

MoU signed for development of bamboo & cane industry

Eyeing development and promotion of bamboo and cane industry of the state a MoU was signed between Tripura Bamboo Mission and National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) yesterday at the Bamboo and Cane Development Institute at Lichubagan. Addressing the gathering there the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said, about 66 per cent of the total bamboo cultivation of the country is done in the Northeast region. Emphasis is being given to this sector in our state also. The state government has planned to cultivate bamboo over 14,000 ha. by 2020. Attention will also be given to skill development of the artisans of the bamboo-based industry.

With the signing of this MoU the bamboo and cane industry would be developed as well as artisans associated with this would find better economic self-reliance. The Chief Minister directed the officials of the Bamboo Mission and National Centre for Design and Product Development to emphasise on this perspective. Welcome address was given by executive director of NCDPD R.K. Srivastav. Toolkit certificates were also handed over to five artisans. The Chief Minister handed over these

certificates to the artisans and also had interaction with the artisans while visiting the exhibition stalls.

Flood related disaster preparedness at Kumarghat

A preparatory meeting was held on possible disaster management related to flood in Kumarghat subdivision at the hall of Kumarghat Panchayat Samiti. SDM Sandeep Chakraborty, chairperson of Kumarghat MC Anamika Malakar, officer of NDRF Manoj Ojha and officers of various departments were present in the meeting. SDM Sandeep Chakraborty informed that in order to combat flood situation due to inundation in the river arrangement has been made for sending boats for rescue purpose in the affected areas.

Besides this, 50 volunteers will be trained by NDRF for seven days to equip them with relief and rescue activities. In the meeting it was also decided that a committee will be formed with local people to make them aware of flood situation, relief and rescue in every gram panchayat and Municipal Council of Kumarghat block. Discussions were also held on other aspects of flood.

MGNREGA implemented in 3 blocks of Dharmanagar subdivision

During the current financial year under MGNREGA scheme 13,887 mandays in Jubarajnar block, 2,209 mandays in Kadamtala block, 15, 195 mandays in Kalachhara block of Dharmanagar subdivision have been generated. Total 31,291 mandays have been generated in three blocks. Total Rs 55 lakh 38 thousand 507 had been spent under the scheme for land leveling, construction of rural road, raising orchards etc works.

Moreover, various development works of 2 lakh 99 thousand 255 mandays under the scheme had been implemented in Jubarajnar block during the last financial year. Rs 5 crore 29 lakh 68 thousand 135 was spent for this purpose. 3 lakh 11 thousand 153 mandays have been generated in Kadamtala block spending Rs 5 crore 50 lakh 78 thousand 81. Moreover, 2 lakh 98 thousand 147 mandays had been generated in Kalachhara block. Rs 5 crore 27 lakh 72 thousand 19 has been spent for implementation of various development work. The office of D.M, North Tripura district informed this.

Review meeting of Amarpur subdivisional co-ordination committee

Under the chairmanship of MLA Ranjit Das a review meeting of the Subdivisional Co-ordination Committee was held yesterday at the revenue dakhungalow, Amarpur. The meeting was also attended by MLA Sindhu Chandra Jamatia, Amarpur BAC chairman Sanjoy Jamatia, chairperson of Nagar Panchayat Tarun Chakraborty, SDM and other officials of various line departments. On the part of the PWD and forest department emphasis was given on construction and maintenance of roads in Amarpur-Udaipur, completion of Amarpur-Chhabimura road etc. In addition, discussion was held on construction of 38 rural roads by NBCC. It was decided that join inspection team would give a report on that.

It was also informed that work of 59 mini-deep tube-wells has been completed for expansion of drinking water facilities in rural areas. In the meeting attention was also given to proper implementation of Ujjwal Yojana and health, agricultural issues etc. on the other hand, DWS, presenting their updates informed that during the current financial year approval has been received for five more deep tube-wells.