



**Traditional Poush Mela to be held
at Battali of Sonamura
on 14-15 January**

On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, Poush Mela will be held at Battali of Sonamura from 14-15 January. This mela will be organized in collaboration of Nalchar block, information & cultural affairs department, SC and ST welfare department along with other departments. On this occasion nightlong cultural programme will be organized at Battali open stage on 14 January 14. This mela has been regularly organized during the last fifty years or so at the confluence of Kachigang Chhara and Gomati river at Battali. People belonging to tribal community from various corners of the state used to pay tribute in memory of their ancestors at the confluence of Gomati river.

To organize this two-day long fair in a befitting manner a preparatory meeting was held yesterday at Battali SB School. MLA Ram Pada Jamatia, MLA Subhash Chandra Das, Chairman of Nalchar Panchyat Samiti Sima Das Bhowmik, ADM of Sepahijala district Sankar Chakraborty along with BDO of Nalchar block Rupanjan

Das, officials of various departments and local public representatives were present in that meeting.

Nominating the Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Debbarma, MLA Ram Pada Jamatia, social activist Pratima Bhowmik and DM Brahmneet Kaur an advisory committee, nominating MLA Subhash Chandra Das as chairman a steering committee and eight sub-committees were constituted in that meeting. Decision was taken to ensure facilities like drinking water and toilets in the fair premises, arrangement of sufficient electric lights, temporary shed for passengers and arrangement for treatment facilities etc. Decision was also taken to put in place traffic control system near sluice gate and Lengta Darga on Sonamura-Melaghar road and at Chandanmura on the Chandanmura-Battali road.

**House construction under Pradhan
Mantri Awas Yojana at Bokafa**

Construction of house was taken up for 44 poor families during the previous financial year under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Out of these, construction work of 23 houses has been completed. An amount



