

## Activities under SIDH scheme in Tepania

During the last financial year fruit cultivation has been done in 2.9 ha. land in Tepania block area under SIDH scheme. Of the total plantation, pineapple was cultivated in 2 ha., banana was cultivated in 0.5 ha and mousambi was cultivated in 0.4 ha. land. Rs. 32,800 has been spent in per hectare land, thus incurring an expenditure of Rs. 65,600 for pineapple, Rs. 16,400 for banana and Rs. 13,120 for mousambi cultivation. Besides, four structures have been constructed for vermin compost spending Rs. 2 lakh. This information has been divulged by the horticulture and soil conservation office in Udaipur.

## West Tripura nominated for Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Shashaktikaran Award

West Tripura district has been nominated for Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Shashaktikaran Award, informed the Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Sarkar Deb. She informed, the Government of India had announced this award on June 16 for its excellent performance in terms of financial

management, conduction of meetings and other statistical management issues. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50 lakh. In addition, Madhupur panchayat under Dukli block in West Tripura has also been nominated for Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Shashaktikaran Award, the cash prize of which will be Rs. 10 lakh.



Rathayatra at Melaghar today. Pic. by Amrti Das, ICO

## Ektu Khelo Ektu Poro: New scheme of education department

A new scheme namely ' Ektu Khelo Ektu Poro'of has been introduced by the education department. This new scheme will be introduced from June 25, 2020 through mobile phone of the students for learning. The education minister Ratan Lal Nath has informed this in a press conference at the secretariat on June 20, 2020. He informed that the schools are not being opened due to Covid-19 situation. But the education department

has taken different initiatives so that the students can learn something during this period. Teaching will be provided to the students through smart phone of guardians using WhatsApp under the ' Ektu Khelo Ektu Poro' scheme. In case of non-availability of smart phone, teaching will be provided to the students through SMS. Instruction will be sent to the students on specific topic or subject everyday in the morning. Feedback will be taken in the afternoon. The education minister has appealed to the guardians and students to take this opportunity.

### **Different initiatives for expansion of fish cultivation**

Assistance will be provided to total 52 small fish farmers in Sepahijala district under mixed fish cultivation scheme during the current financial year. 16 fish farmers of Bishalgarh subdivision, 10 fish farmers of Jampuijala subdivision and 26 fish farmers of Sonamura subdivision will be benefited under the scheme. Rs 1870 will be spent for each fish farmer. Fingerlings of different variety fishes, oil cake and essential medicine alongwith other items will be provided to the fish farmers free of cost.

Besides, different items for fish cultivation will be provided to 75 persons of Bishalgarh subdivision, 45 fish farmers of Jampuijala subdivision and 119 fish

farmers of Sonamura totaling 239 small fish farmers under seasonal fish cultivation scheme during the current season. Rs 1370 will be spent for each fish farmer. 500 fingerlings of different kinds of fishes will be provided to each of 149 families of Bishalgarh subdivision, 90 families of Jampuijala subdivision and 241 families of Sonamura subdivision under fish cultivation scheme in small pond. Rs 550 will be spent for each family. Total 480 fish farmers will be benefited under the scheme.

Different items for fish cultivation will be provided to 10 persons of Bishalgarh subdivision, 4 fish farmers of Jampuijala subdivision and 20 fish farmers of Sonamura totaling 34 fish farmers under fish production scheme through artificial fish food in pond. Rs 4550 will be spent for each family. 200 young prawns will be provided to each of 7 persons of Bishalgarh subdivision, 2 fish farmers of Jampuijala subdivision and 13 fish farmers of Sonamura subdivision under prawn production expansion scheme at free of cost. Rs 1692 will be spent for each family. Similarly, 200 young pabdass will be provided to each of 35 families for expansion of pabda cultivation. Young pabda will be provided to 10 families of Bishalgarh subdivision, 4 families of Jampuijala subdivision and 21 families of Sonamura subdivision. Rs 940 will be spent

for each family. Sepahijala district fishery officer Tekendra Jamatia has informed this.

### **Paddy procurement in Teliamura from July 6**

The process of paddy procurement from the farmers at minimum support price will be started in Teliamura subdivision from July 6. Paddy will be purchased from the farmers at the rate of Rs 18.15 per Kg at the regulated market in Teliamura. It is mentionworthy that 386.463 MT paddy was purchased from 277 farmers of the subdivision in the last Kharif season. Teliamura agriculture superintendent has informed this.

### **Tribal welfare activities reviewed**

For overall development of tribal areas the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb has directed the tribal welfare department to complete implementation of various development programmes within stipulated time during a review meeting of the department held at the state secretariat recently. The issues that received focus in the meeting were activities of TRP & PTG and Tribal Research and Cultural Institute under the tribal welfare department, education, economic development, skill development, infrastructure related issues etc.

The review meeting was also attended by the tribal welfare minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia, chief secretary Manoj Kumar, principal chief forest conservator Alind Rastogi, secretary of the tribal welfare department N. Darlong and other top officials. The director of tribal welfare department L.T. Darlong gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the decisions of the last meeting. He said, CPWD will construct five Eklavya Model Residential Schools and one Eklavya Day Boarding School for which it has already started survey. The matter of building a night shelter and market shed at Lake Chowmuhani, Agartala was discussed at length.

The director L.T. Darlong also informed that target has been set for giving loan for economic self-sufficiency to 1320 tribal youths during the 2020-21 financial year. Besides, educational loan will be provided to 102 students. He informed that 16 projects have been approved by NITI Aayog for TTAADC areas involving an amount of Rs. 175.95 crore. The state government has also decided to give financial assistance to 100 poor meritorious tribal students this year. He also gave out valuable information on the implementation of several projects under the Tribal Research and Cultural Institute, plantation activities etc.