

Atal Smriti Knockout Football Tournament



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Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha inaugurated the final match of Atal Smriti Knockout Football Tournament-2022 in the ground of Fatikroy H.S School. The final match was played between Jagannathpur FC vs Darchwi FC. 16 teams have participated in this tournament. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister, Sushanta Chowdhury inaugurated this football tournament on August 16. Jagannathpur FC won by 2-0 in the final game yesterday.

At a programme before the start of the final match, Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said that we all are familiar with sports since childhood. Football is one of the most popular sports. He said, there is excitement in this game. But the excitement must be under control as we all love the game.

MLA Sudhangshu Das delivered the welcome address. Unakoti Zilla Parishad Sabhadipati Amalendu Das, TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy, Unakoti District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police etc. were present at the event. After visiting Kumarghat, Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha first visited the Bhavatarini temple yesterday and offered prayer. He was accompanied by Labour Minister Bhagaban Chandra Das.

Chief Minister's meeting with GM of NF Railway: emphasis on speedy completion of Agartala-Akhaura rail link

Chief Minister Professor Dr. Manik Saha held a meeting with Ansul Gupta, General Manager of the North East Frontier Railway, on various issues related to the state's railways. The meeting discussed the development of the state's railway system and the progress of various projects, including the launch of double lane track from Lumding to Agartala. General Manager of North East Frontier Railway said in the meeting that necessary steps and initiatives have been taken by North-East Frontier Railway on all these matters. The necessary survey work for the construction of a double lane track from Dharmanagar to Belonia via Agartala has already been completed and sent to

the Railway Board for approval. It is to be noted that during the recent visit of Chief Minister to Delhi, the Chief Minister informed that discussions were held with the Union Minister of Railways regarding the improvement of railway services in the state, including the upgradation of infrastructure.

At the meeting, Chief Minister emphasized on the completion of the Agartala-Akhaura rail link as soon as possible. In this regard, the General Manager of NF Railway said that the work has been resumed at a fast pace after receiving the necessary financial approval for this work. It was also informed in the meeting by the NF Railway that initiatives have been taken to develop the Agartala railway station into an international standard rail station. Such state-of-the-art railway stations will have healthcare facilities, shopping malls, food courts, cultural facilities and other advanced services. Also, the work of extending the rail link up to Sabroom Integrated Check-post will be undertaken. Chief Minister requested NF Railway officials to speed up the supervision of all the projects that are waiting for the approval of the Ministry of Railway and the Railway Board and to finish the work of other rail links quickly.

At the meeting, Chief Minister requested to increase the number of more foot over

bridges at railway stations in the state. A demand was made by the state government regarding the introduction of accelerators at Agartala and Dharmanagar railway stations. In the meantime, General Manager NF Railway said in the meeting that 2 accelerators have been approved at Agartala railway station. A proposal has been sent to the Railway Board for starting the Agartala-Guwahati inter-city train service and requested for its speedy implementation. It was also informed that the Agartala-Deoghar rail service will be extended to Sabroom. Besides, Agartala-Mumbai, Agartala-Jammu and Agartala-Puri rail services were also approved by the Railway Board. In addition, the initiative to transport petroleum-products by rail from Dharmanagar has been undertaken. As a result of this, transportation cost of petroleum-products will be reduced and it will also get rid of the problems caused in the transportation of goods during natural calamities.

Construction of 23 Road Over Bridges/ Road under Bridges has already been approved. The construction of 12 Road Over Bridges/ Road under Bridges is progressing rapidly. Chief Minister requested to complete the remaining works quickly. Chief Minister has requested to start Kisan-Rail once a week so that agricultural products, pottery,

handicrafts and other goods produced in the state can be sent to other states. Under the One-Station One-Product scheme, Railways has taken initiatives to display popular specialty products of the specified station area in all railway stations in the state. The main objective of this project is to market agricultural, horticultural and bamboo and other handicrafts by local artists and entrepreneurs and showcase them to the tourists. Chief Minister has requested the Railway authorities to strengthen the ticket service by providing necessary ticket counters and required number of staff in all the stations in the state and to pay special attention to ensure that people are not harassed. Necessary proposal for launching vista-dome coaches for development of tourism infrastructure has been sent by the state government and the approval of the railway is assured. The meeting also laid emphasis in providing canopies to the rest of the platforms and improving the cleanliness of railway coaches and improving the quality of passenger services.

The electrification of the railway track from Badarpur to Sabroom will be completed by September 2023, this was informed by General Manager of NF railway. Survey work on the Indian side of the Belonia-Feni rail link has been

completed, and has been sent to the Railway Board for approval. Besides, the issue on the Bangladesh part has been sent for the intervention of the Ministry of External Affairs on behalf of the Railway. The meeting was also attended by special secretary of the state transport department, Sandeep Rathore and additional secretary Subrata Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, a team of senior officials led by General Manager of NF Railway, Ansul Gupta met state Chief Secretary J.K Sinha on the afternoon of 13th September, 2022 and discussed in detail the issues related to railway services.

Newly Constructed Primary Health Centre inaugurated at Fatikroy

The government has been making continuous efforts to improve health services in the state. Work is underway to gradually convert every primary health centre into health and wellness centre in the state. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the newly constructed building of Primary Health Centre at Fatikroy in Kumarghat sub-division yesterday. Sabhadhipati of Unakoti Zilla Parishad, Amalendu Das presided over the inaugural ceremony. Director of the Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Dr. Radha Debbarma gave the welcome speech.



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At the programme, Chief Minister said that the government is working to improve the infrastructure of every health centre in the state. Good relationship between doctor and patient is essential for good service. He said that Rogi Kalyan Samiti should also play more active role. Now health services have improved a lot in the state. Heart, Neuro to cancer surgeries are being done in the state. Efforts are being made to build AIIMS-like hospitals in this state as well.

Speaking at the programme, MLA Sudhangshu Das called for the cooperation of everyone in the development works of the state government including health services. TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy, District Magistrate Uttam Kumar Chakma, District Superintendent of Police Kanta Jangir, Chief Medical Officer Dr. John B. Darlong and others were present as guests. 4 crore 58 lakh rupees has been spent on the construction of the newly constructed 10 bedded primary health centre. At the

programme, Chief Minister handed over the land allotment documents to five landless tea workers of Jagannathpur Tea Estate under Mukhyamantri Cha Shramik Kalyan scheme.

Meeting on Prati Ghare Sushasan in Khowai

A meeting was held in Khowai district for the successful operation of Prati Ghare Sushasan program. The meeting held at Khowai District Magistrate & Collector's office was presided over by DM Dilip Kumar Chakma. The DM called on the concerned officials for successfully operating Prati Ghare Sushasan program. Block-level development meeting will be held under Prati Ghare Sushasan program on September 19 in Khowai block, in Mungiakami block, in Padmabil block and in Khowai Municipal area and on September 26 in Kalyanpur block, in Tulashikhar block, in Teliamura block and in Teliamura Municipal area in the district. Apart from that, Block-level Prati Ghare Sushasan program will be conducted on September 29 and 30 in Khowai block, in Kalyanpur block, in Padmabil block, in Teliamura block and Khowai Municipal area whereas the program will be conducted on October 13 and 14 in Mungiakami block, in Tulashikhar block and in Teliamura Municipal area.