

## **Stalls distributed for 38<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair**

Distribution of book stall has been completed at the conference hall of Directorate of Information and Cultural Affairs, Agartala on February 20 in connection with the 38<sup>th</sup> Agartala book fair. Mayor of AMC cum Chairman of Stall Construction and distribution Sub-committee of 38<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Prafullajit Sinha, director of ICA Ratan Biswas, secretary of Publishers & Book Sellers Association Rakhal Majumder, secretary of the All Tripura Publishers & Book Sellers Association Uttam Chakraborty, deputy director of ICA department Bhaskar Dasgupta and deputy director of ICA department Debasish Das were present in the process of book stall distribution through lottery.

Moreover, different publishing houses and book sellers were present there. Stalls were distributed through lottery system among the applicants who applied within the scheduled time. Stalls were distributed in four categories such as extra large, large, medium and small. Book sellers from Tripura, Kolkata, Guwahati, Delhi, Bangladesh, Uttar Pradesh, Daman and Diu will participate in the book fair. 38<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair will

be opened at International Fair ground, Hapania from February 26 to continue upto March 8. 130 stalls will be opened in the book fair.

## **Padmashri Benichandra Jamatia felicitated**

Benichandra Jamatia was felicitated with Padmashri award by the Government of India through a programme at the premises of Chandrapur block on February 23. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb felicitated Benichandra Jamatia with Padmashri and handed over a portrait of Mata Tripureshwari Debi. Chief Minister said that genius Benichandra Jamatia was awarded with Padmashri for his outstanding contribution to the field of poetry and Baul song in Kakborok language.

C.M also informed that the present government is working for development of education, health and agriculture. Medical treatment facility up to Rs 5 lakh will be given under health insurance and PM Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Work is going for development of road and communication system. Farmers of the state are getting benefit under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Among others, agriculture and tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy and MLA Rampada Jamatia delivered

speech. Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad Swapan Adhikari, MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh and MLA Ranjit Das were present in the programme.

### **Assistance for animal husbandry**

Assistance has been provided by Sub-divisional Animal Resources development office to 2 beneficiaries of Madhya Ganki panchayat in Khowai block for pig farming. 3 piglets, 300 K.g food and required medicine have been provided to each beneficiary under Tribal Welfare Scheme. Officer of Sub-divisional Animal Resources development office Dr. Jhutan Ghosh has informed that Rs 25.000 has been spent for each beneficiary to implement the scheme.

### **Paddy procurement at MSP completed in Khowai subdivision**

Paddy procurement by the food, civil supplies and consumers affairs department at minimum support price from the farmers of Khowai subdivision was completed on February 20. 4,269 quintal paddy was purchased from 261 farmers of the subdivision at MSP during the period from February 15-20 at government store of Ganki in Khowai. Chief Inspector of the Sub-divisional food, civil supplies and consumer affairs office Babul Das has informed that paddy was

purchased from the farmers at the rate of Rs 1815 per quintal.

### **Newly constructed fish market inaugurated at Barpathari**

Fisheries minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma inaugurated a newly constructed fish market at Barpathari on February 20. In the inaugural programme, The fisheries Minister said that deficit of fish production would be made up in the coming two years. Necessary initiatives are being taken to fulfil the target.

Fishery scientists interacted with the fish farmers. MLA Sankar Roy, MLA Sudhan Das, DM Debapriya Bardhan, director of fisheries department DK Chakma delivered speech. Sabhadhipati of South Tripura Zilla Parishad Kakali Das Datta, chairman Bibhishan Chandra Das, SDM Manik Lal Das were present in the programme. Deputy director of fisheries department SC Majumder delivered welcome address. The programme was presided over by chairman of Rajnagar Panchayat Samiti Tapan Debnath. Rs 1.50 crore has been spent for construction of the two storied building.