



selling of agricultural products, the CM stated that it is a historic initiative.

The CM said that the State and Central schemes and programmes for women empowerment are in progress towards specific target. The Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana for supporting the women has created a huge response across the country. Meanwhile, under this scheme the target of distributing 1 lakh LPG connections within a period of 100 days has been achieved. The present State government is committed to provide toilets in every house throughout the State within upcoming 2 October. The CM also stated that a B.Ed college only for the women would be opened at Agartala. Efforts are being taken for maximum participation of women in the field of agriculture, industry and in all sectors of development. Free power connections would be provided in 1 lakh 40 thousand houses of the State under Saubhagya Yojana. The CM said that for the development of the living standard of the people the government is giving utmost importance on adopting digital systems. Internet connections are being provided through BharatNet project to each of the panchayat of the State. Policy has been taken to make Tripura a new IT Hub in the North-East of India. He said that within the previous four years the central government has taken extensive initiative to connect the North-East of India with the world class railway network for which Tripura has been benefited a lot. The CM said that Tripura

would be made the world class gateway and Hub of North-East India for connecting South-East and South Asia. The CM said construction work of bridge over river Feni is in progress. A direct connection with Chittagong port would be established after completion of the bridge.

The CM said that the triple IT will start functioning from this academic year. Two B.Ed colleges in Agartala and one in each at Dharmanagar and Belonia will be opened. 3 ITIs will be opened considering one in each at Gandacherra, Kanchanpur and Santirbazar. Two Kendriya Vidyalayas would be opened in the State while one will be at Dharmanagar and another one at Udaipur. Moreover, 19 Ekalavya schools will also be opened said the Chief Minister.

The CM said that Rs. 1000 crore is allotted for the second project of JICA. Through this an extensive bamboo and pineapple plantation would be started. Which would have a huge opportunity to create employment for the youth. The CM also stated that AIIMS like hospital would be constructed in the State. With a view to create employment opportunity for the youth, works are being done for constructing Tourism Hub in Tripura. He stated that government is working to implement the promises given in the vision document. The CM said that the Prime Minister has envisioned the citizens of India to make a new India within the year 2022, as a part of this with a view to reach in a new era



the premises of Ujjayanta Palace. Shyam Sundar Co. Jewellers made the special gold coin as a golden tribute to Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya the Architect of Modern Tripura. There is photo of Maharaja marked in one side of the gold coin and a logo of royal dynasty marked in another side of the coin. It is to be mentioned that on upcoming 19 August is the 110<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the Architect of Modern Tripura Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya. This 10 gm gold coin will be available at the showroom of Shyam Sundar Co. Jewellers from 19 August. Moreover, on request of the Granddaughter of Maharaja, Maharajkumari Pragya Debbarman, 10 gm silver coin will also be available in Shyam Sundar Co. Jewellers. In the programme Granddaughter of Maharaja Maharajkumari Pragya Debbarman, famous film maker Madhur Bhandarkar, Chairman of New Delhi Cultural Mapping of India Deepak Karanjikar, All India level Joint organizing Secretary of Sanskar Bharati Amir Chandra, Chairman of Central Lalit Kala Academy of New Delhi Uttam Pacharne and others were present.

**Chief Minister condoles the demise of  
Former Prime Minister  
Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away today in New Delhi. Expressing deep sorrow and pain, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb termed

his passing away as an irreplaceable loss to entire nation and society. The Chief Minister leaves for New Delhi to pay his last respects to the great statesman.

In a condolence message Chief Minister expressed, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a statesman beyond comparison who selflessly dedicated his life for the development of our nation. Vajpayee ji held a special place in his heart for the North-East region. During his tenure as the Prime Minister of our nation he formed Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DONER). Chief Minister also expressed, it was his Government which had ensured the formation of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) to optimize the utilization of the 10% compulsory allocation of Budgetary Funds being done for the region.

Earlier, All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi issued a Press Release informing that the Former Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away at 05:05pm today.

Chief Minister expressed his deepest condolences on the passing away of the Former Prime Minister before departing for New Delhi to pay his last respect to Atal Bihari Vajpayee.