

## 19<sup>th</sup> State level Baisu festival from April 11-12

19<sup>th</sup> state level Baisu festival will be held at the premises of Thalibari H.S School of Sepahijala district on April 11-12. This decision has been taken in the preparatory meeting held under the chairmanship of DM of Sepahijala district C K Jamatia at the conference hall of DM office on February 24 to make the festival a success. Representatives from Bangladesh will also participate in the two-day long festival organized jointly by ICA department, tribal welfare department, Sepahijala district administration, TTADC and Tripura Choibalai Baithu.

Cultural programme, Kabi Gaan, seminar, quiz competition, sit & draw competition, essay writing competition etc. will be held every day. Famous artistes from Bangladesh and Tripura will be participating in the cultural programme. Moreover, different departments will open exhibition stall. MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma, MLA Subhash Chandra Das, Dr. Dev Dulal Tripura, BDOs of Mohanbhog and Kathalia blocks alongwith officials of different departments took part in the discussion.

## 38<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair opens amidst fanfare



Book is the best friend of human beings. Men can be separated from each other, but it never happens with their books. This is what the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb had to say about the significance of books in our lives after inaugurating the 38<sup>th</sup> Agartala Book Fair – 2020 at the Hapania International Fair Ground yesterday. He said, coming away from the stereotype outlook this year's book fair has been organized. This is also a kind of step towards making Tripura a model state, termed the chief minister.

The inaugural programme was also graced by the presence of the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma as the guest of honour. He said, the present government has tried to organize this book fair in different manner. He was also of the view that men should also continue reading

printed paper books so that a kind of relation between the reader and the writer gets built in the way, which is not possible with e-books. At the same time, he, recognizing the advantages of e-books, expressed concern over the challenges that conventional books are facing nowadays.

Among others who spoke on the occasion included the revenue minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma as guest of honour, education minister Ratan Lal Nath as guest of honour, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, as guest of honour. The host of dignitaries also included special guests MLA Mimi Majumder and MLA Ramprasad Paul. Welcome address was delivered by the secretary of ICA department Shailesh Singh. The chief minister himself opened the theme pavilion 'Aamar Tripura Aamar Sanskriti', Census SEJAN Kalyan, photo gallery and media centre, Indian Red Cross Society's stall, Manthan, Urdhadhani etc. stalls.

### **New road constructed in Amarapur under MGNREGA**

Different works have been taken up for implementation in different places of Amarapur block under MGNREGA during the current financial year. 9 brick soiling roads will be constructed in rural areas under the scheme at the cost of Rs 1 crore 18 lakh 1 thousand 668. Rs 17,7,856 will

be spent for construction of boundary wall of Kasko Khabakasa School. One RCC box culvert will be constructed at Bhomachhara village at the cost of Rs 26,941. One RCC box culvert will be constructed on the road from Glowasingh bari of Lalgiri village to Garia Mission road. Rs 9, 87,740 will be spent for construction of the culvert. Another RCC box culvert will be constructed on the same road at the cost of RS 6, 37,314. The concerned block office has informed this.

### **Voyashri Yojana camp in Ranirbazar**

Rashtriya Voyashri Yojana camp was organized by the West district administration in association with district social welfare and social education inspector's office and Alimco (Guwahati ) at the town hall, Gitanjali in Ranirbazar on February 25. Necessary medicines have been provided after medical checkup of 174 poor old patients in the camp. Decision had also been taken to provide hearing aid, spectacle alongwith different walking aids to them. 76 male old persons and 98 female old persons were there. Among the different walking aids, there were 50 adjustable walking sticks, 77 walking sticks( cane), one crutch and adjustable size-2 , 9 foldable walkers (MS),

10 tetra pod size-2, 37 tripod size-2 , 105 spectacles, 64 BTE digital type hearing aids, 81 foldable wheel chairs and 373 Jink Air battery. Rs 10 lakh 36 thousand 364 was spent for these aids.

### **Sports items distributed in Santirbazar**

Sports items were distributed among 10 schools, 13 wards and sports coaching centre of Santirbazar Municipal Council to encourage the students about sports. Among the sports items, 21 footballs, 19 volleyballs alongwith net, 20 skipping ropes and 97 throwing rings were distributed. Moreover, different sports items for cricket were distributed. Besides, total 42 ping pong balls were distributed among 21 Anganwadi centres of the municipal area for kids. SDM of Santirbazar Arghya Saha, chairperson of Santirbazar Municipal Council and other councilors were present in the programme at Santirbazar community hall.

### **Fishery minister inaugurates newly built fish marketing centre at Shamukchera**

The fishery minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma inaugurated the newly built fish marketing centre at Shamukchera

market in Shamukchera ADC village of Kakraban block yesterday. The inaugural ceremony was also graced by the agriculture and tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy. Swapan Adhikari, Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad presided over the occasion. Speaking on the occasion the fishery minister said, the state government is trying to make the state self-sufficient in fish production by increasing production. Initiative has been taken to use all the usable water bodies of the state for fish cultivation. The government is working with a target to achieve desired goal by next three years.

Agriculture minister also spoke on the occasion and reiterated the government's target to make the state self-sufficient in fish production. Chairman of Kakraban Panchayat Samiti Supriya Saha and director of the department Dilip Chakma also spoke on the occasion. Welcome address was delivered by fishery supervisor Bijoy Kanti Ghosh. Among others present were Saha Sabhadhipati Debal Debroy, social activist Abhishek Debroy, BDO of Kakraban block Abhijit Das. An amount of Rs. 20 lakh has been spent in construction of the marketing centre.