

50th State Level Badminton Competition opens at NSRCC today



Pic. by Abhishek Sinha, Photographer

The state government has taken various plans for the promotion of sports. The government wants its players to be successful in the national level Badminton events. That is why the state government would felicitate a Badminton player getting victorious at the national level events with cash prizes of Rs. 5 lakh in case of boys and Rs. 7 lakh in case of girls, stated the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma today after inaugurating the three-day 50th State Level Badminton

Competition at NSRCC, Agartala. Youth affairs and sports minister Sushanta Chowdhury, gracing the occasion as the chief guest also wished the participating players success.

This competition will have separate events of 13, 15, 17 and 19 years boys, girls, single women, single and double man and mixed double etc. Total 130 Badminton players from eight districts of the state are going to participate in this competition. Tripura Badminton Association has organized this competition. The inaugural programme was also attended by AMC councilor Ratna Datta, joint secretary of Tripura Sports Council Saraju Chakraborty and the like.

Agriculture Minister inaugurated Farmers Knowledge Centre in Mohanpur

The country's economy will only be strengthened with the economic development in rural areas. That is why the central and state government are giving utmost importance to strengthening rural economy, enunciated the agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Pranajit Singha Roy after inaugurating Farmers Knowledge Centre

and Regional Agriculture office at Panchabati of Vidyasagar Gram Panchayat under Mohanpur block yesterday. He said, the central government has taken several steps to double farmers' income by 2022. The schemes are also being implemented in the state. Both the central and the state government aim to make farmers financially self-dependent. Financial assistance of 6 thousand rupees is being sent to farmers bank accounts annually under PMKISAN. Almost 2.5 lakh farmers in the state have benefited through this scheme.

Agriculture Minister further said, the Chief Minister has taken special initiative so that the farmers could get agricultural loans through the banks, even those who do not own agricultural land. Kisan Rail was started for exporting agricultural produce of the state. Last year, about 3 lakh farmers were brought under Pradhan Mantri Fazal Bimal Yojana. Paddy procurement from farmers at MSP is going on. Soil testing is being arranged besides providing the farmers with fertilisers, pesticides, agricultural equipment etc. The state government has also arranged for appropriate market for the farmers besides crop cultivation.

State's pineapple, jackfruit, scented lemons are now hitting the markets abroad. The state government aims to make the women self-dependent. Agricultural equipments were distributed to different Self Help Groups.



Pic. by Ashok Debbarma, ICO

Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zila Parishad Antara Sarkar Deb, director of agriculture and farmers welfare department Saradindu Das, director of horticulture and soil conservation department Phani Bhushan Jamatia also spoke on the

occasion. The programme was presided over by Chairperson of Mohanpur Panchayat Samiti Rina Debbarma. Others present in the programme were member of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Kajal Kar, Principal of Agriculture College Dr. T. K Maiti and social activist Jogendra Debbarma. The guests handed over agricultural equipments worth 10 lakh rupees to Pranami SHG of Kalacherra and Soil Health Card to the farmers. Agriculture minister also inaugurated storage and seed processing unit at North Laxmi Lunga under Bamutia block.

3-day Training on Advanced Metering Infrastructure for engineers of TSECL

A 3-day training programme on "introduction to AMI (Advance Metering Infrastructure) and Role of AMI in reducing AT&C Losses" will be held from February 21 to February 23 for the engineers of TSECL at its Headquarters at Agartala. The training is being organized by National Power Training Institute (Eastern Region) Durgapur under Ministry of Power, Government of India in association with Power Finance Corporation & Rural Electrification Corporation. 40 engineers from different

circles will be attending the training programme.

The programme will be inaugurated by Director (Finance). Sarvajit Singh Dogra on 21st February 2022 at 10 am at TSECL Headquarters and attended by Director of NPTIS.K. Srivastava and other senior Officers of TSECL. This training is being organised to shed light on the RDSS Scheme (Revamped Distribution sector Scheme) of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India. Experts have been invited to deliver talk in the training and would be providing an interactive environment for useful discussions.

Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a Reforms-based and Results-linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme worth Rs. 3.03 trillion wherein the Centre's share will be Rs. 97,631 crores. This scheme aims to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of DISCOMS. It will provide conditional financial assistance to strengthen the supply infrastructure of DISCOMS (power distribution companies).

All the existing power sector reforms schemes such as Integrated Power Development Scheme, Deen Dayal

Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana will be merged into this umbrella programme. The scheme will be available till 2025-26. The objectives of programme are - Reduction of AT&C losses (operational losses) at pan-India levels upto 12-15% by 2024-25, reduction of cost-revenue gap to zero by 2024-25, developing Institutional Capabilities for Modern DISCOMS. This was informed by National Power Training Institute (Eastern Region) in a press release.



Street drama organized by ICA office in Panisagar

Pic. by Indrajit Saha, ICO

Workshop on selling products of SHGs

A Jampuijala block level workshop was organised on selling products of the Self

Help Groups in Ration shops. The workshop was inaugurated by Jampuijala BAC Chairman MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma. Others present in the workshop were Jampuijala SDM Sanjoy Debbarma, Jampuijala BDO Rajib Debbarma and other officials. Members of the Self Help Groups and 34 Ration shop dealers of Jampuijala sub-divisional area attended the workshop which was organised with the initiative of Jampuijala sub-divisional administration and Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission's Management Unit.

8,19,121 mandays generated under MGNREGA in Gouranagar block

In the present financial year under MGNREGA, several developmental work plans were implemented. Through this, 8 lakh 19 thousand 121 mandays were generated in 20 Gram Panchayat and 3 ADC Villages of Gouranagar Block. 12 thousand 646 families of the block found employment under this. Different developmental works such as land levelling, road construction etc were implemented. Total 13 crore 62 lakh 29 thousand rupees was spent for this. This was informed by Gouranagar Block Office.