

## **District level art competition held in Dharmanagar**

The school education department, with the assistance of information and cultural affairs department, organized North Tripura district level a competition of folk dance, histrionics art and painting yesterday. This event was organized in connection with Janashiksha programme at Vivekananda Sardha Shatabarshiki Bhavan, Dharmanagar on November 5. The histrionics art competition was inaugurated by the deputy speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Biswabandhu Sen while folk dance and painting competition was inaugurated by Sabhadhipati of North Tripura Zilla Parishad Biswajit Ghosh.

A total of 22 teams from different schools of the district took part in these competitions. Dharmanagar Government Higher Secondary Girls School snatched first rank in the folk dance competition; Padmapur HS School came first in the histrionics art competition and in painting competition first, second and third ranks were grabbed by Nirjala Singha, Baishali Purkayastha and Sanjib Das respectively. The winners will take part in state level competitions later on. Prizes were handed over to the winners.

## **Seminar on tribal sports from November 7**

A seminar will be organized at Michael Madhusudhan Datta College in Sabroom on November 7-8 for the promotion of traditional games and sports of the tribes of the state. The tribal welfare minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia will be inaugurating the seminar at 10 am on November 7. MLA Rampada Jamatia and MLA Shankar Roy will remain present as special guests. Thau Mog, principal of the college will preside over the occasion. Apart from discussions, the event will have demonstration of tribal sports also.

## **TTDC's new initiative – taxi service & photography-videography competition**

In order to promote Tripura as a popular tourist destination the Tripura Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC) has taken a number of initiatives. As a part of this it has launched two programmes. One is launching taxi service from Agartala airport to Agartala city and secondly, photography and videography competition on the important tourist spots of Tripura. The taxi service has started from November 6, 2019.

On the other hand, photography and videography competition will be held from November 10 to November 30. Three best photographs and two videos of each tourist spot will be selected from this competition. Participants have to submit both soft and hard copy of their product. Size of the high resolution photographs will be 8"X10" and length of each video will be 20 seconds. Winners of the competition in photography category will receive a cash prize of Rs. 2000 and in videography category it will be Rs. 5000. For further details [www.tripuratourism.gov.in](http://www.tripuratourism.gov.in) may be visited.

### **BMC level folk festival concludes in Belonia**

Municipal Council level folk festival was held at Belonia town hall recently under the joint collaboration of information and cultural affairs department and Belonia Municipal Council. Chairperson of the BMC Shukla Deb Sarkar inaugurated the festival in presence of other dignitaries including senior information office Biswajit Deb, president of PWD related standing committee of BMC Babul Bhowmik. Welcome address was given by ICO Rajesh Debnath. A total of 45 folk artistes took part in the festival.

### **Gram Sabha meeting at Brahmachhara gaon panchayat**

A Gram Sabha meeting was organized on November 4 to discuss and plan course of development in Brahmachhara gaon panchayat of Teliamura block for the period of 2020-21 financial year. The meeting was chaired by the Panchayat Pradhan Nirulaxmi Debbarma. Vice-chairman of Teliamura Panchayat Samiti Apu Gope, pranchayat Upa-pradhan Naresh Das, panchayat officer of Teliamura block Sharmistha Debroy, members of the concerned panchayat and officers of various departments were present in the meeting.

Agriculture and farmers welfare department informed that assistance will be provided to 200 beneficiaries of the panchayat for boro paddy cultivation in 20 hectare land, 100 beneficiaries for vegetable cultivation in 5 hectare land, 5 beneficiaries for *mausambi* cultivation in 1 hectare land. Paddy seeds and other assistance will be provided to 300 beneficiaries for *aman* and high breed paddy cultivation. Fisheries department informed that assistance will be provided to 6 persons of the concerned area in digging of small reservoir, 6 persons for mixed pisci culture, 5 persons for integrated fish cultivation during the coming financial year. Fishing net will be

provided to 10 persons. Animal resources development department will provide assistance to total 8 persons for animal husbandry. Health department informed that mosquito net would be provided to every family for preventing malaria. Other departments also highlighted their plans for development of the panchayat.

### **Poverty alleviation committee reviews activities in Old Agartala**

A meeting of the poverty alleviation related standing committee of Old Agartala Panchayat Samiti was held at the conference hall of Old Agartala Panchayat Samiti on November 4. The meeting was presided over by the chairman of the standing committee Dipti Rani Ghosh. Chairman of the Panchayat Samiti Biswajit Shil, vice-chairman Monti Debnath, other members of the committee and officers of various departments were present in the meeting. Panchayat extension officer reviewed various schemes of the committee in the meeting.

Panchayat secretary Binoy Bhattacharjee informed that house under PM Awas Yojana had been provided to 68 families of the block during 2019-20 financial year. Block labour inspector informed that under construction workers scheme, I-card has been provided to 555 persons of the block till now. Moreover, 1417 pass books of SSP have been issued in the block.

### **Toibandal Ras Mela to be held on Nov 11**

133th Toibandal Ras Mela of Shyamachand Goswami Ashram will be held at the premises of North Toibandal H.S School on November 11. In this connection a preparatory meeting was held at the community hall of North Toibandal in Mohanbhog block on November 4. The meeting was presided over by the chairman of Mohanbhog BAC Batsalya Kumar Noatia. D.M of Sepahijala district C K Jamatia, SDM of Sonamura subdivision Asit Das alongwith subdivision level officers of various departments and local public representatives were present in the meeting.

This Ras Mela will be organized jointly by ICA Department, Mohanbhog block, Mela organizing committee in association with of various departments. It was decided in the meeting that exhibition stall of rural development, agriculture and farmers welfare, fisheries, animal resources development departments, Swachch Bharat Mission (rural ), social welfare and social education, education and health departments will be opened in the *mela*. D.M emphasized on holding clean and plastic free *mela* as well as maintenance of law and order. One advisory committee and various sub-committees have been constituted in the meeting to make the programme a success.