

## State observes 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day in befitting manner



Tripura has bright future and in the coming days it would become a prosperous state, stated the Governor Ramesh Bais while addressing the audience at the Assam Rifles Ground yesterday after hoisting the national flag as part of celebration of 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day. Other dignitaries present on this central programme were the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Rebati Mohan Das, chief secretary Manoj Kumar and DIG A.K. Shukla.

The Governor said, there is no room for violence in democracy and there is no such issue that cannot be solved in peaceful manner. On this occasion he paid respect to those who laid their lives for achieving this freedom and greeted the jawans engaged in protecting the country

within and on the border. He said, 70 per cent of the population of the state is dependent on agriculture. So, the state government is giving emphasis on doubling the income of farmers in five years. Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Rs. 117 crore has been distributed into the accounts of 1.90 lakh farmers of the state and 14 Krishak Bandhu Kendras have been opened to supply technical knowledge to the farmers. To facilitate marketing of their produces all markets of the state will be linked with e-NAM platform. Thirty-thousand famers have been brought under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to protect them from natural calamity-triggered losses. The government is also encouraging organic farming. The produces of organic farming are being marketed under the brand name 'Tripura Organic'.

The state government is trying to promote road, rail, air and water connectivity as part of HIRA concept. It is expected that transportation of goods through Chittagong and Mongla port in Bangladesh will start very soon. Once the Sonamura-Daudkandi waterway opens transport cost of goods will come down and the Agartala-Akhaura rail line will turn to be a milestone in this direction. The

Governor also said, in honour of Maharaj Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur his birthday has been declared a government holiday. The state government is trying to promote small and medium industries based on bamboo, tea, rubber, vegetable etc.. In order to make Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Policy – 2017 more attractive hotel business, tourism etc. sectors have been brought under the policy. The aim of the government is to draw more investment thereby creating more employment opportunities.

To ensure quality of education NCERT syllabus has been introduced in class-I to class-XII from the 2019-20 academic year. For this purpose a new scheme 'Natun Disha' has been implemented. Professional courses have been introduced in 24 schools to make education more income-oriented. A new scheme for the IAS aspirants called 'Lakshya' has been introduced. To ensure healthy living treatment facility of upto Rs. 5 lakh is being given each poor family under Ayushman Bharat. So far 47,000 patients of the state have received benefits of this scheme.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day was observed through various programmes across the state yesterday. In the morning the education minister Ratan Lal Nath paid

floral tribute at Gandhi-bedi and Shaheed-bedi at Post Office Chowmuhani. On the other hand, in the parade at Assam Rifles Ground took part the BSF, Assam Rifles, CRPF, TSR, state police (both men and women), Forest Guard, Home Guard, NCC (boys and girls), Boys Scout, Girls Guide, NSS, Civil Defence and Assam Rifles Public School. The Governor handed over medals to the police officers and personnel. In addition, there were several cultural performances by the school students.



*Cultural programme at Old Raj Bhavan, Agartala held on the occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day yesterday.*

### Workshop on role panchayat & village committee

A day-long workshop on the role of gram panchayat and village committee in the socio-economic development of rural people was held at Durga Chowmuhani block of Kamalpur subdivision recently. Chairman of Durga Chowmuhani Panchayat Samiti Sampa Dash inaugurated the workshop in presence of the Pradhan, Up-Pradhan, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Panchayat Secretary, Saha-Sabhadhipati of Dhalai Zilla Parishad Anadi Sarkar, BDO Rameshwar Chakraborty and others.

In the workshop panchayat extension officer Arajit Debbarma discussed about the role of ideal panchayat, regular participation of the public representatives in the process of implementation of various programmes of panchayat, need to extend the central and state schemes upto the grass root level etc. BDO Rameshwsar Chakraborty also discussed on how to expedite implementation of different welfare schemes. Tapas Paul, vice chairman of Durga Chowmuhani Panchayat Samiti presided over the occasion.



Glimpses of 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day celebrations across the state