

First transit cargo via Chittagong port arrives at Agartala today

A new chapter in the process of trade has started today. The Act East policy of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has turned real, as the transit cargo through Chittagong port in Bangladesh for the Northeastern states of India has arrived here at Agartala today. In the morning the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb was there at the Akhaura check-post to welcome the first cargo comprising four trailers sent on experimental basis. Two of the trailers were carrying rod and the other two were carrying dal. The 50 tonne rod laden trailers were meant for Bodhjunnagar, Agartala. And the 50 tonne dal laden trailers after unloading at Agartala have moved for Karimganj in lorries. The chief minister, on behalf of the people of the state, has thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina.

The chief minister said, from today cargo shipment from Chittagong to Agartala has started. Earlier cargo used to come from Haldia port traversing a 1600 km long route. This transit cargo from Haldia has arrived here passing through only 600 km. This has curtailed the cost to a great

extent. The bridge over Feni river will also be operational by December. Initiative has also been taken to make a waterway between Daudkandi in Bangladesh and Sonamura. If this way communication system improves further the economic status of Tripura will also change.

The assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh at Agartala Kiriti Chakma, attending the programme as chief guest, has also congratulated the prime ministers and people of the two countries for this. Among others present there included the secretary of the industry and commerce department Kiran Gitte, manager of the Integrated Check-post at Agartala Debasis Nandi, director of industry and commerce P.K. Goel and commandant of BSF 120 battalion Ratish Kumar.

Drinking water connections under Atal Jaldhara in Hrishyamukh

Drinking water connections have been provided to 398 families of Hrishyamukh block in South Tripura district under Atal Jaldhara Scheme during the current financial year. Work of drinking water connection for more 400 families is going on. A target has been set to provide drinking water connections to total 6880 families of the block during the current financial year. It is also mentioned that a

target was set to provide drinking water connections to 800 families of the block during the last financial year. Drinking water connections had been provided to 1368 families. The office of executive engineer of DWS department has informed this.

377 houses constructed under PMAwas Yojana in Satchand block

Buildings had been constructed for 377 families of Satchand block under PM Awas Yojana (Rural) during the last financial year. Construction of 109 houses has already been completed. The construction of remaining 268 houses is going on. Rs 1.30 lakh has been spent for construction of each house. BDO of Satchand block James Darlong has informed this.

593 persons received social pensions in Hrishyamukh block

7593 beneficiaries of Hrishyamukh block are receiving different social pensions. Among them, 1986 persons are receiving Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension. 30 persons are receiving Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension and 21 persons are receiving Indira Gandhi National Divyangan Pension. Remaining 5556 persons are receiving pension under different schemes of the state government. The office of CDPO, Hrishyamukh has informed this.

15923 farmers under Kadamtala agri-subdivision registered under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

15923 farmers of Kadamtala, Kalachhara blocks, and Dharmanagar Municipal Council area under Kadamtala agri-subdivision have been registered under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Under the scheme, each farmer has received total Rs 6000 in three installments. 8391 farmers of Kadamtala block have been registered under the scheme. Among them, 8113 persons have received money of 1st installment, 7686 persons have received money of second installment, and 6537 persons have received money of third installment. 7532 farmers of Kalachhara block and Dharmanagar MC area have been registered under the scheme. Among them, 6624 persons of Kalachhara block have received money of first installment, 6398 persons have received money of second installment, and 6093 persons have received money of third installment. Among the registered farmers of Dharmanagar MC area, 640 persons have received money of first installment, 601 persons have received money of Second installment and 559 persons have received money of third installment. The North district office of the agriculture and farmers welfare department has informed this.