

Padmashri Satyaram Reang congratulated for his achievement



This year Satyaram Reang, a veteran Hojagiri artiste from Dasharam Reangpara in Santirbazar subdivision has been conferred Padmashri Award for his remarkable contribution to the field of art and culture. Recently Sabhadhipati and Saha-Sabhadhipati of South Tripura Zilla Parishad Kakali Das (Dutta) and Bibhishan Chandra Das respectively, and SDM (Santirbazar) Arghya Saha visited the house of Satyaram Reang to congratulate him on his this achievement. On the other hand, Biswajit Deb, SIO of ICA department, on behalf of the director, ICA, also visited the house of Satyaram Reang to congratulate him. These awards are conferred by the President at ceremonial functions at the Rashtrapati

Bhawan usually around March/April every year.

It is noteworthy that Satyaram Reang is the founder of Hojagiri Dance Academy and an inspiration to the youth of the state. Before retiring from the field of art he has served as secretary of Loka Ranjan Sakha for many years. He has also represented the state in India and Russia. He is also a recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi award.

72nd Republic Day observed in state through various programmes



The government has taken several steps on various fronts which will help in making Tripura prosperous, self-reliant and an ideal state. Despite of various obstacles the government is working hard for overall development of the state, stated the Governor Ramesh Bais at Assam Rifles Ground, Agartala, yesterday after hoisting the national flag on the

occasion of the 72nd Republic Day celebration. Among others were present the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, chief secretary Manoj Kumar, DGP V.S. Yadav and other top officials of the state administration. The Day has also been observed through various programmes in districts, sub-divisions and across the state.



Greeting the armed forces and police and the people of the state the Governor said, to diversify crops and increase farmer's income, emphasis is being placed on hybrid maize and urad cultivation. Organic farming is being done on 15,000 hectares of additional land. 2.06 lakh paddy

farmers have been brought under the Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme during Kharif 2020-21 and there are plans to include 70 thousand farmers during the Rabi crop. The Governor added, this year KCC cards of 81 thousand farmers have been approved under which Rs. 300 crore has been approved and Rs.200 crore has been distributed to 50 thousand farmers.

Importance is being given irrigation also. A new scheme namely Mukhyamantri 'Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana' will be launched to improve livelihood and motivate self-sufficiency among the rural people through income generation to achieve the goal of 'Self-reliant India'. Moreover, initiative has been taken to provide loan from NABARD to 50,000 Bargadar landless farmers through Gramin Bank.

The Governor said, other priority areas include value addition to bamboo, rubber, tea and horti-crops. Solar-based cooling rooms have been set up in three districts and chemical staggering system has been adopted to keep supply of pineapple regular throughout the year. To improve quality of rubber sheets smoke houses are being constructed. Cage culture and biofloc are the new systems to increase fish production. Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Prakalpa has been launched to increase milk production and backyard

poultry and duckery are being encouraged to increase production of egg. The state is already self-sufficient in meat production.

In addition to the existing Integrated Check Post at Agartala, another Integrated Check Post is proposed to be set up in Sabroom, informed the Governor, as it will be the busiest land port in future after completion of the bridge over the Feni River. And another ICP is proposed to be set up at Nischintapur Junction of Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link. The Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link is expected to be completed by March 2021. New terminal building of MBB Airport is nearing completion and Tripura came in the map of inland waterways with the opening of floating jetty at Srimantapur on September 5, 2020. Moreover, the Union minister for road transport and highways had recently laid the foundation stone for 262 km roads and two bridges of Rs. 2752.00 crore in Tripura through nine national highway projects. Four other new projects are planned to be launched in the next financial year with the involvement of Rs. 7500 crore. The upcoming SEZ at Sabroom is likely to boost exports and imports. He also referred to the digitization of many citizen-centric services like public distribution system, introduction of various new schemes and programmes in the education sector,

formulation tourism policy etc. development issues.

The Governor said, the state government has provided various relief packages under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Atmnirbhar Bharat and Chief Minister's Relief Fund during the Covid-19 lockdown period. He said, this year Corona epidemic having been the biggest activity in the health sector the state government formulated necessary strategy to fight it in a short span of time and ensured the availability of necessary facilities in various hospitals. About 99% of the infected patients have recovered and he conveyed his condolences to those families which lost someone from their families to this disease.

In the Republic Day parade, 10 platoons from BSF, Assam Rifles, CRPF, TSR 1st battalion, TSR 2nd battalion, West District (Men), West District (Women), Traffic Police, Forest Platoon, Home Guards (Men) participated under the leadership of Commander Lal Hruaia Darlong. Names of the police personnel who have been selected for President's Medal on the occasion of Republic Day-2021 were announced and medals were handed over to those who were selected for Police Medal in 2019. Cultural programme, Yoga, Keep Fit etc. programmes were part of

this Republic Day celebration at AR Ground.

LPG connections provided to 30 Anganwadi centres of North district

LPG connections were given to 30 Anganwadi centres of North district through a special programme organized by the social welfare and social education department at Damchhera on January 25. The LPG distribution programme was inaugurated by the social welfare and social education minister Santana Chakma. Among others were present Sabhadhipati of North Tripura Zilla Parishad Bhabatosh Das, vice chairman of Damchhera BAC Dushanta Reang, social activist Malina Debnath and BDO Pijush Deb.

Speaking on the occasion the social welfare and social education minister Santana Chakma said, the Anganwadi workers play a significant role in building future of children who are the future of coming days. That is why the government is implementing various programmes for their healthy growth and encourage them in study. Chairman of Damchhera BAC Upendra Reang presided over the occasion. Apart from distribution of LPG, many ICDS supervisors and Anganwadi workers were felicitated that day.



Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb and forest minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia at the closing ceremony of state level Tribal Folk Dance Competition at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan on January 26. Eight teams from eight districts took part in the competition. Mamita team of West Tripura was adjudged first, Hojagiri team of North district second and Sangrai team of South district third.

Rural Health & Nutrition Day observed

Rural Health and Nutrition day was observed at DM Colony Anganwadi centre under Rajkandi health sub-centre in Unakoti district on January 21. 38 Mothers and children were present in the programme. Medical staffs discussed on prevention of disease, different medical tests of pregnant women in hospital, institutional delivery, vaccination of children on time and facility of family planning etc.. Required medicine has been provided to 5 persons after medical test. After conclusion of the programme, nutritious food has been given to all of them. Member Secretary of the State Health & Family Welfare Society has informed this in a press release.