

## **Govt. initiative to revive Narkel Kunja as tourist destination**

The government has taken fresh initiatives to groom Narkel Kunja and promote this destination before the tourists. In the coming days tourists will be able to spend nights in Narkel Kunja, stated the tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy while attending a review and interaction session held at Narkel Kunja today. He visited different development activities there and later on instructed the agri-supervisor to plant more coconut trees there. In order to encourage people venture into purchase of new boats the government will arrange loan facility.

The minister also said, the government has taken initiative to renovate the road from Jatanbari to Raishyabari. He appealed to the Society for enlisting local youths to act as tourist guide. Some water-scooters will also be procured in future. He also instructed the Karbooka and Gandachera SDMs to fix a rate chart of boat fare between Mandirghat and Narkel Kunja or Gandachera to Narkelkunja. Among others present there were – MLA Burbomohan Tripura, MLA Ranjit Das, MDC Pratiram Tripura, SDMs, BDOs, tourism officials, and

representatives of PWD, agriculture, rural development departments.



*Voluntary blood donation camp at Mohanpur on November 2.*

*Pic. by Ashok Debbarma, ICO*

## **Water ATM at 10 places of Agartala city**

Water ATMs have been installed at ten places of Agartala city. This project was officially inaugurated by MP Pratima Bhowmik at Agartala City Centre on November 2 under Smart City Mission. These water ATMs have been installed at state secretariat, Gorkhabasti, City Centre, TMC, Dimsagar, Radhanagar, ILS Hospital, GBP Hospital, Nagerjala and Golbazar. An amount of Rs. 1, 11, 40,000 has been spent for this purpose.

Speaking on this occasion MP Pratima Bhowmik stated that every inhabitant of Agartala city has a responsibility to protect these water ATMs. She also

mentioned, the Smart City project has provisions for pure drinking water facility, toilet and waste management etc. in addition to CC camera surveillance, lighting system and various technology-based citizen services. In total work worth Rs. 2000 crore would be executed in Agartala under Smart City mission. Out of this, the centre and state governments will share 50:50 of the required investment. The state government adopted a plan to upgrade the road from MBB airport to a double-lane road. Among other dignitaries were present MLA Dr. Dilip Kumar Das, Mayor of AMC Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, special secretary of urban development department. Commissioner of AMC Dr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav delivered welcome address.

### **Assistance for pisci-culture**

Assistance has been provided to different ADC villages of Dasda block. 1200 fingerlings have been provided to each of the fish farmers families. Moreover, 1640 fingerlings have been provided to fisherman beneficiaries under mixed-pisci-culture. Fish feed, lime, oilcake etc have also been provided. Kanchanpur sub-divisional office of fisheries has informed this.

### **Bir Bikram Kishore Memorial football tournament at Gandachera**

Gandachera subdivision level Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Memorial Annual Prize Money Knockout Football Tournament was inaugurated by prominent social activist Bikash Chakma at Gandachera H.S. School ground on November 1, 2019, in presence of social activist Aditya Sarkar and DCM G.B. Das were present in the programme. Twelve teams have participated in the tournament. DCM G.B. Das delivered welcome address.

### **Lalan Festival concludes**



*Pic. by Manimala Das, ICO*

Four-day long Lalan Festival concluded on November 3. The festival was organized at Geetanjali hall, Ranirbazar. It was jointly organized by the information and cultural affairs department, West Tripura Zilla Parishad, Jirania sub-divisional administration and other blocks. Prizes were handed over by the guests to the Lalan festival.