

Publication of final electoral roll of Village Committees deferred

In an earlier notification the State Election Commission informed that the final electoral roll for the Village Committee area will be published on September 30, 2022. But in view of the order passed by the Tripura High Court on September 26 regarding inclusion of names of the Bru (Reang) people in the electoral rolls of Village Committees, the final publication of the same has been deferred till October 15, 2022. The State Election Commission has informed this yesterday through a notification.

World Tourism Day – 2022 celebrated

Tripura has abundance of natural beauty. Provided it is tapped properly the tourism sector of the state could boom a lot. The present state government is working in this direction, stated the tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy at a World Tourism Day – 2022 celebration programme at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan last evening.

The tourism minister said, due to the measures taken by the government the

state has started getting positive results; number of visitors to the state is on the rise. The kind of infrastructural development achieved in the state over the last few years has also added to the promotion of sector. In few days air service between Agartala and Chittagong will start for which the state government will give Rs. 15 crore subsidy.



Pic. by Kriti Sundar Chowdhury, Photographer

Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Dipak Majumder, speaking on the occasion stated that if we want more development in tourism sector the people of the state have to come forward for this. The programme was also attended by

secretary of tourism department Kiran Gitte, and managing director of TTDC Tarit Kanti Chakma. On the occasion prizes were handed over to the winners of the photography contest as part of World Tourism Day celebrations. The second part of the programme had seen some cultural performances.

Prepaid auto rickshaw & taxi service launched at MBB Airport

Prepaid auto rickshaw and taxi service had been launched at MBB Airport yesterday. As per primary prepaid chart, prepaid service is available for travelling to Agartala city and to 73 different suburban areas. Transport Minister Pranajit Singha Roy inaugurated this service at the premises of Airport. Mayor of AMC Dipak Majumder and Director of Airport Authority of India KC Mina were present in the inaugural programme.

Transport Minister expressed that the passenger- drivers interaction may play an important role in upholding the tradition of the state to those who come from outside of the State. This will in give a primary picture of the people and government of the State. Minister also said that, development of tourism

industry of the state is not possible without ideal communication system. State government is working from the very beginning to provide all kinds of facilities and convenience to the tourists for visiting different sites of natural beauty, religious and historical significance in the state.



Pic. by Abhishek Sinha, Photographer

The transport minister said, a management committee for pre-paid service has been formed with the representatives of Transport, Police, Tourism, district administration and airport. If any problem arises, they would take immediate decision. Total 235 auto rickshaws have been registered for

providing pre-paid service. Mayor of AMC Dipak Majumder expressed that public transport system has been improved a lot compared to earlier days. Difference services of the transport department are being provided online. As a result, corruption has been reduced which is saving time and money. Moreover, MLA Dilip Das also spoke on the occasion. Special secretary of Transport department Sandip R Rathode delivered welcome address.

Possibilities of tea auction centre discussed

An interactive session on the possibilities of setting up a Tea auction centre in the state was held on 27th September, 2022 at the State Guest House. This interactive session was organized by Industry and Commerce department in association with Tripura Tea Development Corporation limited and Tea Board of India. The officials of Tea Board of India from Kolkata and Guwahati and tea traders of Delhi, Kolkata, Tripura, Jorhat and South India participated in the interactive session.

Controller of licensing of Kolkata based Tea Board of India Rajanigandha Shil Naskar presented detailed information about the tea industry in Tripura through a power point presentation. Santosh Saha, Chairman of TTDCL participating in the discussion, said that idea of setting up a Tea Auction centre is being considered for the purpose of marketing the tea produced in the state in the foreign market. A logo has already been created to popularize Tripura Tea. Tea produced in the state is branded as Tripureshwari. In order to make tea available in the state, the state Government is making it available to the public at low cost through public distribution system. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Act East policy to prioritise development of North East region. As a result, Rail and

Air connectivity has been established with other states and different regions of the country. He said that it is very necessary to have a tea auction centre in Tripura. I want cooperation of Tea Board of India for this. If the tea auction centre is established in the state the tea producers of the state will get benefit as well as the

economic base of the state will be strengthened.

Speaking as a special guest Abhishek Chandra, the special secretary of the Department of Industry and commerce said that there are Tea auction markets in Kolkata and Guwahati. To benefit the producers, sellers and buyers establishment of tea auction centre is required in the state. Additional director of Industry and Commerce Subhas Chandra Das, Managing Director of TTDCL Maniklal Das and Executive Director of Tea Board of India Arunita Phukan Yadav participated in the discussion. Deputy director of Tea Board of India Kamal Chandra Vaishya delivered welcome address.

**Union Health & Family Welfare
Minister interacted with PMJAY
beneficiaries**

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State, Dr. Bharati Prabin of Health and Family Welfare Ministry interacted with the beneficiaries of different states of the country through virtual conversation on 23rd September, 2022 on the occasion of 4th anniversary of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

They also interacted with Tushar Saha of Tripura, beneficiary of PMJAY scheme. Tushar Saha is student of class- eleven in Bardowali H.S School. Last year, he was suffering from pain in right side of belly. Eventually this pain came down to leg and lower portion of his body paralyzing him partially. There was a tumour in his spinal cord and it had to be removed through surgery. His family was unable to afford the expense of surgery. Later on, surgery of Tushar was operated in Medica Super Specialty hospital of Kolkata through Ayushman card. Now, he is fully cured. He and his family thanked the Prime Minister of India, Cabinet Minister and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare. The family of Tushar Saha said that treatment of Tushar Saha was not possible without the assistance under PMJAY scheme.

Secretary of health department, Government of Tripura, Dr. Debasish Basu and Chief Executive Officer of PMJAY Dr. Shubhendu Debbarma were present on the occasion at NIC conference hall of Secretariat. Almost 14 lakh beneficiaries of the state are covered under PMJAY scheme. More than 1.65 lakh people of the state have availed medical service till now. Tripura Branch of National Health Mission has informed this.