

Biplab Kumar Deb elected to the Rajyasabha



Pic. by Narayan Das, Photographer

In the election to the only Rajyasabha seat held today the BJP candidate Biplab kumar Deb has been elected by defeating the CPI(M) Bhanulal Saha by 28 votes. The polling started at 9 am this morning and 58 MLAs including chief minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma and other members of the State Council of Ministers, speaker and deputy speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly, leader of the opposition cast their vote.

Seminar on Home-stay to mark World Tourism Day - 2022

To mark the World Tourism Day – 2022 the tourism department organised a daylong seminar on Home-stay at Geetanjali Guest House, Agartala today. The seminar was inaugurated by the

deputy managing director of Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Dilip Debbarma. The seminar highlighted various aspects of home-stay concept and the representatives of Tripura Tour Operator Forum, Tripura Hotelier and Restaurant Association, Agartala Cycloholics, Agartala Adventure Club, Neermahal Adventure and Mountaineering, Trek to Wild and owners of home-stays shared their experiences. Among others present in the seminar were officials of tourism department and senior journalist Manas Paul.

It is worth mentioning that as part of the World Tourism Day 2022 celebrations the tourism department has many other programmes like bi-cycle rally, painting workshop, exhibition, walk for all, cultural programme etc. lined up till September 27.

PGS campaign: Mega loan distribution camp at Agartala

The path of development is now wide open for the scheduled caste people of the state. The people of this community should strive to reach the pinnacle of development by taking advantage of the schemes and services of the central and state government. Scheduled Caste Welfare Minister Bhagaban Chandra Das

said this while inaugurating a mega loan distribution camp organized by Scheduled Caste Cooperative Development Corporation Limited at Agartala Town Hall yesterday. In the camp, 396 people were given fish, 62 people were given dry fish, 6 people were given auto rickshaws and 2 people were given loans for small business. Beneficiaries will receive their loan amount directly into their bank account. The guests handed over the cheque to some of the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries belonging to scheduled castes community of the state participated in the camp.

Inaugurating the camp, Scheduled Caste Welfare Minister, Bhagaban Chandra Das also said that there are 34 scheduled caste communities in the state. During the tenure of previous governments, they were deprived of many privileges by interfering with their rights. As a result, the people of this society are still far behind in almost all fields. But the present government is working on the development of this society with new direction and mindset. Awareness is being spread through leaflets, handbills etc. from the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department to inform the people of this section about the benefits for their development so that the people can be aware of their privileges and rights. For the development of the people of this

community, the department has given utmost importance to the field of education. Now the Department provides education loans of up to 4 lakh rupees for primary to professional education. Online arrangements have been made so that no one is left out from getting the scholarship. Hostel is being renovated as well as being modernized. As a result, students are encouraged to get better education staying at the hostel. The department has taken initiatives to set up coaching institutes for the students of this community in Agartala itself for UPSC examination. While informing about the various programmes undertaken by the department for the development of scheduled caste, he said that money has been allocated from the department for the welfare of scheduled caste people of the state through 12 different departments.

6 thousand fish and dry fish sellers in the state will receive a loan of 10 thousand rupees as subsidy, 6 thousand small traders will be given 10 thousand rupees for employment, sewing machine for women, weighing machines for small traders, bicycles will be given to hawkers. Also, 50 ducks will be given to a certain number of women in different scheduled caste villages of the state through Animal Resource Development Department with the money allocated by the Scheduled

Caste Welfare Department. He also said that an initiative will be taken to set up Ambedkar Knowledge Centre and to install statue of BR Ambedkar in the state in coming days.

Ranjit Das, MLA and Chairman of Scheduled Caste Cooperative Development Corporation Limited, said in the camp that women, students, small businessmen are given various loans at low interest from SC Corporation. Besides, loans are given to Divyangjans, cleaning workers belonging to any community. He further said that the process of disbursing loans to the beneficiaries has been greatly simplified. Besides, Board of Directors of SC Corporation, Tapas Das also spoke at the camp. Debyani Chowdhury, General Manager of the Corporation gave the welcome address.

First State Conference of Tripura Newspaper Society

Media is the mirror of society. Real development of society is not possible without the cooperation of media. So it is desirable to present the news with a positive attitude. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the first state conference of Tripura Newspaper Society at Rabindra Bhavan

yesterday. In his speech, Chief Minister said that despite the growth of different social media, we have to rely on newspapers. So it is better to present news that people will believe. Care must also be taken to ensure that a news item never becomes a personal attack. Chief Minister said that one of the responsibilities of the media as the fourth pillar of democracy is to pointing out the mistakes of the government. But it should be done in a positive way. The state government is aware of the various demands of journalists and owners associated with media for the development of media. The government is sincere in fulfilling their demands. Initiatives will definitely be taken in this regard.

At the programme, President of Tripura News Paper Society and Senior Journalist and Editor of Syandan Patrika, Subal Kumar Dey said in his welcome speech that media helps the government by providing accurate and constructive news. Arun Nath, joint convener of Tripura News Paper Society and senior journalist, said that media generally works to protect democracy. At the programme, he highlighted many problems faced by journalists and urged the Chief Minister to take necessary initiatives to simplify the process of getting pension for journalists.

At the programme senior journalist of the state Shrota Ranjan Khisa was felicitated by Tripura News Paper Society. Chief Minister handed over certificate and shawl to him.

Walking aids distributed in West Tripura as part of Prati Ghare Sushason



Pic. by Kriti Sundar Chowdhury, Photographer

Various walking aids were distributed among Divyangjans and special seminar on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Mukhyamantri Matru Pusthi Upahar Scheme was organized at Muktdhara Auditorium on September 20 as part of Prati Ghare Sushason campaign. Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Sarkar Deb inaugurated the programme organized by the office of West Tripura district Social Welfare and Social Education office. Speaking at the programme, Sabhadhipati Antara Sarkar Deb said that the goal of Prati Ghare

Sushason campaign is to give benefits of schemes to everyone through joint efforts of all. She urged everyone to come forward to make this campaign programme a success. Efforts have been made to raise the standard of living of Divyangjans.

At the programme, District Magistrate of West Tripura Debapriya Bardhan emphasized on organizing more such programmes in the coming days. Eminent social workers like Papiya Dutta, Rajeev Ghosh, Samir Ghosh, Purnima Roy and Asim Bhattacharya discussed on various new state schemes and Prime Minister's flagship schemes launched for the poor. Besides, West Tripura District Social Welfare and Social Education Programme Officer Dr. Chandrani Biswas also spoke at the programme, wherein 20 Divyangjans were given walking aids, 5 pregnant mothers were given financial benefits of 5000 rupees under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, 5 lactating women were given a cheque of 2000 rupees under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. Besides, UDID cards were given to 11 divyangjans. The guests of the programme handed over the walking and other aids to Divyangjans and mothers.