

Inauguration of Skill Development training centre at Kathalia

With a view to provide skill development training of rural women under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, a training centre at Kathalia was inaugurated by MLA Susanta Chowdhury yesterday. MLA Ashish Saha was present in the programme as chief guest. Skill development training on tailoring to 120 women and skill development training on electricity works to 120 youths will be conducted in this training centre. Those who will undergo tailoring training, after completion of their training they will receive Rs.4 thousand 400 as stipend and those who will undergo skill development training on electricity works will receive Rs.5 thousand 400 as stipend. In that programme MLA Susanta Chowdhury and MLA Ashish Saha delivered their speech.

Border Area Development Programme in Kadamtala block

Construction work of a health sub-centre under Border Area Development Programme at Sarala Gram Panchayat of Kadamtala block is in progress. An amount of Rs.14 lakh is being spent for this purpose.

Under this project construction work of a dining hall at Amtilla SB School under Borgol Panchayat of this block is in progress. An amount of Rs.5 lakh is being spent for this purpose. Apart from this, construction work of a dining hall at Amtilla Vinanjappa Madhyamik School under Saraspur gram Panchayat of this block is in progress. An amount of Rs.5 lakh is being spent for this purpose.



Inaugural programme of Kalajhari Festival held at Karbook on 19 December, 2018.

Pic. by- Anupam Paul, ICO

Workshop held on Agar Cultivation extraction of Agar oil and its trade

Agar tree is the State Tree of Tripura. In order to promote its cultivation, a one-day workshop on Agar cultivation, extraction of Agar oil and its trade was held in the JICA Project building at Agartala on

19 December. The workshop was a part of the consultation process which was initiated by Tripura Forest Department for identifying the issues and opportunities to develop this high potential sector for the benefit of people interested in agar cultivation for the prosperity of the people of the State. The workshop was organized by NTFP Centre of Excellence, a recently created Autonomous Body for the systematic development of NTFP sector in the State in collaboration with Forest Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, a unit of Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat.

Minister for Forest & Tribal Welfare department Mevar Kumar Jamatia inaugurated the workshop in presence of PCCF & HoFF, Tripura Dr. Alind Rastogi, Director of RFRI Jorhat Dr. RSC Jayraj and Senior scientists from Botanical Survey of India and officials from Assam, Tripura Forest Department and 74 participants from amongst agar growers, traders and other stakeholders from Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura.

The participants discussed the conservation of wild varieties of Agar trees, opportunities in the world Agar market, the statutory requirements that are required to be complied with for promoting the sustainable harvesting of agar, the technology available for artificially inducing

agarwood formation in trees of cultivated variety, simplification of process of harvesting trees from non-forest land to encourage its cultivation in complete detail. The scientist from RFRI gave a live demonstration of scientific method of inoculation in the Agar plantation. Experiences were also shared among the participants. Issues discussed also included the status of cultivation and extraction of Agarwood in Assam, production of Agar and extraction of Agar oil, status of Agar in the wild and its future prospect.

The Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia advised the Department to set up an Agar Conservation Foundation at Agartala under NTFP Centre of Excellence and work to assimilate entire information on all related processes. The foundation would work as single window source for providing any help relating to agar cultivation, processing, trade and export and sustainable management. PCCF Dr. Rastogi assured the participants that a sincere attempt would be made to simply and streamline the process in compliance with CITES norms for developing the sector.

Sadar Sub-division level merit award distribution to the ST students held

Sadar Sub-division level merit award and certificates were distributed among the ST

students yesterday at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, hall no.1. The programme was organized by Sadar sub-divisional administration. Merit Award distribution was held among 2551 meritorious ST students. Amongst them, 1310 meritorious students of 2017 and 1241 meritorious students of 2018 were there. Out of these, special award to 129 meritorious students for the year 2017 and 106 meritorious students for the year 2018 were awarded with an amount of Rs. 10 thousand each for securing more than 80 per cent marks in higher secondary examination. It is to be mentioned that every year this merit award is distributed among the meritorious ST students from class six to class twelve.

Inaugurating the merit award distribution programme Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia congratulated the students and said, ST students have to progress towards higher education through pursuing hard work. For this they have to be more attentive in their studies. They have to remember that there is no alternative to education. Tribal Welfare Minister said, students rather showing their affinity towards western culture, they should pay affection towards our own cultural heritage of the State. Government is giving utmost priority in education sector. He said to inspire ST

students in the field of education, teachers have to take more care. Addressing the programme MLA Susanta Chowdhury as special guest congratulated the students and wished their bright future. MLA Brishaketu Jamatia presided over the programme.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal BimaYojana in Bakafa Agriculture Subdivision

Total 400 hectare paddy field has been covered under high risk zone of Bakafa Agriculture Subdivision of Shantirbazar Subdivision at free of cost bima yojana under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during this current agriculture season. Under the scheme 200 hectare paddy field of Jolaibari block and 200 hectare paddy field of Bokafa block have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. On the other hand, 105 hectare potato field of Jolaibari block and 85 hectare potato field of Bokafa block have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Rs 148 as premium for cultivation of paddy per kani land and Rs.720 for cultivation of potato per kani land will be provided to the farmers by the State government under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.



Review meeting on development activities was held at Kanchanpur dakbunglow conference hall in presence of ST Welfare Committee, Tripura Legislative Assembly headed by MLA Diba Chandra Hrangkhawl & Other 7 nos. Committee members MLA and officials of various departments on 19 December,2018.

Pic.by- Bidyamohan Jamatia, ICO

Army recruitment Rally at Agartala during 21-25 February, 2019

Army recruitment rally will be held at Dasaratha Deb State Sports Complex, Agartala scheduled from 21 February to 25 February, 2019. Candidates of all districts of the state can participate in the rally for recruitment of Soldier (General Duty), Soldier (Technical), Soldier (Nursing Assistant), Soldier (Clerk / Storekeeper /

Inventory Management) and Soldier (Trades man) categories. The recruitment schedule to be tentatively followed is 21 Feb, 2019 for candidates of West Tripura and South Tripura districts, 22 Feb, 2019 for Sepahijala and Gomati districts, 23 Feb,2019 for Dhalai, Unakoti, North Tripura & Khowai districts who can participate accordingly. However, final schedule will be published at a later stage based on registration on number of candidates and will be published accordingly. Screening medical and documentation will continue till 25 Februaruy, 2019. Every candidate can participate in the rally only once. Eligibility in terms of age for participation in the rally is 17 years 6 months to 21 years for Soldier (General duty) and 17 years 6 months to 23 years for all other categories. Age for recruitment is calculated as on 1st October, 2018. Candidates have to apply for participation in the recruitment rally through online at first. Online applications for Agartala (Tripura) recruitment rally already opened from 21 Nov,2018 to 31 dec,2018. Performa for online registration is available on website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Candidates who selected in the 1600 meter run should be prepared to stay at the location for two to four days at their own expense. For additional information candidates may contact Army Recruiting Office, Silchar on telephone number-03842-260978.