

Brahmakunda Mela - 2019 begins amidst ceremonial pomp



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Three-day long Brahmakunda Festival began at Brahmakunda of Mohanpur subdivision on the occasion of Ras Purnima. The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, in presence of the education minister Ratanlal Nath, inaugurated the festival, organized jointly by the department of information and cultural affairs and West Tripura district administration. Exhibition stalls were opened by various departments and every evening will have cultural programmes. Traders from different places have laid out their merchandises. Among others present on the inaugural day were chairman of Tripura Tea Development

Corporation Santosh Saha, chairman of ST Welfare Corporation Mangal Debbarma and sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Deb Sarkar. Welcome address was given by the SDM Prasun De.

C.M visits handloom cooperative society at Sankhala

Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb visited Sonaram Female Weavers' Handloom Cooperative Society situated at Sankhala of Simna on November 12. The cooperative society under handloom, handicraft and sericulture department was established on December 15, 2008. This society is being controlled by female weavers. Number of the members of the society is 203. During the visit the chief minister interacted with the female weavers. He was informed about various demands of the female weavers. MLA Brishketu Debbarma, secretary of handloom, handicraft and sericulture department Kiran Gitte, Director Smita Mal, S.P of West district Manik Das were present during the visit.

State level Orange Festival at North Baramura of Killa

An orange festival was organized in the premises of North Baramura Toibaklai J.B School of Killa block on November 12. The

deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma inaugurated this programme. He said that huge quantity of orange is being cultivated in Baramura of Killa block and Nagrai, Baishyamuni para of Ampa block and hoped that these oranges would eventually earn name outside the state also. The transport minister Pranajit Sinha Roy as the chief guest of this programme informed that Rs 6000 in three installments as financial assistance under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana has been provided to 2732 farmers. 242 hectare land has been covered under PM Fasal Bima Yojana.



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Moreover, 354 tribal farmer families are cultivating orange in 461 hectare land of Baramura. Rs 15 thousand has been provided to each of 200 farmer families of this area totalling Rs 30 lakh, for plantation of orange. State government has taken responsibility for marketing of orange. BDO of Killa block Animesh

Debbarma, delivered welcome address. Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad Swapan Adhikari, MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh, MLA Promod Reang, Chairman of Wakaf Board Jashim Uddin, MDC Joykishore Jamatia were present in the programme. Chairman of Killa block MLA Rampada Jamatia presided over the programme. Total 60 fruit farmers brought their produce at the fair ground. On this occasion, orange exhibition and competition were arranged by the agriculture and farmers welfare department. Apart from prizes for first three rank holders, consolation prizes were also given to five participants.

38 houses constructed for silk worm cultivation in Gomati district

The handloom and sericulture department has provided rearing houses to 34 families of 3 subdivisions of Gomati district during the last financial year for silk worm cultivation. Among these, houses have been constructed for 13 families of Udaipur subdivision, 10 families of Amarpur subdivision and 10 families of Karbook subdivision. Rs 96 thousand has been spent for construction of each house. Rs 32 lakh 64 thousand in total has been spent for this purpose. The handloom and sericulture department source informed that 70.750 K.g silk worm

worth Rs 3 lakh 54 thousand 830 has been produced during the current financial year till now.

TTDC signs MoU to handover Sagarmahal to Hotel Polo Tower



Tripura Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC) and Hotel Polo Tower Private Limited, Shillong, signed a MoU at Sagarmahal in Melaghar on November 11. As per the MoU signed, Sagarmahal tourist lodge was handed over Hotel Polo Tower for ten years. With a view to providing three-star facilities to the tourists this initiative was taken, stated the state tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy on this occasion.

Later on the minister visited the ongoing renovation works at Neermahal and said, the government has taken measures to re-operationalise Light and Sound Show at Neermahal. He also inaugurated a floating

jetty for the convenience of the tourists. Among others present were MLA Subhash Chandra Das, chairperson of Melaghar Municipal Council Uttam Das and director of TTDC Bishwashree B.

Renovation of school buildings under PDF

Renovation of seven school buildings under panchayat development fund of Gomati Zilla Parishad has been done during the current financial year for development of educational infrastructure. The renovated schools are Holakhet high school, Gowalgao high school, Gokulpur high school, Totamura high school, Powermura high school, Khilpara H.S School and Hirapur high school. Rs 1 lakh has been spent for renovation of each school. Rs 7 lakh in total has been spent for this purpose.

Moreover, school and kitchen room of 23 Anganwadi centres of 4 non ADC blocks of the district have been renovated at the cost of Rs 4 lakh 50 thousand. Renovation of drain and road of Rangamati gaon panchayat of Amarpur block under panchayat development fund has been done at the cost of Rs 6 lakh 20 thousand. The office of Gomati Zilla Parishad has informed this.