

Rs. 662.48 crore collected under Small Savings Scheme

In the financial year 2021-22 under Small Savings Scheme, total 662 crore 48 lakh rupees was collected in the state. Presently, 3,267 agents are working in the state to collect the amount. This was informed by the head office of Small Savings department. Out of the collected sum, 416.2 crore rupees was collected from West Tripura district, 29.36 crore rupees was collected from Gomati district, 27.01 crore rupees was collected from Sepahijala district, 34.83 crore rupees was collected from South Tripura district, 33.35 crore rupees was collected from Khowai district, 26.26 crore rupees was collected from Dhalai district, 35.33 crore rupees was collected from Unakoti district and 60.14 crore rupees was collected from North Tripura district.

Deputy CM inaugurates Indo-Bangla Tourism Festival

Tourism is not just for advertisement, it also plays an important role in expansion of education. There is a huge scope of tourism development in the state. The government has prioritized development of tourism in the state, enunciated Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma after inaugurating the three-day Bharat-Bangla

Paryatan Utsav at Ujjayanta Palace premises yesterday. The tourism festival will conclude on April 19. The festival has cultural event and different other programmes.



Deputy Chief Minister said, Tripura has a deep relationship with Bangladesh. Besides culture and music, people of Tripura and Bangladesh have a spiritual relationship. The present government aims to further strengthen the bond between Tripura and Bangladesh. There are many places in Tripura for travelers such as Chabimura, Jampuihill etc. Not just from geographical point of view, Tripura also has historical relationship with Bangladesh. The people of Tripura played special role in the Liberation War. He said, the state may be small but its people have big heart. He called on businessmen of Bangladesh for taking more important and needful steps towards setting up industry in Tripura.

Presiding over the inaugural programme, Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy said, India is a country with people of different cultural heritage. There are many states in the world that are thriving economically depending on tourism. Narikel Kunja in Tripura is about to become one unique tourist spot very soon. A helipad was inaugurated there by the Chief Minister recently. Besides this, the bridge over River Feni in Sabroom will connect Tripura with Bangladesh which will prove to develop business between the two countries. This will benefit both the countries. Tripura and Bangladesh are getting connected through Daudkandi as well. Rail connectivity will be starting soon between the two countries through Akhaura-Nischintpur border.

Bangladesh MP and Chairman of Committee on Estimates Dr. Mohammed Abdus Sahid expressed gratitude towards the people of Tripura for extending help during Bangladesh Liberation War. He said, the friendly bond between the two countries will further strengthen through this tourism festival. Tourism plays a vital part in uplifting economy. Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Dipak Majumdar said, there is a spiritual bond between Tripura and Bangladesh. Tourism not only boosts economy but also enriches culture. The state government is

making sincere efforts to develop tourism in the state.

Other dignitaries present in the inaugural programme were Chairman of Srimangal Upajela, Bangladesh Bhanulal Roy, Secretary of Tourism department Kiran Gitte, Agartala-based Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner Arif Mohammed, Regional Director of Ministry of Tourism, Northeast Sankha Subhra Debbarman and others. A representative team from Bangladesh, West Bengal, Hoteliers, freedom fighters, authors, poets, intellectuals, political figures and tour operators from Northeastern states took part in the tourism festival. The festival witnessed cultural performances and food festival was organized as well. Tour operators from Bangladesh, West Bengal and Northeastern states will be shown tourist spots on the second-day of the festival. On the third day, an interactive session between the two conducted at the conference hall of Geetanjali Guest House.

ICA Minister inaugurates Gomati District-Level Book Fair

There is no substitute for book fair. Book Fair is the fair of knowledge. Book Fair lights up the lamp of knowledge, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury after

inaugurating Gomati District-Level Book Fair at Udapiur KVI premises yesterday. He said, no other fair can be compared to the book fair. Book fair is the meeting place of book lovers, writers, researchers, teachers and students. The periphery of knowledge is vast. This has to be spread among all. People from Sabroom or Kanchanpur used to face difficulty in travelling to Agartala to buy their book which is why District-Level Book Fairs are being organized.

Apart from that, everyone's participation is important in Book Fair. He said, one must never forget the past due to the touch of modernization in the present. One must read book to know the past. He informed that Sub-Division Level Book Fair will also be organized in future. He said, ICA department has never organized District-Level Book Fair earlier. It is the first time this year.

ICA Minister said, District-Level Book Fair has been conducted recently in Unakoti, Dhalai, North Tripura, Khowai and South Tripura districts. He lauded local administration, Udaipur Municipal Council, Gomati Municipal Council and others for organizing Gomati District-Level

Book Fair. Total 160 book stalls were opened in Agartala Book Fair including book sellers and publishers from Bangladesh, Northeastern states and other parts of the country.

Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad Swapan Adhikari said, book fair has depth. It is the fair of gaining knowledge. Book Fair holds importance in building moral values too. If we realize the importance of book, only then book fair will serve its purpose. MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh said, one must come to book fair to know about great people like Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore and Swamiji and buy the books. MLA Ranjit Das and social worker Abhishek Debroy also spoke on the occasion.

Welcome speech was delivered by Gomati DM & Collector Raval Hamendra Kumar. Inaugural programme was presided over by Chairman of Udaipur Municipal Council Shital Chandra Majumdar. Gomati ADM Arun Kumar Roy, Vice Chairman of Udaipur Municipal Council Anupam Choudhury were also present there. Gomati District-Level Book Fair will continue till April 21 and will remain open everyday from 3.30pm to 9pm. There are

total 27 book stalls. 10% discount will be given to book buyers. TRLM and other line departments have also opened their respective stalls. Kabi Sanmelan, quiz competition, cultural event, seminars, rangoli making competition will also be conducted in the book fair.

Pucca houses to 1,986 families of Jirania block under PMAY-G

In the financial year 2021-22 under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin, approval was received for construction of Pucca houses for 1,986 families of 14 Gram Panchayat and 6 ADC Villages under Jirania block. Financial assistance for house construction is being given to 95 families of Barjala Binapani Panchayat, 105 families of Durganagar Panchayat, 93 families of Harijoy Choudhury Panchayat, 69 families of Joynagar Panchayat, 125 families of Kobrakhamar Panchayat, 13 families of Krishnagar Panchayat, 245 families of Madhya Debendranagar Panchayat, 42 families of Majlishpur Panchayat, 39 families of West Majlishpur, 154 families of East Barjala Panchayat, 24 families of East Debendranagar Panchayat, 199 families of Sachindra Nagar Panchayat and 199

families of North Majlishpur Panchayat under the block. Permission was granted for construction of Pucca houses for 114 families of Bishrambari village, 10 families of Kayachanbari village, 67 families of Madhabbari village, 168 families of West Barjala village, 122 families of West Debendranagar village and 103 families of North Joynagar village of the block. This was informed by Jirania Block Office.

22,68,538 mandays generated in Durgachowmuni & Salema block

In the financial year 2021-22 under MGNREGA, 22 lakh 68 thousand 538 mandays were generated in Durgachowmuni and Salema block of Kamalpur sub-division. Total 48 crore 9 lakh 30 thousand 56 rupees was spent in implementing different development works.

13 lakh 48 thousand 255 mandays was generated in Durgachowmuni block. 28 crore 58 lakh 30 thousand rupees was spent in this. 9 lakh 20 thousand 283 mandays were generated in Salema block. 19 crore 50 lakh 99 thousand 996 rupees was spent in this. This was informed by Dhalai DM & Collector's office.