

State level under-17 Volleyball tournament opens today



The under-17 Volleyball tournament as part of State Level School Sports Meet-2020-21 was kicked off today at the ground adjacent to Ramkrishna Ashram in Kamalpur. Conducted by the Tripura School Board this tournament will have both boys and girls players from across the eight districts of the state. Sampa Das, chairman of Durgachowmuhani Panchayat



Samiti inaugurated the tournament in presence of the vice chairman of the panchayat samiti Tapas Paul and other dignitaries. In the opening match North district and Dhalai district participated in boys category and Sepahijala and Khowai district participated in girls category. This tournament will continue till February 20.

Drinking water connections in Dasda block under Atal Jaldhara

Drinking water connections through pipe line are being given by DWS department in different villages of Dasda block under Atal Jaldhara Mission. Drinking water connections have been provided to 1467 families of the block free of cost during the current financial year till now. It is mentioned that drinking water connections have been provided to 3405 families of different ADC villages through pipe line free of cost under Atal Jaldhara Mission during FY 2019-20. Dasda DWS office has informed this.

'Gift Milk' programme launched in Bishramganj today

'Gift Milk' programme at Bishramganj Higher Secondary School was ceremonially launched at the hands of the education minister Ratan Lal Nath today. The programme was jointly organized by the National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation, National Dairy Development Board Foundation for Nutrition and Gomati Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited.

Addressing the students and others present there the education minister said, motto of the students should not be just securing good marks, but they should

come forward to play a significant role in the society. He also said that Corona pandemic has affected the academics a lot, now all should make efforts together to fill up that gap. And the state government is also working with utmost priority to education sector. Regarding this milk distribution programme he said, as milk has nutritional value it will help in physical and mental development of students.



Welcome address was given by the general manager of National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation R.P. Singh while headmaster of Bishramganj HS School Ajit Das presided over the occasion. Among others were present Sabhadhipati of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Supriya Das (Datta), chairman of Gomati Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited and other dignitaries.

Survey underway to declare TB free districts before March 24

The world is going to observe World TB Day on March 24. Aiming at declaring four

districts of the state as TB-free before that day the Community Medicine department of Agartala Government Medical College has started a survey. With them has joined hands the National TB Control programme, Tripura. The Agartala Government Medical College has launched this survey with the help of World Health Organisation (WHO), Indian Council of Medical Research, National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai and Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine. Dr. Subrata Baidya has been appointed as the nodal officer for the entire work and for the four districts (North, South, Dhalai and West) to be covered nodal officers will be Asst. Prof. Dr. Chhanda Mog, Associate Prof. Dr. Rituparna Das Associate Prof. Dr. Amar Tripura and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sampa Das respectively.

For the survey, five clusters have been made in each district and 30 TB patients will be identified in every district. To conduct the survey Senior Treatment Supervisor (STS), Senior TB Laboratory Supervisor (STLS) and MPWs have been engaged. To monitor the preparations Dr. Sapna from the Central TB Division had visited the state on February 13. From February 9-13 West Tripura district nodal officer Dr. Sampa Das visited door to door to monitor the survey work in Ward no. 13 of Agartala Municipal Corporation. Nodal officer of South Tripura district Dr. Rituparna Das and state nodal officer Dr. Subrata Baidya also went out for field visits. The family welfare and

preventive medicines department has informed this.

State level Wangala Festival opens at Natintilla

Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the 16th state level Wangala Festival at Natintilla, Udaipur yesterday. In his inaugural address, he said the government is sincere in preserving and promoting the culture of the tribes. The overall development of each community of the society plays a vital role in the development of the state as well as the country and 32 per cent of the people in Tripura belong to the tribal community. The state government is sincere to bring all children of the tribal communities under the light of education. Through the department of Tribal Welfare, free coaching has been arranged for the children belonging to the tribal communities to prepare for various competitive examinations. A project named 'Lakshya' has been launched to encourage children of the state to face various national level competitive exams. At present, 8 Ekalavya schools are being constructed in the state.

Besides, the state government has adopted a multi-pronged plan for the overall development of the state and work is underway for its implementation. The state government has taken various

plans for the infrastructural development of 12 Aspirational blocks in the state. The Prime Minister has taken various programmes with special emphasis on the eight states of the North East, namely the Ashtalakhsmi, and work is underway to implement them.

Speaking on the occasion, Jewel Areng, MP of the Republic of Bangladesh, who was the special guest on the occasion, said that India has assisted Bangladesh since the liberation war of Bangladesh and even in the current Covid situation. He thanked the Government of India for this. Among others present on the occasion were MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh, agriculture and farmers welfare minister Pranjit Singha Roy, district magistrate of Gomati, Dr. T K Debnath, former chairperson of Udaipur Municipal Council, Shital Chandra Majumder, chairman of Matabari Panchayat Samiti, Sujan Kumar Sen and others. Subhash Marak, General Secretary of Garo Union of Tripura delivered the welcome speech on the occasion and President of Garo Union of Tripura, Sanjib Marak presided over the function.

Health camp at Chindrai para under Baramura health sub-centre

A health camp was held at Chandrai para in areas under Baramura health centre

under Teliamura sub-divisional hospital in Khowai district on February 13. Health care service was provided to total 12 patients suffering from different health problems. Among them, two patients were suffering from fever and one patient was suffering from respiratory problem. MPS of Baramura health centre Bipul Kanti Paul, MPW Snehasish Biswas and Anganwadi staffs and ASHA workers of this area organized the health camp. Required medicine was provided to the patients. Family welfare and preventive medicines department has informed this.

Ponds to be dug in Kumarghat block under MGNREGA

Ponds will be dug 9 kani land of 9 ADC villages of Kumarghat block for pisciculture. Total 15 lakh 21 thousand rupees will be spent for digging of nine ponds under MGNREGA scheme during FY 2021-22. The ponds will be dug in Rajkandi, Saidachhara, South Unakoti and Jurichhara villages of Kumarghat block. Rajkandi Sub-zonal office under TTAADC has informed this.

Ten-day pottery workshop concludes in Jirania

A ten-day training on pottery concluded at Palpara under Noabadi Gram Panchayat of Old Agartala block yesterday. The training

was organized jointly by the Agartala office of Central Khadi and Gramodyog Commission and Society for Alternative Thinking Actions of Majlishpur in Jirania subdivision. The training, started on February 8, had seen participation of different self-help groups of the area. A total of 40 members of four SHGs (namely Surja, Prateek, Durga and Ashar Aalo) learnt how to make different pottery items. An official of the Khadi Gramodyog Commission informed that the trainees will be provided one electric wheel each, one earth mixing machine, two earth pasting machine etc. each.



Bishalgarh block level Kaushalya Mela held Bishalgarh Block premises today

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