

'Kharchi' from July 10

The age-old tradition of Tripura is going to get alive again as the heritage festival Kharchi is scheduled for opening on July 10 at the premises of Chaturdash Devata Temple in Old Agartala. The festival will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on July 10, while Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma will grace the occasion as the chief guest and list of guests of honour will include chairman of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous Development Council (TTAADC) Ranjit Debbarma, MLA Sushanta Chowdhury, MLA Dharendra Debbarma, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Sinha and Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Dilip Das. Similarly, among the special guests will be DM, West Tripura Dr. Sandeep N. Mahatme, director of tourism Bishwasree B., SDM, Sadar Asim Saha and SDM, Jirania Subhash Datta. MLA Ratan Chakraborty will preside over the inaugural ceremony.

Organised by the information and cultural affairs department the seven-day long festival Kharchi will see participation of eminent artistes from the state, outside the state and Bangladesh. This year's theme of the festival will be "Build a drug-free society to realise the dream of

building a Model Tripura". Different stalls of food and other items will also be opened as part of the festival.

'Township Scheme' for development of infrastructure

A new scheme called 'Township Scheme' received a formal go-ahead at the hands of the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb yesterday at Pragna Bhavan, Agartala. Infrastructural development is a priority sector for the government. Because, GDP rate should be increased to make Tripura a model state and to GDP grows with the development in infrastructural sector, said the Chief Minister addressing the gathering at Pragna Bhavan. He said, apart from this, thrust is also being given on digitalisation. For this, a financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore has been sought from the Ministry of Information Technology. Besides, as a sequel to the meeting with the Prime Minister in the recent past has resulted in approval of Rs. 358 crore additionally for investing in development of infrastructure of Tripura.

On this occasion the Chief Minister uncovered a small booklet on the





