

NCC cycle rally for Swachh Bharat flagged off yesterday

A cycle rally was organised by Tripura 13-Battalion NCC yesterday to spread awareness about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The rally was started from Swami Vivekananda Maidan. The education minister Ratan Lal Nath flagged off the 300 km. rally from Agartala to Silchar. Speaking on the occasion the education minister said, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was started on October 2, 2014. On a call of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi this campaign has taken the form of a mass movement. He also mentioned that the state government has allotted a land in Mohanpur for setting up NCC Training Academy. CO of 13 Tripura Battalion NCC Satish Sharma was also present there. Fifteen NCC cadets are taking part in this rally which will reach Silchar on September 28 and the participants will take part in the flag-in programme there. Another rally from Mizoram will also reach there to be part of this congregation.

200th birth anniversary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar celebrated

To mark the 200th birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, the school education department and



information and cultural affairs department organised a special programme at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan yesterday. The education minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Former vice-chancellor of Tripura Central University Dr. Arunoday Saha graced the occasion as the guest of honour while assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh at Agartala Kiriti Chakma remained present as a special guest. Welcome address was delivered by the director of elementary education Tanushree Debbarma. Former director of school education Ranjit Kumar Debnath presided over the occasion. Prizes were handed over to the winners of sit and draw competition organised jointly by these two departments. Four schools of Agartala Municipal Corporation area, two colleges and artistes of ICA department presented cultural programme.

Administrative-cum-health camp held at Mendi ADC village



Pic. By Tuhin Aich, ICO

With the objective of reaching out to the people of remote areas with administrative facilities an administrative-cum-health camp was organised at Mendi ADC village in Salema block of Kamalpur subdivision yesterday. The camp was held at Madhya Mendi JB School ground. The representatives of health, drinking water, agriculture, departments and SDM Sushanta Kumar Sarkar interacted with the local people. In the camp people 126 received PRTC, 143 people received ST certificate and 85 people received marriage registration certificate. Besides, 36 people availed health check-up and medicines.

GPDP workshop in Udaipur to chalk-out future strategies

Under the aegis of panchayat department a daylong workshop on Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) was held

yesterday at Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Udaipur. Panchayat secretaries, GRS and representatives of various departments were present there. The discussion in the workshop included assessment of the activities of 2019-20 financial year, gramsabha meeting, socio-economic development of gram panchayat and village committee areas etc. In addition, panchayat officer Shanti Ranjan Chakma, assistant director Ratan Nama, Bipul Barman and panchayat extension officers deliberated in detail on how to chalk-out the plan of development for gram panchayats for the 2020-21 financial year.

40 Fish farmer families to get houses in Jampuijala

Under the initiative the fisheries department houses will be constructed for 40 fish farmer families of four ADC villages in Jampuijala subdivision during the 2019-20 financial year. Among the beneficiaries 10 will be from Pekuarjala ADC village, 10 families from Pranbhapur ADC village, 10 families from Madhya Ghaniamara ADC village and 10 families from Tuima ADC village. An amount of Rs. 1.30 lakh will be spent in construction of each house, informed a source of the Jampuijala fishery supervisor's office.

Ayushman Bharat completes one year – all beneficiaries to receive e- Card by March, 2020

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has completed one year of its implementation. On this note the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb has directed the officials of the health department to provide e-Card to all the beneficiaries of this scheme by March, 2020. This includes 3.57 lakh beneficiaries of Ayushman Tripura Yojana. To mark the occasion a special programme was organised at Pragna Bhavan recently. Addressing the audience there the chief minister stated that this scheme will not only benefit the patients but also it will bring income to the hospitals.

On this occasion the chief minister said, the state government is working on several plans and strategies to improve health services in the state. Recently Atal Behari Bajpayee Regional Cancer Hospital was inaugurated in Agartala, he mentioned. For this purpose the central government provided an amount of Rs. 120 crore. Initiative has been taken to install required machineries in this hospital.

Shedding light on the provisions of Ayushman Bharat the secretary of health department Dr. Debasis Basu said, it has two components, one is establishment of health and wellness centre and another is provision of upto Rs. 5 lakh in cash for treatment of poor families. At present there are 1020 sub-health centres in the state. Out of them, 300 sub-health centres have been converted to health and wellness centre. The government has a target to

convert rest of the sub-health centres into health and wellness centres by the year 2022. These health and wellness centres are meant to provide diagnosis, testing facility and free medicines after that.

Additionally the working secretary of Tripura Swasthya Suraksha Samiti Aditi Majumder informed that apart from observance of Ayushman Bharat Day alongwith the rest of the country the state has also observed Ayushman Bharat Fortnight from September 14-20. About 20.57 lakh people of the state have been brought under the scheme and till now 5 lakh beneficiaries have received e-Card. Sixty-two government hospitals and two private hospitals of the state have been enlisted under the scheme and from these hospitals beneficiaries are receiving 1551 types of health services and surgery packages.



Poshan Mela held at Ramthakur ground, Mohanpur on 25th September, 2019.

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