

## **Emphasis on marketing of bamboo-products during workshop**

With a view to promoting the bamboo and cane industry of the state the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has directed the industry department to give special emphasis on marketing of the products of this industry. Today inaugurating government e-marketplace (GEM) organized by Tripura Bamboo Mission and a workshop on bamboo-based products organized by National Bamboo Mission and launching of online portal for admission into ITI at Shahid Bhagat Singh Youth Hostel the Chief Minister said, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced government e-marketplace (GEM) for facilitating marketing of products of small producers. Through this system upto Rs. 100 crore can be transacted. There is no need for tender process for a transaction of upto Rs. 25,000. The Prime Minister has launched result-oriented schemes and they are being implemented in stipulated timeframe also.

In the context of online admission into it is the Chief Minister informed, there are about 2450 seats in it is. As the online admission system starts from today

students could take admission sitting at home now onward. The chief secretary U. Venkateswaralu also spoke on prospects of bamboo-based industries in the state. Delivering the welcome address the director of Tripura Bamboo Mission Kiran Gitye said, names of around 150 bamboo-based growers will be registered under GEM today. He also informed that a course on bamboo would be introduced in ITI, Gomati this year.

Business facilitator of GEM of North-East also spoke on this occasion. The technical session focused on bamboo varieties, role of handicrafts industry, grants available in the sector and GEM. Saplings of Buddha variety bamboo were handed over to the Chief Minister and other guests.

## **Procurement of paddy starts in Shantirbazar & Udaipur**

Procurement of paddy from the farmers at minimum support price of Rs 1750 per quintal has been started jointly by the agriculture and farmers' welfare department and food, civil supplies and consumers affairs department at Baikhora of Santirbazar subdivision. A target has been taken to purchase 1500 M.T paddy from Santirbazar subdivision. Paddy will

