

## Legal Services Camp in Hezamara block on March 30

With the initiative of West Tripura District Legal Services Authority, a Legal Services Camp will be held at Surendranagar Higher Secondary School in Hezamara block on March 30. Public awareness will be created and necessary legal advices will be given by West Tripura District Legal Services Authority. Besides, with the initiative of Mohanpur sub-divisional administration, an administrative and health camp on behalf of Health department will be conducted. Mohanpur SDM Subhash Dutta invited locals to take part in the camp.

## ICA Minister unveiled book covers on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of 40<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair

As the human attains knowledge, negative thoughts will disappear. The Book Fair will be successful only when the scent of knowledge can be spread among book lovers. In this regard, knowledge mentality is important than business mentality, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury after unveiling different book covers of Niharika Publishers at Lata Mangeshkar stage on the third day of 40<sup>th</sup>

Agartala Book Fair at Hapania International Mela campus yesterday. ICA Minister handed over Sukamal Biswas Memorial Award to veteran painter Swapan Nandi and to Professor Biswajit Gupta for English literature. Total 71 book



covers of Niharika Publishers were unveiled during the programme. ICA Minister said, human beings live on their philosophy and ideology and that comes through books. Books provide us with knowledge and power. He hoped that these unveiled books will be liked by readers in future. He also said, change in everything is essential with changing

times. The venue for the Book Fair has also been changed according to the demand of time. The huge crowd on the third day of Book Fair proves that the decision was right. He hoped that same heritage of the Book Fair will be maintained in the future also. Agartala Book Fair will become the best Book Fair in the Northeast.

ICA Minister said, the present government, taking along everyone, aims to take the state ahead through knowledge and work, which is why the 40<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair has been arranged in a new way. Besides, a discussion round was organized on the occasion of World Theatre Day yesterday. Subhash Das, Partha Pratim Acharya, Partha Majumdar and Dipankar Gupta participated in the discussion. Local artistes and artistes from Khowai district performed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day on Lata Mangeshkar cultural stage. Books worth total 9 lakh 48 thousand 935 rupees were sold on the second day.

### **State-Level Tribal Folk Dance Competition held**

Each community of the state has its own culture. The present state government is taking plans for further developing these cultures, enunciated Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia after inaugurating the State-Level Tribal Folk

Dance Competition at Rabindra Bhawan yesterday. It is to be noted that this event was supposed to be conducted on the occasion of Republic Day but it was not possible then due to Covid-19 situation. Tribal Welfare Minister said, education is the key to the development of any community. Culture is equally important in taking the society ahead towards development. Each community needs to stay aware to keep its own culture alive. Besides, the youth have to be encouraged to work for noble cause.

Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury, as the chief guest said, Tripura being a small state is a mixture of different communities and tribes. The language, food, traditions may be different, yet there is unity in diversity in the state since a long time. This unity needs to be further strengthened rising above the differences. He said, the present state government from the start has been working with sincerity towards cultural development of different communities of the state. He called on everyone to come forward to build Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura. MLA Rampada Jamatia graced the occasion as special guest.

TTAADC MDC Padmalochan Tripura, Principal Secretary of Tribal Welfare department Puneet Agarwal and Director

Dr. Bishal Kumar also spoke on the occasion. Buratali Tribal Folk Dance Academy of Sabroom became the winner of the State-Level Folk Dance Competition, second prize winner was Tiaryi Hukumu Bodol of Lefunga and third prize winner was North Twibandal Tribal Cultural team from Sepahijala district. The winners were handed over trophies by the guests at the event. Besides 5 runner-up teams received consolation prizes.

### **Social pension to 3,828 persons in Dumboornagar block**

3 thousand 828 beneficiaries of Dumboornagar block under ICDS Project of Social Welfare & Social Education department, Dhalai district are getting social pensions under different central and state government schemes. Among them, 2 thousand 262 persons are getting their social pensions under central government scheme and 1 thousand 566 persons are getting social pensions under state government scheme. This was informed by Dhalai district office of the concerned department.

### **Housing to 4,337 families of Durgachowmuni block under PMAY**

In the present financial year under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme, target has been taken to construct houses

for 4 thousand 337 families of Durgachowmuni block under Kamalpur sub-division. Among them, so far, houses have been granted for 4 thousand 109 families. Among these beneficiaries, so far, 3 thousand 368 families have received their first installment of 48 thousand rupees for house construction and 89 families have received their second installment of 50 thousand rupees. 1 lakh 30 thousand rupees will be spent in building each house. This was informed by Dhalai DM & Collector office.

### **ICAR conducted 3-day training programme in Birchandra Manu**

A three-day training on 'Upscaling and Fish health Management in fish based integrated farming system cum inputs distribution' concluded on March 27 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Birchandra Manu. The training programme was held from March 25 till March 27 under North East Hill Scheme at Birchandra Manu Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) under Santirbazar Sub-Division. The training programme was jointly organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Birchandra Manu.

During the programme, trainers and experts demonstrated on fish based integrated farming and imparted some basic ideas to the participants to upscale the farming system and increase the

production, productivity and farmers income. Director of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education Dr Ravi Shankar C.N. who was present in online mode said, the integrated farming system is very important for upliftment of farmers' livelihood and doubling farmer's income.

Head of KVK, South Tripura Dr Biswajit Debnath said, South Tripura KVK is determined to develop the district and is ready to extend all kinds of possible help to conduct such training programmes in near future. Experts present in the training programme delivered lectures on doubling farmers' income through fish based integrated farming, production management of fish and livestock and also on fish health management.

On the last day of the training, participants were distributed vermicomposting unit, fish seed, piglet, animal feed horticultural planting materials such as banana sampling etc. Around 40 farmers from 3 Self-Help Groups and one farmers' club of South Tripura District have participated in the three-day training programme.

### **2-day State-Level workshop on National Multidimensional Poverty Index**

A 2-day State-Level workshop started today with the joint initiative of NITI Aayog and Planning (Statistics)

department, Government of Tripura at Pragna Bhawan. The topics discussed were- NER District SDG Index 2.0, SDG India Index 4.0 and National Multidimensional Poverty Index. PCCF Dr. D. K. Sharma was present as the chief guest and inaugurator. Secretary of Planning & Coordination department Apurba Roy, Secretary of Statistics department Mohammad Zubair Ali Hashmi, UNDP Regional Head John Borgoyary and other officials were present as special guests.

PCCF Dr. D. K. Sharma said, all kinds of steps have been taken to bring stable development in the country. The plan to further strengthen the rural areas has been working from 2016. He said, the country is following all the goals of SDG (Sustainable Development Goals). Tripura among all other North-eastern states is ahead in case of SDG and will further go ahead in future. Central NITI Aayog and the state government also are continuing work to achieve the goals.

Secretary of Planning & Coordination department Apurba Roy said, United Nations adopted SDG programme in 2015. Then other countries including India have adopted SDG. SDG Associate Mimansa Mishra, SDG Officer Soumya Guha and young professional Sakshi Gupta were the keynote speakers of the 2-day workshop.