



aloe vera, amrapali, vanilla, black pepper etc. for making the forest dwellers economically self-reliant and the forest department should handhold the farmers till the trees become productive. He was also in favour of cultivating same crop in a particular area considering its marketing feasibility and other aspects. He said this while addressing a review meeting of the forest department yesterday at the state secretariat.

In view of the construction of targeted 288 dams by the department the Chief Minister advised to work in convergence with fishery, rural development, animal resource development, irrigation etc. departments and stressed on tightening vigilance by the forest department for better protection of forest resources. The Forest Minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia also shed light on various programmes of the forest department.

Principal chief conservator of forest Dr. Alind Rastogi talked about various activities of the department. Discussion during the meeting also hovered around main activities of the department, strategy, current action plan, target and achievement, infrastructure, revenue collection, rate of tourist arrival, wildlife in Sepahijala sanctuary, new plans, last three years statistics etc. issues. The matter of marketing of *arjun* flower and ensuring

reasonable price to the collectors and sellers also came up discussion. The meeting was also attended by the chief secretary L.K. Gupta, additional principal chief conservator Dr. D.K. Sharma, forest officers of eight districts and other line department officers.

### **Chhabimura festival and fair on the occasion of Makar Sankranti**

Like previous years Chhabimura festival-2019 and Makar Sankranti Fair will be held at Chhabimura tourist spot on 14th January, 2019. This festival and fair will be organized jointly by information and cultural affairs department, Amarpur Sub divisional administration and Jamatia Hada. Exhibition stalls will be opened by various departments and nightlong cultural programme will be organised at the fair ground. Recently a preparatory meeting was held at Chhabimura Muktamancha to make the fair and festival successful. The meeting was presided over by MLA Ranjit Das. SDM Subash Ch. Saha, BDOs of Ampri and Amarpur blocks, SDPO and other officers of various departments were present in the meeting. A preparatory committee was constituted with 61 persons with MLA Ranjit Das as chairman and SDM, Amarpur as convener. Ten sub-committees were also constituted for this purpose.

### **Visit of central team at Sonamura for water transportation on Gomati river**

A delegation from the Inland Water Ways Authority of India under the Union Shipping Ministry visited Sonamura on 26<sup>th</sup> December. Joint Director of IWAI Rabindra Kumar Singh and officers of concerned department headed by RP Khur inspected Srimantapur Land port and Gomati river in Sonamura and surveyed the matter related to water transportation in Gomati river. They visited Durgapur along the Indo-Bangladesh border on southern bank of Gomati river for construction of terminal building. For the time being, the decision has been taken for supervising the prime activities using Srimantapur land port office. Sonamura SDM Saju Wahid Ahmed, Officers of Water Transport Department, BSF and Custom Department were present during the visit of central team.

### **268.6 MT paddy purchased at minimum support price in Khowai Subdivision**

268.6M.T paddy at minimum support price has been purchased from 173 farmers of Khowai Subdivision through FCI. The process of procurement of paddy at Rs 1750 per quintal had started on December 16, 2018 in the place adjacent to the godown of the food department in Khowai. The process continued till December 24.

### **Administrative camp at Powangbari block on Dec 31**

An administrative and health camp was organized by Sabroom Sub-divisional administration in the premises of Powangbari block on December 31. On behalf of the Subdivisional administration on the basis of requisition of the people PRTC, S.T, Income, and other certificates will be provided to the applicants. Public awareness campaign regarding malaria and water borne diseases will be held at the camp. Moreover, required medicines will be provided to the patients after medical check up. Sabroom SDM Biplab Das appealed to local people to take various facilities available in the camp.

### **Ayushman Bharat: 20 patients benefited in Belonia**

20 Patients have taken benefit of treatment in Belonia Subdivisional hospital under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana during the current financial year from October to till date. It is mentionable that the beneficiaries can avail of treatment worth up to Rs 5 lakh per year free of cost. They can avail medical service provided in government and private hospitals situated in the state or outside state.

### **Governor & Deputy CM at Sri Kirshna Mission's annual function**

The Governor Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki inaugurated the annual cultural function and prize distribution ceremony of Sri Krishna Mission School yesterday in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma. Addressing the gathering there the Governor, in view of the target of transforming India into 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat' stressed on providing quality education. Because, he said, we have concepts like Smart City, Smart Village, Smart Administration, so we should have Smart Man or good human being also. And this objective could be achieved through education only.

The Deputy Chief Minister, speaking on the occasion, also talked about importance of knowledge to transform the country from developing to developed one. He said, future of the country is not in offices or banks, but in schools and colleges, universities. On this occasion school magazine was released.

### **Preparatory meeting held for Tirthamukh Fair**

Tirthamukh Fair is not far away. In connection with this a preparatory meeting was held yesterday at the conference hall of DM office, Gomati district. Presided over by MLA Rampada Jamatia the meeting was

also attended by MLA Burbamohan Tripura, MLA Sindhu Kumar Jamatia, DM T.K. Debnath, additional DM Praneshlal Chakma and other officials.

It was decided in the meeting that Makar Sankranti Fair at Tirthamukh would be inaugurated on January 14. Centering this fair the information and cultural affairs department will arrange nightlong cultural programme for the pious folks coming from different corners of the state. Temporary sheds will be constructed on the part of the administration and exhibition stalls will be opened by various departments. So will be there drinking water and toilet facilities. An organizing committee was formed in the meeting with MLA Burbamohan Tripura to head it as chairman.

### **Sluice gate to come up over Chandandhepa**

A sluice gate will be constructed over Chandandhepa stream to facilitate irrigation over agricultural land in Chandan Mura gaon panchayat under Nalchar block in Sepahijala district during the current financial year. This sluice gate will be constructed through MGNREGA at the cost of Rs. 27.31 lakh. The implementing department is water resource department. With the coming of this sluice gate irrigation facilities could ensured over an area of 25 ha. in east and west Chanda Mura.