

## **Tripura tableau bagged second position in Republic Day parade**

Tripura tableau, taking part in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day parade in New Delhi, has bagged the second prize. This year the theme of the tableau was “Eco-Friendly Atmnirbhar Tripura”. The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb has expressed happiness over achieving this fit. In this context he said, “I convey my sincere greetings to all those who have been behind the making of this tableau, who took part in the parade and 37 lakh people of Tripura”. Today special secretary of information and cultural affairs department Abhishek Chandra received the award from the Union minister of states for youth affairs and sports Kiran Rijju in New Delhi. This year the tableau of Uttar Pradesh ranked first and second position was captured by Uttarakhand.

This year the Republic Day tableau of Tripura highlighted the eco-friendly tradition of Tripura in daily life specially the tribal people. In this tradition bamboo plays a very important role. However, focus will be on socio-religious aspect of Tripuri tribe. Bamboo, being an integral part of their life, can be seen in use in a worship called ‘Lampra Wathop Mwtai’. Equally their rich cultural heritage is

showcased through a dance called ‘Lebang Boomani’. In this dance young boys and girls visit jhum field to drive away or catch the insects called Lebang by using bamboo splits.

Modeled on the theme ‘ECO-FRIENDLY ATMA-NIRBHAR TRIPURA’, glimpses of tribal rural life and culture were displayed with a tribal woman flanked by two tribal men and different species of bamboo on the outer part of the tableau. Models were also seen wearing bamboo-masks. The middle portion of the tableau displayed socio-economic life of tribes, as different bamboo utility items were displayed. The rear portion is embellished with handicrafts of the state and models symbolising socio-cultural tradition.



*Female frontline workers being felicitated at Belonia yesterday for their dedicated service during COVID period.*

*Pic. by Rajesh Debnath, ICO*

### **Schedule for publishing TTAADC voter list**

The schedule of publishing the voter list of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) has been announced. As per this schedule, the draft voter list will be published on February 5, 2021. Objections/ claims could be made from February 5 to February 12, 2021. These objections / claims will be disposed of by February 17, 2021. And the final list will be published on February 23, 2021. The voter list of TTAADC will prepared on the basis of the final voter list of Assembly constituencies released by the Election Commission of India on January 15, 2021. This information has been given in a notification from the Election Commissioner of TTAADC.

### **New shed inaugurated at Chhechhuria market**

The government is working towards building Atmanirbhar Tripura. Various plans have been adopted to create employment in every household of the state, stated the education minister Ratan Lal Nath on January 27 after inaugurating the newly constructed building of Nat Mandir and market shed in Chhechhuria market in Mohanpur. The constructions were made by the agriculture and farmers' welfare. An amount of Rs. 54

lakh has been spent in this construction under Development of Primary Rural Market Project.



Addressing the gathering the education minister also said, cremation ground spending Rs. 87 lakh and a bailey bridge over Sonai river near Mohanpur market spending Rs. 2.50 crore will be constructed. Construction of a branch of Sanskrit University at Bhumihin Tilla of Tulabagan, a 1,000 seater auditorium, guest house, etc. will begin very soon. A town hall will be constructed at the cost of Rs. 12 crore. The education minister further said, due to implementation of different plans Tripura will become a model state very soon. Among others were present deputy director of agriculture and farmers' welfare department Anil Debarma, SDM Prasun De, vice president of Tripura Cricket Association Joylal Das.