

Dr. Manik Saha elected as member of Rajya Sabha from Tripura

BJP candidate Dr. Manik Saha has won the only seat of Rajya Sabha from Tripura today. On the other hand, CPI(M) candidate Bhanulal Saha lost with a margin of 25 votes. Voting for the only seat from the state for Rajya Sabha started today at 9am. Voting was done through Ballot papers at Tripura Legislative Assembly lobby. Total 55 Members of Legislative Assembly casted their vote including Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, state cabinet members, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Assembly. BJP candidate Dr. Manik Saha won with 40 votes out of 55 votes and CPI(M) candidate Bhanulal Saha secured 15 votes.

ICA Minister inaugurates Basanta Utsav in Teliamura

Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury inaugurated Teliamura Sub-Divisional Level Basanta Utsav which was conducted magnificently at Teliamura Chitragada Kalakendra yesterday with the joint initiative of Information & Cultural Affairs department and Kalangam Dance Academy. He said, cultural development is solely important to take the state ahead. The ICA

department conducts various events throughout the year but Basanta Utsav is a significant one. This is the festival of joy and splendor. Basanta Utsav has now gained popularity worldwide as it reflects the picture of Unity in Diversity in the country because people from different religious background or community take part in the festival. He said, cultural association and unity are essential to build Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura. MLA Kalyani Roy also spoke about the importance of the festival. Others present at the event were Teliamura SDM Mohammad Sajjad P., social activist Ranjit Sutradhar and Principal of Assam Rifles High School Anjana Hrangkhawl. The event was followed by cultural performances performed by the artistes. The event was presided over by Chairman of Teliamura Municipal Council Rupak Sarkar. Welcome speech was delivered by SIO of ICA department, sub-divisional office Sidharth Sankar Pal.

CM at the State-Level Review Meeting of Disha Committee

The benefits of different central public welfare schemes need to quickly reach the public. In this regard, the concerned department and organizations together have to take the active role for this, stated

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb at the State-Level Review Meeting of Disha Committee held at the Secretariat yesterday. He discussed about the progress of different central schemes being implemented in the state. He emphasized upon taking future work plans in order to implement central public welfare schemes. He said, it is important to generate awareness among the people about those central schemes and projects that have been recently implemented and also about those that are ongoing. He said, the concerned department must regularly keep a check upon the implementation of different central schemes in the state, which will enhance quality of work and lifetime of the assets will be prolonged.

Secretary of Education department Brijesh Pandey in the meeting elaborated about implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM POSHAN (school mid-day meal) scheme in the state through pictorial presentation and statistics. He said, every school in the state will be brought under electrification under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. In this regard, the Chief Minister directed the officials of the department to take necessary initiative to ensure computer services in every school in the state besides ensuring electrification forming a task force to implement the work plans. Secretary of

Education department said, pre-primary section has been started in 88 schools of the state. There are ICT in 312 schools. Vocational education has been started in 135 schools. Saksham Tripura scheme has been started in 400 schools. 400 schools were turned into Model Schools which is a commendable matter. Besides, computers and laptops were given to different schools and academic leader/coordinators. He also mentioned that LPG gas connection has been given to different schools in the state under PM POSHAN scheme for mid-day meals. He said, kitchen gardens have been raised for 844 schools.

Secretary of Power department in the meeting elaborated about implementation of central schemes, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, Integrated Power Development Scheme and NLCPR schemes in the state under TSECL. In this regard, the Chief Minister directed the Secretary of the concerned department to take necessary initiative to quickly resolve power related issues.

Director of Social Welfare & Social Education department Dr. Sidharth Shiv Jaiswal in the meeting elaborating about ICDS and Supplementary Nutrition Program in the state informed, at present

there are 56 ICDS projects running in the state. 3,27,403 children of 6 months- 6 years of age and 56,218 pregnant ladies and lactating mothers were brought under Supplementary Nutrition Program in 9,911 Anganwadi Centres of the state. He informed, 10,735 smartphones have been provided to Anganwadi workers and Supervisors. 9,911 Growth Monitoring Devices have been provided to 9,911 Anganwadi Centres. LPG gas connections have been given to 3,874 Anganwadi Centres in first phase. Apart from that, different social pensions were also discussed about in the review meeting.

Secretary of Urban Development department Kiran Gitte in the meeting elaborated about implementation of various central schemes in the state. He spoke about the present condition of urban body areas of the state under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). In this regard, the Chief Minister directed the department to take necessary steps to ensure that original beneficiaries get housing under the scheme. About door-to-door waste collection, the Secretary of the department informed, due to this the women SHGs are benefitting financially. He elaborated about different road

construction in the state under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana through statistics. The progress of road construction work was also discussed in the meeting.

Secretary of Drinking Water & Sanitation department Kiran Gitte discussed about Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin). He informed, so far 48.99% houses have received drinking water connection through tap under Jal Jeevan Mission. Apart from this, he highlighted the success achieved in Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin), Govardhan Prkalp, hard and liquid waste management etc.

Secretary of Agriculture department Apurba Roy elaborated about implementation of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana etc., in the state along with statistics. In this regard, the Chief Minister directed the department to ensure that the farmers get the benefits of farmer welfare schemes and to take the initiative for marketing of different cash crops of the state through proper packaging.

Secretary of Industry & Trade department Abhishek Chandra and Secretary of Food department Saradindu Choudhury discussed elaborately about implementation of central schemes. Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, Cooperative Minister Ramprasad Pal, Chief Secretary Kumar Alok and Principal Secretary J. K. Sinha were also present in the meeting.

Painting & Sculpture Workshop cum Exhibition in Agartala Book Fair

A workshop-cum-exhibition on painting and sculpture organized as a part of 50 years celebration of Tripura Statehood and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was inaugurated by the director of information and cultural affairs department Ratan Biswas yesterday on the 6th day of 40th Agartala Book Fair at Hapania International Fair ground. Total 75 artists from different areas of the state have participated, among which 50 were painters and 25 were sculptors. Painters Hare Krishna Pal and Mitali Gangopadhyay, well-known artists Suman Bhattacharjee and Dilip De were present at the event. The Workshop will continue

till April 2, 2022 and the exhibition will continue till April 5, 2022.

On 5th day of the Book Fair, books worth total 3 lakh 59 thousand 829 rupees were sold. 4 new books were released on the open stage on the same day. Besides that, 'Role of tribal women' book cover on behalf of Holy Cross College was unveiled by Miss Bina Tom. Total 12 participated in recitation. 'Media Ethics and Challenges' was discussed on the stage. The cultural stage yesterday was named after late Singer Pankaj Mitra. Artistes from Dhalai district and well-known artistes of the state performed at the cultural event.

Assistance for fish farming to 35 beneficiaries of Khowai under RKVY

In the present financial year under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana scheme, assistance was provided to 35 beneficiaries of Khowai sub-division. Fish fingerlings were given to the beneficiaries with the initiative of Fisheries department. 12 beneficiary fish farmers of Khowai block, 12 of Tulashikhar block and 11 beneficiary fish farmers of Padmabil block benefitted under this. 20 thousand rupees was spent per beneficiary. Total expenditure was 7 lakh rupees. This was informed by Fisheries Superintendent, Khowai sub-division.