

## **Agartala to welcome Swarnim Vijay flame**

To commemorate the victory of Indian forces in the Indo-Pak war of 1971 a yearlong programme commenced on December 16, 2020. As part of this Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Swarnim Vijay flame at New Delhi on that day. Four flames were lit from the eternal flame of National War Memorial and these flames are being carried to the native places of Param Vir Chakra, and Mahavir Chakra of 1971 war.

During the 1971 war the Pakistan forces made Agartala city their target but Param Vir Chakra (posthumous) awardee Lance Nayak Elbert Ekka's courageous action saved the city. The people of Agartala then provide necessary information and assistance to the forces and people of erstwhile East Pakistan.

On November 6, 2021 commander of 57 Mountain Artillery brigade Brigadier Nilesh Chowdhury will welcome the victory flame with military honour at military station, Salbagan, Agartala. On November 7, Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya will pay tribute to the war heroes by laying a wreath at Elbert Ekka War Memorial park. Same day the 'Swarnim Mashaal' will be taken to Rabindra

Satabarshik Bhavan through a 'Vijay Parikrama'. There an array of programmes like cultural performances, band display by forces, 1971 war gallery and war equipments exhibition etc. will be organized. In the programme chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb will be felicitate Vir Nari and war veterans of 1971 war. During the victory flame's stay in Agartala, 21 Assam Rifles, BSF, CRPF and police headquarters will also honour it. On November 9, 2021, the flame will bid adieu to Agartala, the strategical hub of military and political planning and launching ground of Operation Cactus Lilly during the Bangladesh liberation war.

## **Helipad constructed at Narikel Kunja**

Tripura Tourism Development Corporation has undertaken several initiatives to materialise chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb's initiative of grooming Tripura as an attractive tourist destination and a priority sector. As part of this, a helipad has been constructed at Narikel Kunja of Dumboor Lake to make the remote tourist centres of the state more attractive and accessible by the tourists. The helipad has been constructed for the convenience of local and foreign tourists so that they could complete their trip to the natural paradise Dumboor reservoir quickly.

Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb will inaugurate the helipad on November 11. State tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy, MP Rebati Tripura, secretary of tourism department Kiran Gitte and director of tourism department Tarit Kanti Chakma will remain present on the occasion. The managing director of Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited has informed this in a press release.

**PMAY (Rural): fund released for construction of 547 houses in Jampuihill block**

Fund has been released for construction of 547 houses in Jampuihill block under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (rural) during the current financial year. Under the scheme, concrete building will be constructed for 64 families of Kalagung village, 72 families of Kanpui village, 71 families of Longtharai valley village, 94 families of Manpui village, 139 families of Sabuwal village, 67 families of Tulangsang village and 40 families of Bhangmoon village in the block. Jampuihill block office has informed this.

**Community hall in Laljuri block**

Construction of a community hall by rural development department is going on in Laljuri block of Kanchanpur subdivision

during the current financial year. Rs 94 lakh 27 thousand 668 will be spent for construction of the 350 seated community hall. Moreover, another new community hall at Sabuwal of Jampuihill block will be constructed soon. Rs 13 lakh will be spent for this purpose. Kanchanpur rural development office has informed this.

**Health sub-centre at Kalapania under Border Area Development Project**

Construction of a health sub-centre at Kalapania of Kathalia block in Sepahijala district under Border Area Development Project is going on. RS 20 lakh will be spent for construction of the health sub-centre. Moreover, four submergible tube wells have been installed in Nayalpara, South Aralia, West Aralia and Durgapur of Boxanagar block for irrigation purpose. Rs 1 lakh 59 thousand 989 has been spent for this purpose. Under the scheme, a community toilet has been constructed at Madhupur market of Bishalgarh block at the cost of Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand. Moreover, construction of a bridge over Kakrachhara in Kathalia block is going on. Rs 20 lakh 33 thousand 53 will be spent for construction of the bridge. The office of the executive engineer of rural development, Sepahijala district has informed this.