

15th Finance Commission expected in state on January 16

A high-level delegation of the 15th Finance Commission led by its chairman N.K. Singh will be visiting Agartala soon. The fifteen-member team is supposed to land in Agartala on January 16. The team comprises members like Dr. Anup Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Dr. Ramesh Chand and secretary Arvind Meheta.

On the first day their schedule will begin at 2 pm. with meetings with representatives from three-tier panchayat, urban development bodies and Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council, representatives of industry and commerce related organisations and political parties in a series. These meetings will take place at Sonar Tori State Guest House. On the second day at around 9 am. the delegates will sit with the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and other members of State Council of Ministers and top officials of various departments to discuss issues like financial condition, revenue collection, deficit, infrastructure development and other development-oriented future plans.

In connection with the visit of the Finance Commission delegation a high level meeting was held yesterday under the

chairmanship of the chief secretary L.K. Gupta at the secretariat. A number of decisions were taken in the meeting to conduct the entire schedule of the impending visit of the Finance Commission.

North district Divyangjan Centre starts functioning

North district Divyangjan Rehabilitation Centre started functioning from January 7. The centre has been opened at the district office complex of health and family welfare department. Inaugurating the centre Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Bishwabandhu Sen said, with the coming of this centre long demands of the people of the district specially Divyangjan has come true. He said, special camps will be organised to issue certificates to the differently able people (Divyangjan). Earlier they had to rush to Kailashahar for collecting certificates.

Ravel Hemendra Kumar, DM of North Tripura district also spoke on the occasion as the chief guest. Other dignitaries present on the occasion included DM of Unakoti Rabindra Reang, nodal officer of Unakoti Divyangjan Centre Haresh Paul Chowdhury and district education officer, North Tripura, Barun Das. Welcome address was given by CMO in-charge Dr.



toilets have been constructed for 191 families under Swachh Bharat Mission. In addition, toilets have been constructed for 624 families through Swachh Bharat Kosh scheme. Unit cost under both the schemes has been fixed at Rs. 12,000. This information has been given by Ambassa block office.

Pineapple garden under MGNREGA in West Tripura district

Under the aegis of horticulture and soil conservation department target has been set to raise pineapple garden in 173.90 hectare land of various blocks under West Tripura district during the current financial year. To implement this project an amount of Rs.2 crore 91 lakh 41 thousand 806 has been sanctioned. A total of 289 farmers will benefit under this programme. West Tripura district office of the concerned department has informed that work for raising pineapple garden in 9 hectare land of 46 farmers of Lefunga block under this district has started through this project. Meanwhile planting of pineapple saplings in 5 hectare land has already been completed. Planting of pineapple saplings in 4 hectare land is in progress.

Similarly, target has been set to raise pineapple garden in 9 hectare land of 45 farmers of Jirania block. Till now

plantation of pineapple in 6.6 hectare land has been started. Plantation of pineapple in 21.3 hectare land out of target area of 24 hectare of 30 farmers of Belbari block has been started. Plantation of pineapple in 6.5 hectare land out of target area of 18.9 hectare of 16 farmers of Old Agartala block has been started. Plantation of pineapple in 21.10 hectare land out of target area of 33.5 hectare of 100 farmers of Dukli block has been started. Plantation of pineapple in 17.50 hectare land out of target area of 33.5 hectare of 52 farmers of Mandai block has been started. Target is set to create pineapple garden in 45 hectare land of Hezamara block.

Health camps in 20 places of Raishyabari block

With the objective of providing health care facilities in rural areas health camps were organized by Raishyabari primary health centre at 20 places of Raishyabari block in December, 2018. Through these health camps the PHC has provided free health checkup and medicines to 314 people. As part of these camps issues like mother and child health, vaccination, diarrhea and malaria prevention, sanitation etc. were also discussed by the health workers, informed the Dhalai CMO office.

Rs 7, 94, 89,066 collected under small savings scheme in Gomati district

Rs 7 crore 94 lakh 89 thousand 66 has been collected under Small Saving Scheme in Gomati district during the current financial year up to the month of last November. Small savings development officer in Gomati district informed that Rs 6 crore 57 lakh 69 thousand 300 in Udaipur subdivision, Rs 1 crore 90 lakh 8 thousand 598 in Amarpur subdivision and Rs 28 lakh 11 thousand 172 in Karbook subdivision have been collected.

Agriculture Minister visits pineapple orchards in Sringar & Amlighat

Recently the Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy visited pineapple orchards raised in Srinagar and Amlighat by Satchand agriculture subdivisional office. Seeing the orchards of queen variety pineapple the minister said that the state government was trying to make the state self-reliant by cultivating various fruits, areca nut and spices in fellow lands. He also stressed on adoption of crop-rotation system to revitalise the soil health. In Srinagar and Amlighat queen pineapple orchards have been raised over 16 ha. area. The minister was also accompanied by MLA Shankar Roy, SDM, Sabroom Biplab Das and other concerned officials.

Street drama shows in Mohanpur subdivision

As a part of observance of Street Drama Week, Mohanpur subdivision and information and cultural affairs department with the assistance of ICFAI University jointly organised street drama shows at three different places of the subdivision yesterday. The plays staged by the students of ICFAI University and youths of Mohanpur area focused on themes like anti-drug issues. Venues of the shows were Hezamara market, Kalibazar in Bamutia block and Kamalghat market in Mohanpur block.

Winter vegetable cultivation under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture

Under the aegis of Khowai district horticulture and soil conservation department office 55 ha. land of different agricultural subdivisions has been brought under winter vegetable cultivation during the current financial year under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture. Under the said scheme 20 ha. area in Tulashikhar agri-subdivision, 10 ha. in Padmabil agri-subdivision and 25 ha. area in Khowai agri-subdivision have been brought cultivation. Under this scheme a total of 275 farmers have benefited. For this purpose Rs. 25,000 has been spent per hectare area. This information has been given by deputy director of the concerned department Kashinath Das.