

## **Govt. Introduces new award 'Sardar Patel National Unity Award'**

The Government of India has introduced a new award called 'Sardar Patel National Unity Award' to be conferred on personalities who have contributed immensely to the unity and integrity of the country. Announcing this in a gazette notification the Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that this award will be a type of medal made of gold and silver. On one side will be symbolic petal of lotus and on the other side will be photo of Sardar Patel inscribed. It will be handed over to the recipient by the President of India. A person receiving this honour may wear it on his / her chest on certain occasions. However, the President may withdraw the award and reinstate the same if he/she feels it necessary by publishing it in official gazette.

## **Conclave for bamboo artisans: Govt. to support bamboo-based enterprises**

The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb has invited the local and outside investors to come forward for promotion of bamboo sector and bamboo based industries in the state. On this, the chief minister assured that the state government would provide all-out support. Inaugurating the Bamboo Artisans Conclave organised by

Tripura Bamboo Mission at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan yesterday the chief minister said, bamboo, rubber, gas and different fruits are grown in abundance in the state. Utilising these resources investors have to come ahead to establish big industries.



At present Tripura has 17,000 hectare land available for bamboo cultivation. Tripura Small Industries Corporation Limited is responsible for supplying these bamboos to the industrialists. For this purpose necessary fund will be given by Tripura Bamboo Mission. The chief minister also said, recently the Prime Minister has reduced the corporate tax. Benefit of this initiative has to be reaped by the entrepreneurs. Tripura Industrial Development Corporation has also taken several measures for the development of small industries in the state.

The programme was also attended by the forest minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia as a

special guest, MLA Rampada Jamatia, MLA Shambhulal Chakma, and Mission Director of Tripura Bamboo Mission Kiran Gitte. On this occasion five artisans were felicitated. On the other hand in connection with this a meeting was held with the investors at State Guest House in the morning.



*Poshan rally in Sabroom yesterday.*

*Pic. By Rupak Kr. Acharjee, ICO*

### **Poshan Maah campaigns in Karbook subdivision**

With a view to generating awareness about nutrition of pregnant women and children the social welfare and social education department and information and cultural affairs department, Karbook, are organising special Rashtriya Poshan Maah publicity campaigns in Karbook subdivision. In this connection recently street dramas were held at Ailmara, Silachari, Ghorakappa markets of Silachari

block and Jaleya, Karbook and Jatanbari market of Karbook block. Nutrition related leaflets were also distributed among the people. Besides, such campaigns were run in 30 ADC villages of Karbook subdivision.

### **P.M Awas Yojana in Dharmanagar sub-division**

A target has been taken to provide house under PM Awas Yojana (rural) to 573 poor families of Kadamtala, Kalachhara and Jubarajnagar blocks of Dharmanagar sub-division. Among these, under the scheme houses will be given to 255 families of Kadamtala block, 130 families of Kalachhara block and 188 families of Jubarajnagar block. North Tripura district rural development agency office has informed this.

### **Soil health card distributed in Matabari agri-subdivision area**

Soil health cards have been distributed among total 999 farmers of Tepania and Matabari blocks under Matabari agri-subdivision in the last financial year. 416 farmers of Tepania block and 583 farmers of Matabari block have availed these cards. Quality test of soil of 500 samples under the agri-subdivision has been done during the current financial year. Matabari Agri-superintendent office has informed this.

### **Assistance provided for Pisci culture in Belbari block**

Assistance has been provided by the fishery department to 38 fish farmer families of Belbari block under various schemes. Two hundred prawn seeds have been provided to each of 20 fish farmers, 200 young *pabdas* to each of 12 fish farmers and 800 other fingerlings to each of 6 fish farmers for culture of fish.



*Awareness programme on Ayushman Bharat organized by health department and ICA department in Khowai yesterday  
Pic. by Dulal Debbarma, ICO*

### **Cash crop cultivation in Lefunga & Hejamara blocks**

Different cash crops have been cultivated by West Tripura district horticulture and soil conservation office in 12 hectare land of Lefunga block and 13 hectare land of Hejamara block. Rs 35 lakh 85 thousand will be spent for implementation of the scheme under SCA and TSS projects.

Among these, Rs 17 lakh 20 thousand will be spent for cultivation of cash crop in 12 hectare land of Lefunga block. 24 families will be benefited under the scheme. On the other hand, Rs 18 lakh 64 thousand 200 will be spent for cultivation of cash crop in 13 hectare land of Hejamara block. 26 families will be benefited under the scheme.

### **Renovation of betel leaf garden in West district**

Betel leaf garden is being renovated by West Tripura district horticulture and soil conservation office as a part of assistance provided to the farmers for betel leaf cultivation in West Tripura district. Rs 4 lakh will be spent for the scheme under DDH project of state plan. As per the scheme, renovation of betel nut garden is going on in 15 hectare land of Jirania block, 10 hectare land of Dukli block, 10 hectare land of Bamutia block and 5 hectare land of Hejamara block. West Tripura district horticulture and soil conservation office has informed this.

### **House construction at Agartala under PM Awas Yojana**

Names of 41,439 families have been registered by the urban development department for providing financial assistance as a part of construction of

toilet-attached building in two phases in Agartala Municipal Corporation area. Among these, construction work of 18,471 concrete houses has been started. Construction work of 10,759 houses has already been completed. The urban development department has informed this. It is also mentionable that Rs 1 lakh 66 thousand per unit house has been provided by the Union and State government under the scheme.



*A safai abhiyan conducted at directorate of ICA, Agartala yesterday.*

### **Administrative camp held in Nabinchhara village**

An administrative cum health camp was organized by Kumarghat Sub divisional administration at market shed of Nabinchhara village of Pachertal block on September 27. D.M of Unakoti district Rabindra Reang alongwith other officers of various departments visited houses constructed under PM Awas Yojana, Anganwadi centre, bamboo plantation, health centre, Tushitpuri Bana Vihar area etc of the village. Chairman of Pachertal

BAC Sajal Chakma, SDM Sandeep Chakraborty, BDO Shyamjoy Jamatia were also present in the tour.

After the tour, the officers of horticulture and soil conservation, Power, DWS, PWD, agriculture, forest, fishery departments and ZDO under TTADC deliberated on the schemes of their respective departments and informed the villagers about this. 121 applications for PRTC and 203 applications for ST certificates have been received in the camp. Income certificates have been provided to 25 persons on urgent application basis. Health department provided required medicine after treatment of 22 persons. Animal resources development department provided various preventive medicines to the animal rearers.



*Thirty-five jackets were distributed among journalists today at Dharmanagar. It was an initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission Management Committee, North Tripura and ICA department.*

*Pic. by Debanjan Datta, ICO*