

## **Folk Cultural Festival – 2019 from tomorrow at Agartala**

From tomorrow will be starting a two-day long folk cultural festival at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan, Agartala. The festival will be organized by the information and cultural affairs department. At 6 pm. tomorrow the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma will be inaugurating the festival in presence of noted writer and poet Nanda Kumar Debbarma. Subhash Deb, vice-president of State Cultural Advisory Committee will preside over the inaugural programme.

## **West Tripura Zilla Parishad bags Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayati Shashaktikaran Award**

West Tripura Zilla Parishad has been honoured with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayati Shashaktikaran Award at a function in New Delhi on October 23. This award was given as a recognition of excellent performance in implementation of different development activities by the Zilla Parishad. In presence of the Union panchayat minister Narendra Singh Tomar West Tripura Zilla Parishad was handed over Rs. 50 lakh of the award. Sabhadhipati of West Triupra Zilla Parishad Antara

Sarkar Deb has informed this adding that the cash prize will be utilized in more development activities in the district.

## **Festival of lights Diwali celebrated with pomp and fanfare**



Three-day Diwali Festival and Fair at the Tripura Sundari Temple compound commenced with enormous fanfare on October 27. The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the festival-cum-fair in presence of the guest of honour Narendra Chandra Debbarma, tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy, MP Rebati Tripura, MLA Rampada Jamatia and other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion the chief minister said, the state government is working with a challenge to build a women atrocities-free, corruption-free, hunger and violence-free Tripura. He hoped that the festival of lights Diwali will bring in happiness, peace

and prosperity for all. He also mentioned about prospects of development of tourism centering Tripura Sundari Temple or Matabari. The revenue minister addressing the gathering, termed Matabari as a very holy place and referred to its historical backdrop.

The festival days will be filled with cultural programmes and activities in the exhibition stalls opened by various departments. On the other hand, as a part of the festival, the chief minister accompanied by his wife Neeti Deb and other dignitaries took part in Mangal Arti on the banks of Kalyan Sagar lake in the early morning of October 27. A total of 51 Dhakis and 51 priests took part in this Arti programme. This kind of gigantic Arti programme was organized at Matabari for the time.



*Students of Halahali English Medium School distributing paper-bags in Halahali market as a part of Swachhta Hi Seva programme on 26<sup>th</sup> October.*

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### **Over Rs. 10 crore collected in Gomati district under Small Savings**

Under the Small Savings Scheme an amount of Rs. 10,53,46,747 has been collected in Gomati district till September of the current financial year. Divulging the information, small savings officer of Gomati district said, of the total amount, Rs. 8,32,60,700 has been collected from Udaipur sub-division, Rs. 1,80,91,532 has been collected from Amarpur sub-division and Rs. 39,94,515 has been collected from Karbook sub-division. It is noteworthy that this year's target for collection under the scheme in Gomati district is Rs. 25 crore.

### **Administrative-cum-health camp in Hirachera tea estate**

Under the initiative of Kailashahar sub-division an administrative-cum-health camp was held recently in the office complex of Hirachera tea estate in Hirachera ADC village of Gournagar block. In the camp applications for 32 PRTC, 21 ST, 4 income certificates and one AADHAAR card were received by the administration. On the part of the health department 50 persons were provided health check-up and medicines. The animal resources development department also treated 137 animals and birds and distributed preventive medicines. SDM Rupad Bhattacharya and other officials were present in the camp.