





Kumar Chakraborty and others were present in the meeting. Deputy C.M instructed the officers to expedite various development works like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojan, construction of rural toilets, road, drinking water, irrigation system, power connection, MGNREGA etc. On behalf of TCS officers Deputy C.M Sri Debbarma handed over Rs 20,000/ to wife of Late Sukanta Chakraborty, Tanushree Baruwa (Chakraborty). Deputy C.M also visited the construction work of Bharat-Bangladesh Pheni Bridge and the office of Satchand block.

### **Review meeting of development work in Khowai district**

A review meeting was organized by Khowai district administration at the conference hall of D.M office to review progress of activities of various departments in Khowai district on July 15, 2018. The meeting was presided by the Revenue and Fisheries Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma in presence of D.M Rabindra Reang and other officers. Revenue minister instructed the officers to implement the development works for overall development of the state. He appealed to all for cooperation for making Khowai district open defecation free (ODF) district.

The D.M informed that there are total 64,314 job cards under MGNREGA scheme in 6 blocks of the district. Total 5 lakh 5 thousand 696 mandays were

generated in the district till now during the 2018-19 financial year. Total 23,172 toilets had been constructed for the APL and BPL beneficiaries of various blocks of Khowai district. More 3,221 toilets are being constructed. Total 7 community toilets have been constructed in the district under Swaachh Bharat Mission (rural). Total 706 houses had been constructed in the district under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana during the 2016-17 financial year. Construction of 106 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and 40 houses under Tripura State Abasan Yojana is going on during 2017-18 financial year. Rs 7 crore 29 lakh will be spent for implementation of various development programmes in the field of sports, education, health, agriculture etc under Border Development Scheme during 2018-19 financial year.

### **Kharchi festival to start on July 20**

Seven-day long traditional Kharchi festival-cum-exhibition-cum-fair will commence from July 20-26, 2018 at the Chaturdash Devatabari complex of Old Agartala. The festival will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on the Krishnamala stage at 11 A.M on July 20, 2018. Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma will be present as the chief guest in the inaugural function. Chairman of TTADC Dr. Ranjit Debbarma, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Singha, MLA Susanta Chowdhury and MLA Birendra Debbarma will be present in the function as guest of honour.

A total of 806 stalls for private traders and 15 stalls for government enterprises have been allotted for the fair. CCTV surveillance will be installed in various places of the fair on security point of view. Like other years cultural function will be organized by information and cultural affairs department and Mela Committee jointly. This cultural function will be performed by artistes of entire State on Krishnamala stage from 11 a.m for seven days. Children's Festival will be started at 3 p.m on Haveli Park Mukta Mancha. Besides, sit & draw competition will be held for the children at Haveli Park Mukta Mancha on the third day of the festival, July 22, 2018 at 9 p.m.

**Tourist places of Tripura are to be made more attractive to present before the world : CM**

A review meeting of the Tourism department was convened on July 16 in the conference hall of the Civil Secretariat. In the meeting the Chief Minister directed the concerned officers to make action plan for development of different attractive and verdant beautiful tourist places of Tripura to promote them before the country and world. Besides, the CM also directed the Tourism department to ensure world-class facilities at all tourist spots of Tripura. He asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently instructed the officers of ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) not to impose any restrictions on photography at

different tourist places under Archaeological Survey of India. Adhering to the instruction of the Prime Minister the Chief Minister also instructed the Tourism department not to impose any restrictions on photography at different tourist places under Tourism department of the State.

The Secretary of Tourism department has reported that at present 30 tourist lodges are there in the State. Seven cafeterias would be opened within few days in our state. Apart from this, three cafeterias would be opened at Akhaura check post, Banduar and Ambassa under Swadesh Darshan scheme. In this context the Chief Minister said, initiatives should be taken to make proper arrangement for availability of South Indian food alongwith foods of other States at those cafeterias.

The CM has given importance on preparing a tourist guide book namely *Tripura Parikrama* by incorporating attractive photographs alongwith detailed history of famous tourist places of Tripura. The CM has also instructed the Tourism department to take plan for construction of Rope-way from Matabari to Bhubaneswari temple. In that review meeting among the others Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy, chief secretary Sanjeev Ranjan and top officials of the state administration were present.