

Bangladesh High Commissioner in courtesy meet with CM

The High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Mhd. Imran had a courtesy meeting with the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb yesterday. The chief minister greeted the high commissioner and handed over a memento. During their brief meeting the chief minister requested the high commissioner to take initiative for solution of pending issues with Bangladesh.

The chief minister said, with the opening of Chittagong port both the countries will be benefitted. He said, initiative has been taken to set up rail station, ICP, logistic hub and SEZ within 4 km. of Sabroom. And there should be endeavour so that the entrepreneurs of Bangladesh come forward to set up their ventures in this upcoming SEZ. If they do so, they will be offered various incentives like exemption of GST for the first five years.

Other issues that came up for discussion were – expedition of construction of Agartala-Akhaura rail line, bordering fencing in certain areas, conversion of Belonia-Feni rail line from meter-gauge to broad-gauge line, promotion of export-import with Bangladesh etc. During this meeting, chief secretary Manoj Kumar and

Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Tripura Kiriti Chakma were also present.



Smart phones being distributed among Anganwadi workers and ICDS supervisors at Dharmanagar today

Pic. by Debanjan Datta, ICO

Walking aids distributed among Divyangans in Teliamura

The social welfare and social education department provided walking aids to the Divyangans and LPG connections into Anganwadi centres through a programme held at Aswini Kumar Ghosh Memorial Community Hall in Teliamura subdivision on October 10. The programme was inaugurated by the chief whip MLA Kalyani Roy. MLA Pinaki Das Chowdhury, chairperson of Teliamura MC Nitin Kumar Saha, vice-chairman of Teliamura Panchayat Samiti Apu Gope, SDM Bhaskar Bhattacharjee, BDO of Teliamura block Santanu Bikash Das were present in the

meeting. The programme was presided over by the chairperson of Teliamura Panchayat Samiti Jamuna Das Roy. CDPO Sanjoy Dey delivered welcome address.

Market stall inaugurated at Balerdhepa

A market stall of 10 rooms at Balerdhepa in Kalapania gram panchayat of Kathalia block was inaugurated by MP Pratima Bhowmik on October 12. She stated that the government has emphasized development of agriculture in the state. Prominent social activist Biswajit Das, engineer of rural development department Bimal Barm spoke on the occasion. BDO of Kathalia block Prabal Kanti Deb delivered welcome address. Chairperson of health and education related standing committee of Kathalia Panchayat Samiti Bindu Debnath and SDM of Sonamua subdivisions Subrata Majumdar were present in the programme. Rs 22 lakh 7 thousand 310 has been spent for construction of the market stall under BADP scheme.

Proposal for extension of 10 urban areas approved in cabinet

Monthly family pension of the permanent labourers working in five departments of the state government has increased. The decision for increasing family pension had been approved in the state cabinet on October 13. Education minister Ratan Lal

Nath informed this in a press meet at the secretariat. He informed that almost 1200 permanent labourers are working in agriculture, animal resources development, industry and commerce, fishery and forest departments. The rate of pension was increased in March, 2019, after retirement of the working labourers. Earlier monthly pension of permanent labourers was Rs 400-1300.

In the last year, the monthly pension has been increased to minimum Rs 2500- 3600 as per decision of state government. Now, as per new decision of the state cabinet monthly family pension will be Rs 1200-1800. As a result, 2500 persons will be benefited. The education minister Ratanlal Nath also informed that proposal for extension of 120 urban areas of the state has been approved. These are Agartala MC, Ranirbazar MC, Mohanpur MC, Bishalgarh MC, Melagharh MC, Khowai MC, Teliamura MC, Kamalpur NP, Jirania NP and Sabroom NP.

Rubber plantation for poor Reang families of Santirbazar

During the current financial year, TRP and PTG department has helped the BPL Reang families in raising rubber plantation in Santirbazar. Under the programme rubber plantation has been raised in 120 ha. tilla land for 24 beneficiaries. An amount of Rs. 24 lakh has been spent for hits purpose. The programme officer of Baikhora TR Range has informed this.