

35 Oxygen plants commissioned by PM today

In order to develop and modernize health care facilities the central government is working with an aim of establishing at least one AIIMS in every state of the country. Target is also there to establish a medical college in every district, declared the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today after virtually inaugurating 35 Oxygen plants set up under PM CARES fund simultaneously across the country from Hrishikesh, Uttarakhand. the virtual inauguration programme was live telecast at Lecture hall no. 4 of AGMC.

As part of this programme one 1,000 LPM PSA oxygen plant at GBP Hospital campus was inaugurated today and another 900 LPM PSA oxygen plant at the same campus was inaugurated by the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb. Union minister for social justice and empowerment Pratima Bhowmik, principal secretary of health department J.K Sinha and other officials were also present there. Today PSA oxygen plants at different places of the state were also inaugurated.

Civic reception in honour of Vice President



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The Government of India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have prioritized development of the Northeast region, resultantly almost doubling the fund for the region. But the local administration should see that proper utilization of the fund is ensured and while distributing fund transparency and accountability should be ensured, stated the Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu yesterday at the civic reception organized in his honour at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan. He also suggested no deviation of fund so as to reach the beneficiaries directly. To ensure that he spoke in favour of digitization and zero tolerance to corruption at all levels of the administration and governance.

At the civic reception programme during his two-day visit to the state, the Vice President also digitally launched the Smart Resilient Roads project of Agartala Smart City. He said, development of India will be incomplete without the development of Northeast region. And Tripura, under the leadership of the chief minister, is progressing well. Although Agartala was not in the list of Smart Cities initially, after much discussion it was incorporated alongwith other capital cities of the region irrespective of their size. Under the Smart City Project Rs. 439 crore has been allotted for developing weather resilient roads. The project will not only decongest the city but will also have facilities like better lighting, dedicated parking, and other public utilities. To make the project a success, the people of Agartala also have to cooperate and participate in the process.



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Appreciating the role of the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the development of the state the Vice President said, the state government has taken various steps for the socio-economic development of people as well as for creating good connectivity. He said, massive infrastructure initiatives have been undertaken in the Norhteast as part of the Act East policy and Tripura is having fare share of the same. He expressed satisfaction having learnt about the initiative to revive the waterways of pre-independence period, developments on the air connectivity front, rail connectivity specially for transporting agro-produces of the local farmers by introducing Kisan Rail etc. The Vice President, terming the state government's initiative for the development of State tree Agar a welcome step, said, with the coming of Mukhyamantri Agarbatti Atmanirbhar Mission this sector is expected to bring in business worth Rs. 2000 crore by the year 2025. He said that as the Government of India has raised the duties on Agarbatti sticks local Agarbatti industry is benefitting from it.

Speaking on the occasion chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb said, among the

Northeastern states Agartala Smart City project is in the forefront as far as progress of implementation is concerned. To get Agartala in the list of Smart Cities, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu played a significant role. He said, Tripura is now among the fast developing states of the country. It has also secured a high rank in the NITI Aayog report for its progress in the field of education, health, IT, agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry, infrastructure etc. Integrated Command and Control System has been first launched in Tripura only. The government is working with priority to development in agriculture, industries, marketing of goods, export etc. sectors, thus opening up a new avenue for income generation. With the sincere support of the Prime Minister Tripura is now making headways in almost all directions.

In his welcome address the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma said, keeping the Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas thought of the Prime Minister the government is working for the welfare of all sections of the society. In the coming days Tripura is going to develop as a commercial corridor.

Union minister for social justice and empowerment Pratima Bhowmik said, the government is working with the 'vocal for local' policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards building Atmanirbhar Bharat. Among others present on the occasion were education minister Ratan Lal Nath, chief secretary Kumar Alok, top officials of the central and state government and dignitaries. Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb handed over a citation and a memento, a replica of Tripura Sundari Temple, to the Vice President as a token of love from the people of Tripura.

The Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu also inaugurated a three-day exhibition cum fair on handloom and handicrafts at the International Fair Ground at Hapania in the afternoon of the day. This exhibition cum fair was organized by the state government and NEC as part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Vice President took rounds of the stalls and interacted with the artisans at different stalls. Artisans from other Northeastern states like Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland are also taking part in this fair.

Vice President interacts with achievers of different sectors

The Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu, during his two-day visit to the state had interacted with the frontline health workers, and some achievers of agriculture sector and SHG members. During the session he appreciated the role of all frontline workers including health workers, police, and sanitation workers in fighting COVID-19. He said, the pandemic is still there, although the rage has declined somewhat. During the COVID period all sectors have been affected except the agriculture sector which recorded a growth of 4.3 per cent. Naming the farmers as our 'Annadata' he greeted them.

Among others presented in the interaction programme were the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma, agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Pranajit Singha Roy, other members of the Council of Ministers and top officials of the state administration. Welcome address was delivered by agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy and vote of thanks was given by the principal secretary of health J.K. Sinha.

Taking part in the interaction session members of Dhanlaxmi SHG in Debipur,

Jagriti and Laxmi SHG in Dhalai district shared their stories with the Vice President. At the same time agro-entrepreneur from Mohanpur Chandra Kumar Sikdar, entrepreneur from Prashanta Ranjan De, ASHA worker Begum Aruna Ahamed and Dr. Sangeeta Chakraborty also engaged in an interaction with the Vice President.

ICA minister at clothes distribution programme

Urging all to comply with COVID guidelines during Durga Puja and wishing a gaiety festive time the information and cultural affairs minister Sushanta Chowdhury handed over clothes to 380 poor women at the Ranirbazar Municipal Council premises yesterday. On the other hand, he handed over clothes to 250 poor women at the premises of Nalgaria radio centre in Ranirbazar MC area. He also handed over clothes to 220 poor women of North Majlishpur Gram Panchayat at the Krishnanagar school premises in presence of vice chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Pritam Debnath, former vice chairman of Ranirbazar MC Shankar Saha and social activist Gouranga Bhowmik. This clothes distribution programme will continue till October 10.