

**'My Tripura My Culture' theme of
38th Agartala Book Fair to be held at
International fair ground at Hapania:
Deputy C.M**

Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma called upon the book lovers and people of all sections of society to join the 12 days long 38th Agartala Book Fair commencing from Feb 26. He said that at press conference in Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan after holding review meeting on the preparation of the mega event. All necessary arrangements have been taken to make the fair a grand success so that huge number of book lovers can gather into the fair. He said that former Chief Justice of Supreme court Ratan Gogoi was invited to the book fair's inaugural function. There would free bus services from four spots of the city to book fair venue for the book lovers. The spots include Rabindra Bhavan, Nagerjala, Battala and Radhanagar Motor stand. The bus service will be available from 1.30 PM to 9PM. Director of ICA Department Ratan Biswas informed about preparation of 38th Agartala Book Fair and said that the theme of 38th Agartala Book Fair is 'My Tripura My Culture' in this year. Around 3000 cultural activists will perform during the book fair while a cultural team- 'Paharer Rang' from Bangladesh will

also join the mega event. He also added that for the first time, Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Debbarman award will be given for outstanding contribution in education and technical education. Prize money of the award is Rs 75,000. Like other years, various awards will be given in the book fair. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Award will be given for Life time achievement in literature. Prize money of the award is Rs One lakh. Pandeet Dindayal Upadhyay Nation Integrity award will be given for outstanding contribution in social activities. Prize money of the award is Rs 50,000. Many more awards will be given for outstanding contribution in Art & Craft, Bengali & Kokborok literature, music, classical music, small story in Bengali & Kokborok language, folk culture, drama, best local publication in Bengali & Kokborok language, best local publication in minority language. Director of ICA Department Ratan Biswas informed that 62 publications and book sellers of Tripura, 37 publications and book sellers of West Bengal, 6 publications and book sellers of Guwahati, 5 publications and book sellers of Delhi and publications and book sellers from Goa, Daman Diu, Allahabad, other states and Bangladesh will participate in the book fair. Before the press meet

a steering committee of the fair was held at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan under chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma to review entire preparation of the fair. Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Deb Sarkar, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Ex-vice Chancellor of Tripura University cum Vice-chairman of State Higher Education Board Dr. Arunadoy Saha, Secretary of ICA Department Sailendra Singh, Director of ICA Department Ratan Biswas, officers of the concerned department and other members of the steering committee were present in the meeting.

Assistance provided for pisci culture in Rupaichhari block

Assistance has been provided by Fisheries Department to Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Rupaichhari block for scientific fish cultivation. 3900 fingerlings have been provided to one SHG of Kathalchhari ADC Village at the cost of Rs 5460. 2600 fingerlings have been provided to one SHG of Bagmara ADC Village at the cost of Rs 3640. One hectare water land of two ADC villages has been covered under large pond fish cultivation scheme. 1000 fingerlings have been in one water reservoir of Chalita Bankul ADC village

of Rupaichhari block. 4000 fingerlings have been in one water reservoir of Kathalchhari ADC village. Rs 10,000 have been spent for this purpose. 5 hectare water land has been covered under the scheme. Rupaichhari fishery office has informed this.

Clubfoot clinic opened at Khowai district hospital

A programme was organized by CMO office, Khowai district to open the clubfoot clinic under National Health Mission on Feb 13. The clinic was inaugurated by Sabhadhipati of Khowai Zilla Parishad Joydev Debbarma. Chairperson of municipal council Usha Bhattacharjee, Superintendent of Khowai district hospital Dr. Dhananjay Reang, District Social Welfare & Social Education Officer Sanjit Rupini and State Nodal Officer of National Children Health Programme Dr. Joydev Chakraborty were present in the programme. State Nodal Officer of RBKS Dr. Joydev Chakraborty and Programme Manager of Miracle Clubfoot Asish Bhahaduri discussed on the subject and its required treatment. It is also mentioned that clubfoot clinic will be opened in Khowai district hospital on every Wednesday.