

Health-cum-blood donation camp at Birendranagar HS School



Pic. by Goutam Das, SIO

Today a health-cum-blood donation camp was organized by the NSS Unit of Birendranagar Higher Secondary School, Jirania. The information and cultural affairs minister Sushanta Chowdhury inaugurated the health camp as well as a newly constructed drinking water tank. Total 32 people donated blood in the camp. Among other dignitaries were present chairperson of Jirania Nagar Panchayat Ratan Kumar Das, SDM, Jirania Jibankrishna Acharjee, headmaster of the school Shankar Saha and members of the school management committee.

Internship Program under Ministry of External Affairs

As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of External Affairs is starting an

internship program. Online application forms have been invited for the April-June, 2022 internship program. The applicant is required to be an Indian citizen and within 25 years of age till 31 December, 2022. Total 75 candidates will be selected for 2022 internship program. Preference will be given to resident of Aspirational Block/SC/ST/OBC/financially weak categories to ensure equal opportunity to candidates of various parts of the country. The candidate selection will be done online through www.internship.mea.gov.in in two stages- primary screening and personal interview. The selected interns will be given monthly stipend of 10 thousand rupees and to and fro flight fare between their home and Delhi. After the completion of their internship, the interns will have to submit their work reports to the Ministry of External Affairs which will have intellectual property right on it.

State observes International Mother Language Day in befitting manner

Human civilization and culture has evolved through mother tongue only. Mother tongue is the only reliable medium for development and evolution of art, literature and science. The present state government is working for the

development of the languages of all tribes and non-tribes, stated the education minister Ratan Lal Nath today at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan while speaking at the second session of the seminar and cultural programme organized jointly by the Government of Tripura and Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh at Agartala. In the beginning of the programme education minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated the tri-lingual (Bengali, Kokborok and English) website of education department. At the programme information and cultural affairs minister Sushanta Chowdhury felicitated Shiv Shankar Paul who received National Teachers Award 2021 and education minister felicitated Kamal Bongcher, representative of the vanishing linguistic group Bongcher.

Addressing the gathering the education minister said, in the language movement on February 21, 1952 Salam, Barkat, Jabbar laid their lives for their language. Since then the day has been observed as Bhasha Diwas. Afterwards UNESCO also recognized the day February 21 as International Mother Language Day. He said, in the New Education Policy of India emphasis has been given on teaching in mother tongue. He informed, during the last four years, Kokborok language has been introduced in 45 primary schools, 49 secondary schools and 22 higher

secondary schools. The state government has also decided to recruit Kokborok PGT and college teachers.

The education minister also informed, to do away with the language barrier between the government employees and the masses an online Kokborok course has been launched for the government employees from January 30, 2022. As a new initiative there are opportunities for taking up minor research projects on Kokborok and other minority languages like Kuki, Mizo, Halam, Garo, Chakma, Manipuri (Bishnupriya and Maitei). For this the state government would provide Rs. 1 lakh financial assistance.

In the beginning of the programme all the guests at Rabindra Bhawan compound paid floral tribute to the Shahid Bedi modeled out of the memorial of language movement. The guests inaugurated the programme by watering plants.

Speaking on the occasion the ICA minister Sushanta Chowdhury said, the Day February 21 is a glorious day for all the Bengali speaking people of the world. No language is lower or greater than the other. We should be respecting all the languages, the ICA added. Assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh Arif Mohammed said, here is the only instance that India and Bangladesh jointly organize this observance. For this Tripura has

carved out a niche for itself and the Day has gained a different status altogether. Among other who spoke on the occasion are – chairman of State Higher Education Council Dr. Arunoday Saha, and director of education department Chandni Chandran. Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Dipak Majumder also graced the programme as a guest. The day has also been observed in different places of the state in a befitting manner.

Farmers Knowledge Centre inaugurated at Karbook



Pic. by Anupam Paul, ICO

India has an agrarian economy. The central and state government are working towards increasing income of the farmers so that the economic growth of the country. Towards this direction focus is being given on use of modern technology

in agriculture. The present state government is also working towards this direction, stated the agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Pranajit Singha Roy on February 19 after inaugurating the Farmers Knowledge Centre at Karbook.

The agriculture minister said, under PM Kisan scheme the central government providing Rs. 6000 through DBT into the bank accounts of farmers. More than 2.5 lakh farmers of the state have already benefitted from this. In Karbook subdivision only 10,575 marginal farmers have benefitted from this scheme. At the same time on the interest of the chief minister the state government has arranged loan facility for the landless farmers. He also spoke of different other incentives and facilities being given to the farmers, in addition to Farmers Knowledge Centres being set up in 37 agricultural subdivisions of the state.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by MLA Ranjit Das, deputy director of agriculture and farmers' welfare department in Gomati district Jayanta Sarkar, chairman of Block Advisory Committee Asim Tripura and other guests and officials.