

Decision for empanelment of performers & organizations by ICA

The Governor has notified the 'Policy for Screening and Empanelment of Cultural Artistes/Writers/Organisations' for maintenance of a database in the information and cultural affairs department. This policy will come into force on and from the date of its publication in the Tripura Gazette. This is the first time in the state that an official initiative has been taken to empanel the artistes, writers and organizations.

It is worth mentioning that for categorization of the artistes, writers, poets and so on, a decision was taken by the Council of Ministers on August 9, 2018 and accordingly a Drafting Committee was formed on July 11, 2019. This policy has been formulated to create employment opportunities for artistes, writers, anchors, sound operators, photographers, and videographers. This policy will act as a standard guideline for engaging them in different government events from time to time.

According to this new policy, singers will be categorized as 'A', 'B' (High) and 'B'. Those who have accreditation of Prasar Bharati will also be accredited by ICA department in these three categories.

Musicians will also be categorized like this. Those who play rare musical instruments will be enlisted in 'A' category considering their performance and experience. Additionally, rare instruments and dying art form will be examined by the Cultural Advisory Committee with the help of Tribal Research Institute / Tripura Central University / Government Music College/ Tribal Folk Music College, Khumlung/ equivalent institutions.

The dancers of Doordarshan will be accredited by ICA in 'A' and 'B' category, depending on their dance form and experience. Audition will be organized for all the dancers (solo/group) of the state and accredited according to the categories 'A', 'B' (High) and 'B' on the basis of quality of performance. Audition will be organized subject/ genre wise. Similarly drama teams will be categorized as 'A', 'B' (high) and 'B'. Each drama team will have to submit videography of their best three performances and profile of their organization. Shruti Natak teams will also be categorized in these three types. Recitation artistes / anchors will be selected in similar method. Audition will be organized language wise. Artists/ painters will be accredited based on their experiences.

After every three years, upgradation of existing artistes/ organizations and empanelment of fresh artistes/ organizations will be done, for which form will be available on the departmental website. Experts from the state as well as other states will be present during screening/ audition. The empanelled individual performers will receive a remuneration of Rs. 500-1500 as per the category and in case of team performers, it will range from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 6500. The empanelled artistes/ performers/ writers etc. will be engaged in state and district level programmes following the policy guidelines.

Sound system/ decorator/ light system/ LED system service providers will also be empanelled. If the work value goes above Rs. 2 lakh then it has to be through e-tender. And when it is below Rs. 2 lakh the agencies will be engaged in rotation. In case of graphics/ printing work will be deputed to depending on their quality of work. Rotation system will be followed for engaging photographers and videographers. Those who are empanelled by Doordarshan will also get work subject to their minimum five years experience in print or electronic media. For outside state programmes only A category performers will be recommended. Whereas national / international level artistes/ ICCR

recognized artistes and 'A' category artistes of Prasar Bharati could be engaged as guest performer in state programmes organized by ICA department.

Tripura will be self-sufficient in coming two years in fisheries: CM

"Fisheries is a profitable business. If anyone desires to attain quick success and self sufficiency, it is possible through fisheries, provided it has to be done in scientific way", Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb stated yesterday at the inauguration programme of "Rangamayee Research and Training Institute of Aquaculture" organized by Fishery Training –Cum Demonstration Institute situated at Ambedkar Palli, AMC 30 no. ward. He added, This Training Institute has been established in order to make thousand of youngsters of the State easily self sufficient. He said, specially the people from scheduled castes are more connected with pisciculture. But it has been observed that more number of people are getting connected with pisciculture. Government will always be supportive of businessmen related with fisheries. Chief minister said, Tripura Government wants every fishing household to prosper. Government is working keeping this in mind. That is why

Government decided to establish this training institute amidst pandemic.

Chief minister stated, Tripura will be self-sufficient in fisheries in coming two years. For this purpose, preparations will be made for Pisciculture in various governmental and non-governmental water bodies of the state in scientific way. A list of total fish businessmen in the state will be prepared. Bringing all the fish businessmen under one umbrella, the government will provide assistance by providing loans to those who are interested in pisciculture and to the economically disabled through SC Corporation. He advised to rear fish by digging pond in the uncultivated fields or in the fields where only one type of crop is cultivated. Chief minister said, Tripura Government is working in a way where nobody faces loss in this pandemic situation. As a result, Prime Minister's Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission will be fulfilled as well. And along with this, Tripura will become Aatmanirbhar Tripura.

Fisheries minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma in his speech in the programme said, government has prioritized the expansion of pisciculture in

order to build self-sufficient Tripura. He invited fish businessmen to practice scientific techniques. Tripura Assembly Speaker Rehati Mohan Das also stressed upon scientific ways to be applied for rearing fish and invited unemployed youngsters to take advantage of the opportunity at the Training Institute. Apart from this, Purvaudaya's (A social welfare organization) general secretary Niti Deb and TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy spoke about various important topics related to pisciculture in the programme. Welcome speech was given by Rangamayee Research and Training Institute's CEO Kishore Kumar Das.

Blood donation camp held at Teliamura yesterday

A blood donation camp was held at Chitragada Kala Kendra, Teliamura yesterday. The chief whip of the Assembly Kalyani Roy inaugurated the camp in presence of vice chairperson of Teliamura Municipal Council Rupak Sarkar and social activist Achinta Bhattacharya. After inaugurating the blood donation camp the chief whip Kalyani Roy urged the youths to come forward for donating blood. A total of 39 people donated blood in the camp.