

## **Agartala –Dhaka-Kolkata Bus service starts again**

Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata AC bus service has started again from today. Transport Minister Pranajit Singha Roy inaugurated this bus service in a programme organized at Akhaura Integrated Check-Post. It is to be noted that this bus service has been started in a private manner with the name, Royal Maitri International Bus Service. The bus fare for Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata is 2,200 rupees and the bus fare from Agartala-Dhaka is 900 rupees. Passengers will be provided with free breakfast and drinking water bottle. The bus will leave from TRTC bus stand everyday at 10 am except for Friday.

Transport Minister said, this bus service was stopped in March, 2020 due to the pandemic situation. With the bus service starting over again, passengers of both Tripura and Bangladesh will find it convenient. He said, there is so much similarity in food culture, attire, culture, language between the people of Tripura and Bangladesh. This bus service will further increase connectivity between both the countries. As a result, the amiable relations of the people will further strengthen. He said, very soon the state will be connected by roadways, railways, waterways with Bangladesh.

Initiatives are being taken to start flight services from Agartala to Chattagram and Dhaka. He said, the government does not aim to turn TRTC into a profit gaining company but rather aims to provide new advanced services to the passengers. He lauded the former Chairman of TRTC and Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Dipak Majumdar for keeping TRTC in good condition. He said, total 28 passengers have taken the service today. Among those passengers, 22 passengers are Indians and 6 were Bangladesh citizens. This bus will reach Dhaka in 4 hours and will reach Kolkata from Dhaka in 15 hours. Total 40 passengers will be able to travel every day. He called on those associated with providing this service to pay attention so that the passengers do not face problems while travelling. Apart from that, he also urged the passengers not to break any kind of rules during travel and to report directly to the authority if any problem arises.

Mayor of AMC Dipak Majumdar said, with the commencement of this bus service, trade between the two countries will develop. The bus service has improved a lot since the past days. Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner Arif Mohammed said, this bus service is

the symbol of friendly relations among both the countries. As a result, the passengers will be able to travel to Dhaka or Kolkata at a very nominal cost. The guests waved the flag and commenced the bus service. Other dignitaries present were Principal Secretary of transport department L. H. Darlong and Additional Secretary Subrata Choudhury, Manager of Land Ports Authority of India Debashish Nandi, BSF Commandant Manish Gil and TRTC MD Rajesh Kumar Das.

**Assistance to 21,156 farmers in Khowai under PMKISAN**

Assistance has been provided to 21 thousand 156 farmers of Khowai district under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in the present financial year so far. Among those farmers, 3 thousand 503 farmers in Khowai block, 3 thousand 818 in Tulashikhar block, 2 thousand 563 in Padmabil block, 3 thousand 422 in Kalyanpur block, 5 thousand 723 in Teliamura block and 2 thousand 137 farmers in Mungiakami block have benefited. Total 6 thousand rupees has been provided to the farmers in three instalments. This was informed by

Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare department, Khowai district office.

**Sports items distribution in Bharatchandranagar block under PDF**

Sports items have been distributed in 12 Gram Panchayats of Bharatchandranagar block recently under Panchayat development Fund. 5 footballs, 5 volleyballs along with nets were given to each Panchayat. Apart from that, jerseys, hockey sticks and boots were provided to two coaching centres of the block at the cost of 2 lakh 26 thousand 299 rupees. This was informed by Bharatchamndramagar Panchayat Samiti office.

**Assistance for floriculture in Tulashikhar block under CMPUP**

Assistance for flower cultivation has been provided to four tribal farmers of Tulashikhar block under Chief Minister Pushpa Udyan Prakalp in the previous financial year. As a result, 0.8 Ha land of the block has been brought under Gladiolus flower cultivation. The farmers were given financial assistance of 9 thousand rupees along with Gladiolus flower seeds. This was informed by Agriculture Supervisor of Tulashikhar agriculture sub-division Arpan Debbarma.