of fund allocated under the 14th & 15th Finance Commissions. He said, 48 flats at Vivekananda market and 216 flats at Kunjaban will be constructed. There is a

plan for construction of 5000 flats at the site of old central jail in Agartala. He added that Rs 1650 crore has been granted by ADB for infrastructural development of 7 district headquarters in the state. Development of drinking water, drain, street light, road etc. will be done under this fund. There are 67,201 shops in urban areas of the state. Among them, trade license has given to 28,148 traders. 9568 shops have been covered under insurance policy for getting compensation due to theft or fire. Mudra loan has been provided to 52,000 shopkeepers.

The education minister informed that no student of the state will be left out of admission into college. 20,204 students have passed higher secondary examination in this year. 20,014 students have been admitted in the colleges of the state till now. 569 seats in BA (Honours) course in 22 colleges are vacant. Minister presented the list of vacancy in BA (Honours) course in different colleges of the state. 561 seats in BA (General) course in these colleges are vacant at present. 74 seats in BSC (honours) are vacant and 337 seats in BSC (general) are vacant. 104 seats in B.Com (Honours) course are vacant and 218 seats in B.Com (General) course are vacant. Education minister informed that the present state government has brought in 34 reforms in the education department.

Polio vaccination started in West district

West Tripura district level pulse polio vaccination started in Ward No. 36 of Agartala Municipal Corporation on January 31. MLA Mimi Majumder inaugurated the vaccination programme at the Swami Vivekananda community hall in Ward No. 36, in presence of the director of family welfare and preventive medicines Dr. Radha Debbarma and SDM, Sadar, Asim Saha. It is worth mentioning that in this drive vaccination will be done for 62,454 children. For this purpose 757 polio vaccination centres have been opened in the district. But the children left out on the first day will be fed vaccine by the health workers going door to door for the next two days. It was also informed during a meeting held at the DM office on January 30 that 3030 workers will be involved in this vaccination drive for which 13 mobile teams have also been formed.

202 Power tillers distributed in West Tripura district

Under the aegis of agriculture and farmers' welfare department 202 power tillers and 38 pump sets have been distributed among the farmers of West Tripura district during the current financial year. Out of these, 56 power

tillers and 14 pump sets have distributed in Jirania block, 29 power tillers in Mandwi block, 45 power tillers and 15 pump sets in Hezamara block, 50 power tillers in Mohanpur block, 22 power tillers and 9 pump sets in Dukli block. The West district agriculture and farmers' welfare office has informed this.



State level School Sports Meet, Part-II started at the BBI ground, Dharmanagar today.

Pic. by Sanjib Das, ICO

Health camp in Khowai district

Under the initiative of West Singichera health sub-centre under Hemanta Debbarma Memorial primary health centre in Khowai district a health camp was held at Biplabi Sarojini Anganwadi centre recently. In this health camp 26 people were present. Out of them, 16 people were given medicine free of cost. Eight of them had undergone rapid blood test but their reports came negative. This information has been given in a press release from the State Health and Family Welfare Society.