



consistence with that the pilot project in Tripura is being launched. As per Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) beneficiaries of this scheme will be selected. Those who have RSBY card and registered in 2016 or later will also be covered under the scheme. Difficult diseases like neuro-problems, cardiac surgery etc. will be covered and primarily this scheme is being introduced in AGMC and GB Hospital and later on it will be extended to 62 other health centres of the state. Tripura Health Protection Society, under the National Health Mission will be in charge of implementation of the scheme.

On this occasion the Chief Minister and Health Minister handed over e-Health cards to eight beneficiaries. The programme was also attended by the chief secretary Sanjib Ranjan, principal secretary to the Chief Minister Kumar Alok and other top officials.

### **Neermahal Festival concludes**

The four-day Neermahal Festival concluded yesterday amid fanfare. *Nouka Baiche* (boat race), swimming competition etc. were the major attractions of the day. The Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb was present to open the concluding ceremony while other dignitaries included the Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy, Chief Whip of Tripura Legislative Assembly Kalyani Roy, MLA Subhash Chandra Das

and DM of Sepahijala district. At the end prizes were handed over to the winners of different competitions.

Neermahal Water Festival symbolizing heritage of the state commenced at Rajghat, Melaghar subdivision on August 24. Ceremonial inception was done at the hands of the Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma. It has been organized by the information and cultural affairs department, Tripura Tourism Development Corporation, youth affairs and sports department and Rudrasagar Udvastu Matsyajibi Samabay Samiti, Melaghar Municipal Council and Sonamura subdivisional administration. Following this festival every evening Rajghat open stage presented a vibrant ambience with the cultural performances by artistes of the state and outside the state. Exhibition stalls have also been opened.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said, the state government has a plan to form a tourist circuit comprising Unakoti, Neermahal, Matabari and Chhabimura. He also informed that the government had decided to promote tourism as well as generate income source for the people living around Neermahal. For this purpose 50,000 ducklings will be distributed among the people through animal resource development department. In order to increase production of fish also the Chief



