

## **State-Level Tribal Folk Dance Competition on March 27**

State-Level Tribal Folk Dance Competition will be held at Hall no. 1 of Rabindra Bhawan on March 27. The folk dance competition will begin at 2pm. Winners will be awarded in the same evening at 6pm. A friendly meet and dinner will also be organised for the tribal heads and representatives at Maharani Tulsibati Girls School on March 27. The friendly meet will start at 8:30 pm. This was informed by Tribal Welfare department.

## **SC Welfare Minister inaugurates annual general meeting of TSCCDC Ltd.**

The state government is sincerely working for welfare of the SC community. Different types of schemes are there for the upliftment of people belonging to SC community. But many people do not know about them due to lack of proper awareness, which is why directions have been given to the officials of the department to prepare leaflets carrying information about these schemes to spread awareness among people, enunciated SC Welfare Minister Bhagaban Chandra Das after inaugurating the annual general meeting of Tripura Scheduled Caste Cooperative Development

Corporation Ltd. at Dasarath Bhawan, Suparibagan today.

Total 115 persons belonging to SC community were provided with loans of total 2 crore 51 lakh 13 thousand rupees in the annual general meeting to help them become self-reliant in different ways. Auto-rickshaws were given to 100 persons. SC Welfare Minister handed over keys of the Auto-rickshaws to 4 beneficiaries and loan grant paper to 5 beneficiaries in the programme. He said, the previous government has left the corporation financially handicapped. The corporation is at present working with transparency. He said, the government hopes that these loans will help the beneficiaries become self-reliant. He also urged the beneficiaries upon timely repayment of the loans.

The annual general meeting was presided over by Chairman of SC Corporation MLA Ranjit Das. He said, it has been decided to provide loans to 4 thousand persons associated with raw and dried fish business. Board of Directors, member of SC Corporation Tutan Das and Chairman of Tripura Real Estate Regulatory Authority Tapas Kumar Das also delivered speech. Others present in the annual general meeting were MLA Mimi Majumdar, Board of Directors member of

SC Corporation Minakshi Das. Welcome speech was delivered by Managing Director of SC Corporation Santosh Das.

### **2 online services inaugurated by Urban Development Minister**

Urban Development Minister Santana Chakma inaugurated 2 online services- Septic Tank Clearance Booking and Water Tank Booking at the Secretariat yesterday. After the inauguration, she said, people nowadays are able to solve their problems conveniently from their home through online services. As a result, they do not have to face any trouble in solving their problems. At present, the Urban Development department is also able to provide online services to the public. She said, the present central and state government, together are determined to resolve the grievances faced by the people. Secretary of UD department Kiran Gitte and Director of the department Tamal Majumdar delivered speech during the inaugural programme.

### **Block Level Kaushal Mela held in Santirbazar**

A Block-Level Kaushal Mela was organized by Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission at Jolaibari RD Block premises

under Santirbazar Sub-Division in South Tripura today. The mela was inaugurated by Sabhadhipati of South Tripura District Kakali Das (Datta) in presence of Chairman of Jolaibari Panchayat Samiti Rabi Nama. She said, the Mela was organized to train youth and make them job-ready and also to impart training on life skills. Chairman of Jolaibari Panchayat Samiti said, the aim of Kaushal Mela was to take forward the mantra of the Chief Minister for the youth to 'skill, and up skill' and also to remain relevant in the market.



During the Mela several experts have hosted and highlighted points related to skills in beauty and wellness, hospitality, apparel, food processing, electrical works and plumbing. The Mela will also have a session on entrepreneurship to brief the local youth and women about the available opportunities to start their own business. Vice-Chairman Tapas Datta said, this mela will give utmost opportunity for the local villagers, especially to the women to work equally with men in the

society and become self-dependent and for this the government has supported local women in different ways.

About 9 SHGs group of Jolaibari RD Block have come to participate for showcasing their activities and production. Around 7 private organizations have participated in the Mela for providing free of cost training and courses for skill development under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, where the local youth and women can register to meet the proper skill requirement and become an entrepreneurs. About 500 rural youths and women from Jolaibari area have come forward to attend the Kaushal Mela and further some eligible candidates were also selected for prior training in various skill development and courses.

### **Drinking water connection to 3,52,334 houses under AJM**

Drinking water connection has been provided to 3,52,334 houses free of cost under Atal Jaldhara Mission in the rural areas of the state till March 20. In the present financial year under this scheme, drinking water connection has been provided free of cost to 11,563 houses from March 1 till March 20 in the rural areas of the state. Among them, water connections were provided to 2,279 houses in North Tripura district, to 960 houses in Unakoti district, to 1,760 houses

in Dhalai district, to 616 houses in Khowai district, to 1,869 houses in West Tripura district, to 885 houses in Sepahijala district, to 1,369 houses in Gomati district and to 1,825 houses in South Tripura district. This was informed by Drinking Water & Sanitation department.

### **e-Card distributed under Ayushman Bharat in Labram Para**

e-Cards were distributed by Ayushman Mitra to those who have not yet had their Golden cards under Ayushman Bharat scheme to deliver health care facilities to all. With the initiative of Longtharai Valley sub-divisional hospital, Golden cards were provided to total 25 families through a health camp by Ayushman Mitra Mausam Baruah and Amit Basak in Labram Para under Malidhar Panchayat of Chawmanu block on March 19 which is a far-flung hilly area nearby Indo-Bangla border. Apart from that, total 20 families from SECC census list of 2011 were identified as beneficiaries liable to get Golden cards under Ayushman Bharat scheme and necessary steps have been taken to arrange Golden cards for them. This was informed in a press release issued by Family Welfare & Preventive Medicines department.