

Next Lok Adalat on July 10: All concerned urged to take advantage

Lok Adalat will be held in the state at 10 am. on July 10. This year hearing of the National Lok Adalat will be held virtually and in hybrid system. Lok Adalat will be held in almost all the court premises of the state. A total of 1105 cases will be disposed off in 36 courts. Cases on compensation for motor vehicle accidents, negotiable conflicts, NI Act, compensation for employees, bank loan defaulting cases, marital disputes, and other civil cases will be put up for hearing that day. Break-up of the cases to be heard is like this – 505 bank loan defaulting cases, 168 MACT cases, 118 negotiable criminal cases, 140 marital disputes, 135 cases under NI Act, 32 other civil cases and seven cases of employee compensation. COVID guidelines will be applied in the court premises. Already virtually e-notices have been sent to both the parties of the cases.

Sanjoy Bhattacharya, member secretary of Tripura State Legal Services Authority has urged everyone to take advantage of this free legal aid service, informed the

Tripura State Legal Services Authority through a notification. It was also informed that e-National Lok Adalat will start at 10 am. at the West Tripura district and session judge court, West Tripura family court and West Tripura Chief Judicial Magistrate's court at Agartala. Proceedings of the courts will continue till 4 pm. Pending cases will be put up in six Lok Adalats for disposal.

Cabinet approved Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme – 2021

To provide financial security to the retired journalists of the state the state cabinet has approved Tripura Journalists Pension Scheme – 2021 on July 6. The scheme will be implemented in two parts. One component of the scheme will be Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme and the second component will be Tripura Journalist Parivar Suraksha Pension Scheme. In fact the first part of the scheme i.e. Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme will replace the existing Scheme for Pension Benefits to the Journalists/ Photojournalists. And the beneficiaries of the existing scheme (Scheme for Pension Benefits to the

Journalists/ Photojournalists) will automatically come under the new scheme. Those who have been accredited with the information and cultural affairs department for the last 10 years and have attained 60 years of age will be eligible for the Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme on their retirement from journalism. They will be entitled to a monthly pension of Rs. 10,000.

On the other hand, if any journalist expires while in the profession of journalism, his spouse or dependent family member will be eligible for benefits of the Tripura Journalist Parivar Suraksha Pension Scheme. But the concerned journalist having accreditation card of ICA department must have been engaged in journalism for the last seven years before death. Under this scheme monthly pension will be Rs. 5,000. To implement the scheme an eight-member committee under the chairmanship of the ICA secretary has been constituted. The committee will also have representative of law department, joint secretary of finance department, and representatives of different media. Director of ICA will be acting as its member-secretary.

It is noteworthy that in both the cases, for a beneficiary to be covered under the schemes annual family income should be below Rs. 3 lakh. Journalists of print, electronic, web media, as well as working with monthly/ weekly/ fortnightly/ magazine and news agencies will come under the scheme. Application in the prescribed format should be submitted to the director of ICA.

A status check visit to Vigyan Gram by deputy CM



Pic. by Mrinal Bhowmik, Sr. Photographer

Deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma visited the Vigyan Gram under construction at Agartala on July 7 to review the status of construction. During

the visit he was accompanied by the science and technology secretary Tanushri Debbarma, director of the same department Animesh Das, engineer-in-chief Dipak Das, chief engineer (R & B) Sanchita Das, superintendent of engineer Nirod Sharma and other officials.

During the visit he stressed on completing work in time and later on talking to the media persons said, Vigyan Gram is a milestone for Tripura and an important project. Although construction of the project was started in 2013 it was stalled in 2017. After the coming of the new government work has resumed with new vigor. He said, initially Rs 80 crore was arranged and later on during the rule of this government again Rs. 174 crore was arranged to resume work.

The deputy chief minister said, students will be able to gain practical knowledge from this Vigyan Gram. A Science Park will also be developed here, added the deputy chief minister. He also informed that construction the project is expected to be completed by next September.

Assistance to 79 Patta holders under Forest Rights Act

In the financial year 2020-21, under the Forest Rights Act 79 patta holders from Satchand, Rupaichari and Poangbari of Sabroom sub division received assistance for pig rearing from the animal resource development department spending 6 thousand rupees on each beneficiary. Each beneficiary was given one piglet and necessary items including medicines for pig rearing. Total expenditure was 4 lakh 74 rupees. This was informed by ARDD sub divisional office.

9,159 Water connections in Khowai sub division

So far 9 thousand 159 families in Khowai have been given water connection free of cost under Atal Jaldhara Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission with the initiative taken by Drinking Water and Sanitation department, Khowai sub divisional office. Among them, 6 thousand 500 families are from Khowai blovk area and 2 thousand 659 are from Khowai municipal area. This was informed by Shekhar Bhattacharjee Assistant Engineer of DWS Khowai sub divisional office.

Paddy procurement in Sabroom

Total 1400.871 Metric Tonnes of paddy was procured at MSP this financial year from farmers of Sabroom sub division with the initiative taken by the food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department and with the assistance of agriculture and farmer's welfare department. Total 705 farmers have benefitted financially through this. The procurement was held at Rajib Nagar Anganwadi Centre, Brajendranagar H.S School, Krishnanagar Panchayat office campus from the first week of June till the first week of July. The MSP was set to Rs.18.68. This was informed by the sub divisional office of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department.

Mushroom packets distributed in Charilam block

Mushroom packets were distributed among 40 selected beneficiaries yesterday under the initiative of Biotechnology department under Bio village scheme at Barkubari Anganwadi Centre of Amtali Village Committee, Charilam block. 10 packets were distributed to each beneficiary with each packet consisting of 200 grams 400 mushroom spawn

spending 10,000 rupees. Apart from this, the department also gave them training on mushroom cultivation. This was informed by the Biotechnology department.

Paddy procurement in Khowai



Pic. by Biswajit Banik, ICO

Paddy is being procured at MSP in Khowai since July 3 and will continue till July 10 at old food godown under the initiative of the food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department and with the assistance of agriculture and farmer's welfare department. Till July 7 total paddy procured was 462.2 Metric Tonne from 263 farmers at 1,868 rupees per quintal. This was informed by the directorate of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department.