

TSECL organizes friendly cricket tournament

In order to improve interpersonal relations among the employees working under Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), the Recreation Club of TSECL has organized a friendly cricket tournament yesterday initiated by Managing Director of TSECL Debasish Sarkar. Three teams- team A, B and C have participated in the tournament. There was a tie among the participating teams. Team A and B were determined as finalists on the basis of Net Run Rate. The final match was conducted at Shahid Bhagat Singh Ground, Bholagiri with the permission of Tripura Sports Council, where Team A won the toss. However, Team B won the final match with 10 wickets under the captainship of DGM (HRD) Mrinal Kanti Das. Daya Mohan Reang and Rajesh Das were selected as Man of the Match and Man of the Series respectively by the jury. Besides them, Jaytanu Biswas, Rajesh Das and Dipak Jamatia were also selected as Man of the Match for the league matches. Mithu Debnath was selected as Best Fielder. Director (Finance) urged to work with same zeal in the office providing better service to the customers. He also personally awarded cash prizes of 1,000 rupees to Daya Mohan Reang for his

beautiful hat-trick and 500 rupees to Mithu Debnath for beautiful catch. Managing Director of TSECL Debasish Sarkar, Director (Finance) Sarvjit Singh Dogra, General Manager (Transmission) Ranjan Debbarma and other senior officers of TSECL were present during the match. This was informed in a press release issued by TSECL, Corporate Office, Agartala.

40th Agartala Book Fair: Lottery for distribution of stalls

The 12-day 40th Agartala Book Fair is set to start on March 25 and will continue till April 5. A computerized lottery was held for distribution of stalls among the book sellers and publishers at the Directorate of Information & Cultural Affairs yesterday. The lottery was drawn for total 121 stalls. Among them, 29 stalls will be of large size, 30 stalls will be of big size, 37 stalls will be of medium size and 25 stalls will be of small size. In this regard, Director of ICA department Ratan Biswas said, the Book Fair will be inaugurated at Hapania International Fair campus on March 25 at 4pm. The lottery has been conducted through a transparent process for distribution of stalls over the past three years. He said, this year there will be record numbers of book stalls. He

hoped for everyone's cooperation for successful conduction of the Book Fair. Secretary of Publishers and Book Sellers Association Rakhil Majumdar, general secretary of All Tripura Book Sellers and Publishers Association Uttam Chakraborty, secretary of Tripura Publishers Guild Subhabrata Deb and representatives of other different publisher companies took part in the lottery.

ICA Minister inaugurates 4th State-Level Baul Festival



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Baul music is a part of our folk culture, which is why further development of Baul music is important for our culture to

prosper. Baul culture originated from the fields and villages of rural Bengal. It expresses the emotions of rural Bengal, enunciated information and cultural affairs minister Sushanta Choudhury after inaugurating 2-day 4th State-Level Baul Festival yesterday, organized jointly by Tripura Lok Sanskriti Sangsad and information and cultural affairs department with the assistance of Ranirbazar Municipal Council, Jirania Nagar Panchayat and Jirania Panchayat Samiti. ICA Minister felicitated Senior Baul Artist Subal Das Bishnab, Folk Artist Girindra Majumdar and Folk Artist Gouranga Chandra Deb with scarves and certificates in the inaugural programme. A memento was offered to the ICA minister on behalf of Tripura Lok Sanskriti Sangsad during the programme. A requisition for providing financial assistance to the artistes of the organization was also handed over to the Minister. 46 Baul artistes coming from across the state are participating in the 2-day State-Level Baul Festival.

ICA Minister said, the time to enjoy such festival has lessened in the age of internet and hi-tech. But among all this, we must preserve our culture, as culture binds the society and the country together, a solid society is built. He said, our government is working to keep both the culture and people associated with culture alive,

which is why this festival has been organized. And ICA department is performing its duty well in this regard. He said, 4 cultural teams will be formed by each ICA department office of 58 blocks of the state. Each team will consist of 25 members. The team will also consist of Baul singers. Apart from this, the matter to provide financial assistance to the artistes is under consideration. He lauded Prime Minister's and Chief Minister's efforts towards cultural development.

Others present in the programme were chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Manju Das, vice chairman Pritam Debnath, vice chairman of Ranirbazar Municipal Council Prabir Kumar Das, chairman of Jirania Panchayat Ratan Kumar Das, social activist Gouranga Bhoumik, and Jirania Block BDO Utpal Chakma. The programme was presided over by president of Tripura Lok Sanskriti Sangsad Arun Nath. Welcome speech was delivered by member of Tripura Lok Sanskriti Sangsad Manoranjan Das.

PPS Award-2021 for the outstanding disabled persons of Tripura

Everyone in the society needs to stand by the Divyangans. It is not possible for the administration alone to do everything. One requires to come forward with empathy and compassion, stated Tripura

High Court Justice Subhasis Talapatra at PPS Award-2021 event organized by Pratibandhi Purnavas Samiti at the conference hall of IMA building, Agartala yesterday. The Divyangans were awarded for their outstanding contributions. Justice Subhasis Talapatra lauded the Samiti members for their selfless works. He said, an institution must be built which will become the trusted place of the Divyangans. People must be encouraged to be compassionate towards Divyangans. It is essential for everyone to indulge in selfless activities. He suggested opening of a database help desk at the education department office.

Director of Secondary Education department Chandni Chandran said, the state government is sincere towards providing education on science subject to blind students. Initiatives have been taken this year to create such opportunities in 31 schools. She called upon everyone to extend their help towards the overall development of the Divyangans. Justice Subhasis Talapatra and other dignitaries handed over the awards to Rohel Debbarma (a 13 year old resident of Noabadi, Jirania) who can write with his leg, karate champion Pankaj Roy and to Director of Fernando Rehabilitation Centre. Also, a book named 'Simarekha'

was published at the event written by Sukla Dey, a mother of a Divyangan. A cover of Pratibandhi Purnavas Samiti named 'Disha' was also published at the event. Others present were President of Pratibandhi Purnavas Samiti Anjan Ghosh, Secretary Subir Dutta, member Subrata Ganguly and others.

Review meeting on 40th Agartala Book Fair

Book Fair is for everyone and everyone needs to come forward together to successfully conduct the fair, stated information and cultural affairs minister Sushanta Choudhury in a review meeting on 40th Agartala Book Fair yesterday. The meeting was held at the directorate of information and cultural affairs. Others present in the review meeting were Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Dipak Majumdar, member of State Cultural Advisory Committee Subrata Chakraborty, secretary of Information and Cultural Affairs P. K Goyal, director Ratan Biswas, deputy director Sanjib Chakma and officials of different departments.

ICA Minister also said, the students must participate in the Book Fair. In this regard, the educational institutions of the state have to come forward, which is why the

educational institutions have to take charge of buying books for students or ensure their participation. ICA Minister expressed hope for everyone's cooperation for the success of the Book Fair. Director of ICA department Ratan Biswas briefed about special initiatives taken for the 40th Agartala Book Fair.

35,173 mandays generated in Harinkhala GP under MGNREGA

In the present financial year under MGNREGA, total 35 thousand 173 mandays were generated in Harinkhala Gram Panchayat of Mohanpur block. 791 families of the Gram Panchayat benefitted under this. Total expenditure was 67 lakh 2 thousand 752 rupees. Different developmental works were executed such as pond excavation and repairing, new road construction and repairing of old roads, agricultural land levelling and repairing, creation of water irrigation sources etc., in the Panchayat area. Apart from this, in the present financial year under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin scheme, Pucca houses were provided to 382 families of the Panchayat area. This was informed by Harinkhala Gram Panchayat office.