

## **Krishak Bandhu Kendra in Sabroom begins journey**

The Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy yesterday inaugurated a Krishak Bandhu Kendra in Sabroom subdivision. Speaking on this occasion the minister said, the government is focusing on arrangement of quality and timely seeds, fertilizer and agriculture related knowhow for the farmers. The matter of opening a seeds outlet at Sabroom is under consideration, informed the minister. He said, government is not only working towards doubling income of farmers but also to create good marketing network for them.



*Pic. By Rupak Kumar Acharjee, ICO*

Among others who spoke on the occasion included MLA Shankar Roy, director of the agriculture and farmers' welfare department

Dr. Debprasad Sarkar. Welcome address was given by agricultural supervisor Ajoy Debbarma. It is worth mentioning that this two-storey Krishak Bandhu Kendra has been constructed at the cost of Rs. 37.90 lakh. Coinciding with this subsidized power tillers were handed over to ten farmers and spray machines were handed over equal number of farmers.

## **18 New Ekalavya Residential Schools for the state**

The Central government has given sanction for establishing 18 more new Eklavya Residential Schools in the state. Financial approval has also been received for ten of them. An amount of Rs. 2.50 crore has already been received from the Central government for construction of one of these schools, informed the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb during a review meeting of the tribal welfare department at the secretariat yesterday. In the meeting the Chief Minister informed, at present four Ekalavya Model Residential Schools are operational in the state and three more are under construction. To ensure quality education for the tribal children the Chief Minister emphasized on appointment of skilled principal and warden. Towards this only

the state government has decided to introduce NCERT syllabus.

Reviewing the development activities of the department the director C.K. Jamatia informed, during the 2018-19 financial year boarding house stipend was given to 25,866 students and pre-matric scholarship was given to 28,432 students of sixth to eight standard and post matric scholarship was given to 27,497 students. In the same financial year 152 students have been sponsored for B.Ed. and 57 students have been sponsored for D.L.Ed. Course. In addition, coaching for joint-entrance examination has been arranged for 133 students and coaching for civil service examination (IAS) has been arranged for 53 students. In this context the Chief Minister also emphasized on quality coaching system in boardings. He also instructed the chief secretary L.K. Gupta to adopt a plan for enhancing the education loan upto Rs. 10 lakh for pursuing higher studies outside the state.

During the 2018-19 financial year the tribal welfare department has given training on driving, beautician course, carpenter, plumber etc. trades to 555 beneficiaries. The department is also to provide assistance to 35 people for rubber cultivation and 70 people for bamboo cultivation. Assistance would be given to 825 people for cultivation of pineapple,

banana and betel nut, informed Mr. Jamatia. The review meeting was also attended by the Tribal Welfare Minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia, principal secretary to the Chief Minister Kumar Alok, secretary of tribal welfare Shantanu, director of TRP & PTG Dhanababu Reang who reviewed activities under their department, director of Tribal Research and Cultural Institute Sunil Debbarma and other officials.

### **Sabroom English Medium School gets its first bus service**



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School bus for the students of Sabroom English Medium School has its first run yesterday. The Agriculture and Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy flagged off the service yesterday amidst enthusiastic children and guardians. MLA Shankar Roy,

and officials of various departments were also present there. With the coming of this bus service, students from a vast area comprising Manughat Chhotokhil, Brajendanagar will be benefitted. After inauguration the minister took a round of the entire school and exchanged views with the students and teachers alike.

### **Power tillers & spray machines distributed from Satchand agri-office**

Power tillers and spray machines were distributed among ten beneficiaries in both categories from the Satchand agriculture office. In a formal event organized for this the Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy handed over the power tillers and spray machines to the farmers yesterday. MLA Shankar Roy, noted social activist Premtosh Nath, director of agriculture and farmers welfare department Dr. Debaprasad Sarkar were also present on this occasion.

### **Pineapple orchard in 100 hectare land of Ambassa**

Pineapple orchard has been raised over 100 hectare land for 160 beneficiary families of Kulai RF extension ADC village and Raipasha ADC Village of Ambassa block under rain based development scheme. The orchard has been implemented by Satyaram Chowdhuripara Agriculture Sector Office. For this an amount of Rs. 25 lakh has been spent, informed the concerned sector office.

### **Street Drama Week observed in Udaipur**

A number of street plays were enacted from January 1-7 in Udaipur Nehru Super market, R K pur Thana corner, Old town hall complex, Jamjuri market, Kakraban market, Datta market, Rajnagar market, Chandrapur market and Ramesh Chowmuhani of Udaipur subdivision as a part of observance of Street Drama Week. The street plays were presented under the aegis of information and cultural affairs department. Themes of street plays were de-addiction campaign, social justice, Swaach Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao etc.

### **Paddy procured at at minimum support price: more than thousand farmers of Udaipur benefitted**

Paddy has been purchased by FCI from the farmers of Udaipur subdivision at minimum support price. Under the programme paddy was purchased during the period from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January. Break-up of the purchase is like this - 674.2 MT paddy was purchased from 427 farmers at Kakraban Community hall premises in Kakraban block; 731.648 MT paddy was purchased from 638 farmers at the Matabari Old School in Matabari block. Paddy was purchased at the rate of Rs 1750 per quintal. Second

phase of purchase at the said two places will start from January 30 and will continue till February 3.

### **Agriculture Minister inaugurates Krishak Bandhu Kendra at Baikhora**

Under the aegis of Bokafa agri-subdivision inauguration of Baikhora Krishak Bandhu Kendra took place at the hands of Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy yesterday. Chairman of Jolaibari Panchayat Samiti Gouri Bhowmik presided over the meeting. While addressing the programme as inaugurator Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy stated that without the prosperity of farmers the state could not attain prosperity. Keeping this in view Krishak Bandhu Kendras are being opened in various agri-subdivisions of the state so that the farmers could avail necessary information on agro-based issues.

Among other dignitaries present on this occasion were MLA Sankar Roy, director of Agriculture Dr. Debprasad Sarkar and BAC Chairman of Bokafa Gouri Sankar Reang. Superintendent of Bokafa agri-subdivision Dr. Debashis Paul delivered welcome speech. Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy along with other dignitaries handed over Kisan Credit Cards at the hands of three farmers of Baikhora during this programme.

### **Seminar held at Teliamura organized**

### **by Tripura Bio-Diversity Board**

A Seminar was organized by Tripura Bio-Diversity Board at the conference hall of Teliamura Panchayat Samiti yesterday. The topic of the seminar was organised to make the local people aware about bio-diversity and formation of bio-diversity management committee at block and panchayat level. The Chief Whip of Tripura Legislative Assembly MLA Kalyani Roy inaugurated the programme. Among other dignitaries present on this occasion were MLA Atul Debbarma, chairman of Teliamura BAC Padma Kumari Hrankhawl, Vice-Chairman of Teliamura Panchayat Samity Nirod Baran Das, Khowai district forest officer Niroj Kumar Chanchal, member-secretary of Tripura Bio-Diversity Board D.K. Sharma and BDO of Teliamura block Santanu Bikas Das.

While addressing the gathering as inaugurator Chief Whip of Tripura Legislative Assembly MLA Kalyani Roy appreciated the initiative of Tripura Bio-Diversity Board. She stated that human life is dependent on nature. The Member-Secretary of Tripura Bio-Diversity Board D.K. Sharma informed that at present 450 village level and 37 block level committees are being formed in the state. On behalf of Tripura Bio-Diversity Management Board important aspects of bio-diversity management were upheld through power point presentation in that programme.