

TUDA projects reviewed yesterday: focus on planning according to objectives

Under the chairmanship of the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb a meeting of the Tripura Urban Planning and Development Authority (TUDA) was held yesterday at the secretariat. Speaking at the meeting the chief minister said, the state government is taking various steps to promote communication and tourism industry in the state. So, planning in the state should be framed accordingly with focus on infrastructure development. He advised the TUDA also to outline its planning keeping this in view.

Giving updates on the new TUDA projects the commissioner of TUDA Dr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav informed, already foundation stone has been laid for the housing project at Vivekananda Market area and Kunjaban. Additionally the TUDA has taken up a project at the site of the old central jail at Dhaleshwar. A total of 420 flats will be built over there with an estimated project cost of Rs. 268.64 crore. TUDA is working with the target of floating tender and booking for this project. On this, the chief minister instructed TUDA to maintain quality and stipulated timeframe of construction.

On the other hand, Dr. Yadav, shedding light on the Light House project said, spending Rs. 162.50 crore flats will be constructed for the poor people under this project. Besides, an IT Park will be built on 3 acre land of the old central jail. Structural work of the administrative block and library building has been completed for the IT Park.

Other issues that found place in the discussion were – development of infrastructure in seven districts with the Asian Development Bank's fund, construction of a five-star hotel in Shalbagan area in PPP model etc. The meeting was also attended by the secretary of urban development department Kiran Gitte, principal secretary Sriram Tarani Kanti, secretary of the finance department Tanushri Debbarma, director of the urban development department Dr. Sandeep Namdeo Mahatme and so on.

Solar lamps distributed among students in Bishalgarh

Solar lamps have been distributed among 214 students of different classes of Konaban High School in Radhanagar gram panchayat under Bishalgarh block through a special programme held on August 26. The chairman of Bishalgarh Panchayat

Samiti Chanda Debbarma was present in the programme as the chief guest and inaugurator. These solar lamps were distributed under the Study Lamp Scheme of the state government. The Pradhan of Radhanagar Gram Panchayat Ratna Sarkar presided over the programme.

Livestock & agri-equipments distributed in Lefunga block



Pic. by Ashok Debbarma, ICO

Keeping the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' slogan ahead the present government is working towards building an Atmanirbhar Tripura. All the programmes of the government reflect this outlook, stated the education minister Ratan Lal Nath after inaugurating a programme to distribute calves, pigs and agricultural equipments at Makampara JB School ground in Birmohan ADC village of Lefunga Block yesterday.

Kartik Debbarma chairman of Birmohan Village Committee, presided over the programme while welcome address was given by the BDO Mahendra Kambe. Besides, BAC chairman Ranabir Debbarma, deputy director of the agriculture and farmers' welfare Anil Debbarma were also present there. At the programme one calf was given to each of the 23 beneficiaries of Birmohan, Abhicharan, North Debendranagar ADC village and 22 beneficiaries were given five pigs each. In addition, each of the two self-help groups were given two power tillers, five pump-sets, battery-run spray machine, one paddy harvesting machine etc.

Betel nut & lemon cultivation in Belbari block

An initiative has been taken for cultivation of betel nut in 4 ha. land and lemon in 1 ha. land in Belbari block of West Tripura district under MGNREGA during the current financial year. An amount of Rs. 6,49,216 will be spent on this project. A total of 2135 mandays will be generated through these activities and 11 poor families will be benefited. The district office of the horticulture department also informed that rose, gladiolus, marigold etc.

flowers will be cultivated in 2 ha. area of the block under MIDH scheme. An amount of Rs. 57,800 will be spent in implementation of the scheme. Winter harvest was done in 20 ha. area of the block under the same scheme during the last financial year.



Distribution of PRESS jackets among journalists of North Tripura district by the ICA department today in Dharmanagar.

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Training on jam-jelly making at Ganki

Under the initiative of Divyoday Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Khowai, a two-day training on jam, jelly, squash making was held recently at South Ganki Anganwadi centre. Senior scientist of Divyoday Krishi Vigyan Kendra Dipankar De, home science expert Suresh Chandra Biswas were present in the training. The resource persons imparted training on squash, jam, jelly making from

fruits, its preservation etc. It was a hands-on training. A total of 28 women of different self help groups took part in the training.

Walking aids distributed among Divyangans in Dhalai district



Pic. by Goutam Das, ICO

Artificial aids, specially walking aids, were distributed among Divyangans in Dhalai district at a special programme held at the Dhalai DM office complex on August 27. MP Rebtai Mohan Tripura graced the programme as the chief guest. The programme was organized by the Dhalai district administration. In presence of the Sabhadhipati of Dhalai Zilla Parishad Rubi Ghosh (Gope), DM of Dhalai Gobekar Mayur Ratilal and other dignitaries four-wheeled scooties procured under the MP development fund were handed over to the Divyangans.