



programme the Prime Minister handed over Kisan Credit Card to some selected farmers of Kakraban, Tripura and interacted with many farmers directly through video conferencing. Towards the end of the state level programme the Chief Minister and other guests handed over memento and financial reward to eight farmers selected from eight districts for their excellent performance in *Bodo* paddy cultivation. It is noteworthy that Tripura stands at sixth position in the whole country in terms of implementation of PM KISAN Samman Nidhi.

Jampuijala Play Centre wrests Lucky Srivastav Football trophy

ONGC has been supporting various development activities including sports in the state over the last 23 years. Now their support system has expanded to other states of the Northeast region also, said the Governor Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki speaking at the concluding ceremony of 22nd ONGC Lucky Srivastav Football Tournament at Umakanta Mini-stadium yesterday. In the final match held yesterday Jampuijala Play Centre came victorious by defeating the SAK of Manipur team. The Governor handed over a trophy and a cheque of Rs. 5 lakh to the winning team and a trophy and cheque of Rs. 2 lakh to the runners team. Asset Manager of ONGC, Tripura Asset Goutam Kumar Singha Roy and secretaries of Tripura Football

Association and Tripura Sports Council were present on the occasion.

60 Laboratory services made available free of cost in 19 hospitals of state

The Government of Tripura has come up with a new service network in the health sector thereby providing 60 high-volume-low-cost tests free of cost through PPP model. This service has been launched now in IGM Hospital, Agartala, six district hospitals and 12 sub-divisional hospitals simultaneously on February 23. At a special ceremony the Health Minister Sudip Roy Barman launched this free laboratory service at IGM Hospital while the Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath graced the occasion as the chief guest. Among others present there were MLA Brishaketu Debbarma, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, mission director of National Health Mission Dr. Shailesh Yadav, secretary and director of the health department Samarjit Bhowmik and Dr. J.K. Debbarma respectively.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest the Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath first of all thanked the health department for launching this service. He said, during the last eleven months there has been remarkable change in the state, as a health competition has begun among the departments including health, to reach closer to the people, which is a positive sign. He also spoke about various services



