



train the participants on Sangrai, Owa, Jhum, Jadu Kalija etc. dances of tribal communities and music as well. A total of 55 students of the school are participating in the workshop.

CM speaks in favour of insurance cover for rubber planters

In order to make the families associated with rubber plantation financially self-sufficient small manufacturing units have to be established by utilizing the rubber grown in the state, stated the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb yesterday while attending a review meeting over future plan of action in the rubber sector at the state secretariat. He also stressed on covering the rubber cultivators under insurance and for that district level workshops may be organized to spread awareness among them.

Speaking in favour of encouraging the cultivators in setting up smoke house for processing of rubber in advanced system he urged Rubber Board, TRPC and concerned department to take necessary measures in this regard. Giving the statistics of the sector the director of industry and commerce department Dr. Sandeep R. Rathore said, till 2017-18 financial year 84,480 hectare area of the state has come under rubber plantation producing an amount of 65,330 MT rubber comprising rubber sheet, scrap and field latex. The chairman of Rubber

Board upheld the prospective solutions to various bottlenecks being faced in the rubber sector. The meeting was also attended by the chief secretary Sanjeev Ranjan, principal secretary of the industry and commerce department and other top officials of line departments and organizations.

Development works implemented in Shantirbazar Municipal Council area

Six programmes have been implemented by Shantirbazar Municipal council area under TUEP. An amount of Rs 27 Lakh 50 thousand 187 has been spent for this purpose. The projects included soil excavation for development of two roads, brick soling of road, construction of retaining wall, construction of retaining wall for pond-banks, construction of two cycle stands and construction of kitchen room for Anganwadi centre.

Additionally Rs 6 lakh 2 thousand 759 has been spent for development of 165 metre long road in Ward no-3 of municipal council area. Rs 2 lakh 54 thousand 891 has been spent for development of 200 long road in Ward no- 9. Rs 6 lakh 51 thousand 879 has been spent for construction of retaining wall of the pond adjacent to Fire Service department in Ward no-4. Two cycle stands have been constructed in Shantirbazar H.S school and Shantirbazar Girls H.S School at the



department of school education is going to organize various programmes. As a part of this State level One Act Play competition will be organized on September 14, 2018. Five schools will participate in this One Act play competition to be held in Muktheadara Auditorium, Agartala. Participating schools are- Sukhamoy H.S. School, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Smriti Vidya Mandir, Bidrohi Kabi Nazrul Vidya Bhavan, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ramchandraghat of Khowai and Sri Krishna Mission School. Theme of the One Act Play competition will be on the Gandhian values, principles, ideals like truth, non-violence, perseverance, honesty etc. or on his life story. The best team will be nominated for participating in the National Level Competition in Delhi.

Apart from this, as per guidelines of Government of India, 'Swachhata Pakhwada' programmes have been undertaken from September 1-15, 2018 in all schools of the State. Moreover, another campaign of Government of India has been launched namely, 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' till October 2, 2018 in convergence with 'Swachhta Pakhwada'. To keep the spirit of cleanliness in schools and its surroundings, the school education department has undertaken a month-long mass awareness campaign with the slogan "Swachha School Swachha Gram' all over the State as per advice of the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb. This activity will continue till October 2, 2018. These

month-long activities include Swachhta Shapath Day, Swachhta Awareness Day, Green School Drive, Swachhta Participation Day, Handwash Day, Personal Hygiene Day, Community Participation Day, Swachhta School Exhibition Day, Swachh Water Day, Water Harvesting Day, Prize Distribution Day, Swachhta Hi Sewa Day etc.

**Year-long programmes to mark
125th Anniversary
of Swami Vivekanda's Chicago Speech**

The present year is the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's famous speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. To celebrate the occasion the school education department has taken year-long programmes. Initiative has also been taken to recall the famous address by Vivekananda proclaiming India's spiritual, cultural and intellectual greatness and its relevance to educate and inspire the school children. The department has also chalked out various competitions, quiz, discussion on the life and ideology of Swami Vivekananda. Apart from this books on life, ideology and teachings of Swami Vivekananda and his Chicago address will be procured by each school from Library Grant.