

No-objection received for Border Haats at Palbasti & Kamalpur

Bangladesh government has issued no-objection certificate for construction of two new border *haats* – one at Palbasti (Raghna) in North Tripura district and another at Kamalpur of Dhalai district. Actually the issue of new border haats was raised with the Government of Bangladesh in the second meeting of Joint Committee held at Sylhet on 23-24 April, 2019. Accordingly an area of 1.36 acre for Kamalpur and 1.92 acres have been identified by the Joint Haat Management Committee of Tripura and Bangladesh afterwards. The same issue was pursued with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh during her recent visit on October 5.

Now the identified land will be purchased through a sub-division level Land Purchase Committee and necessary fund has already been placed with the concerned land acquisition collector of Dhalai and North Tripura.

Apart from that, two more new border *haats* are proposed to be set up at Radhanagar /Ghoshkhamar, Belonia in South Tripura and Belchera of Khowai district. For the Radhanagar haat district officials of both the sides have already

visited the spot and final recommendation is yet to be received from the Joint Committee, while for the Belchera *haat*, joint visit is yet to be taken up. The existing border haats at Srinagar and Kamalasagar are running smoothly and adding to the socio-economic development of the people of Tripura and Bangladesh.



Chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb attending Indo-Bangla Stakeholders Meet at Guwahati yesterday

House for fish farmers of Teliamura subdivision

The fisheries department will provide house to total 70 fish farmers of Teliamura subdivision. 30 houses in Teliamura block, 20 houses Kalyanpur block and 20 houses in Mugiakami block will be constructed under CSS scheme. Fishery officer of District Fisheries office Nirupam Das has informed that Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand will be spent for construction of each house.

1909 persons benefited under social pension schemes in Khowai MC

1909 persons are getting pension under various social pension schemes in Khowai MC area. Among them, 213 persons are getting Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension; 17 persons aged above 80 years are also getting Indira Gandhi National Old age pension. 56 persons are getting Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension. 398 persons are getting pension for widow and deserted women. 40 persons having 60 percent or more disability are getting disability pension. 4 persons are getting 100 percent blindness pension. 13 persons are getting pension under rickshaw pullers pension scheme. 271 persons are getting girl child assistance scheme.

Similarly, 8 persons are getting *bidi* labourer's pension. 21 persons having 80 percent or more disability under APL category are getting Divyangan pension. 48 persons aged 45 years old or more are getting unmarried pension. 3 persons are getting state widow pension; 8 persons are getting Tripura motor workers' pension; one person is getting laundry pension; 5 persons are getting barber pension; 16 persons are getting handloom labourer pension; 9 persons are getting fishery pension; 309 persons are getting

state old age pension; 424 persons are getting maid-servant pension; 5 persons are getting HIV patient pension. 13 persons under APL category are getting deserted women pension; 3 persons are getting cancer patient's pension; 7 persons are getting folk artist pension; 14 persons are getting carpenter pension; 2 persons are getting clay artisan's pension and one person is getting Harijan pension. The office of CDPO of Khowai MC area has informed this.

Assistance to 60 fish farmers of Kanchanpur

Assistance has been provided by fisheries department to 60 fish farmers for cultivation of fish in small reservoirs in Kanchanpur subdivision during the current financial year. Among them, 480 fingerlings have been provided to each of 18 persons of Dasda block, 10 persons of Laljuri block, 7 persons of Jampuihill block, 10 persons of Dachhara block and 15 persons of Pacherthal block. Moreover, fish feed, oil cake, lime, medicine etc will be provided. The office of Kanchanpur fisheries superintendent has informed this.

Owa Festival concludes at Suknachari

Three-day Owa Festival of the Mog community jointly organized by the

information and cultural affairs department and Mog Socio-Cultural Organisation three-day long Owa festival of the Mog community concluded at Mahabodhi School ground at Suknachari of Silachari block under Karbook subdivision today. The festival was inaugurated by the tribal welfare minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia while Ven. Khemasara bhikkhu, secretary of International Buddhist Confederation graced the occasion as the chief guest. MLA Shankar Roy was present there as guest of honour and general secretary of Mog Socio-cultural Organisation Duo Mog was the special guest. SDM, Karbook delivered welcome address, while MLA Burbomohan Tripura presided over the occasion.



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The guests were welcomed in traditional Mog system of umbrella fits. Speaking on the occasion the tribal welfare minister said, the present government is giving importance to the cultural development of minority communities and this kind of festivals are associated with their cultural tradition. Exhibition stalls were opened by various departments and night-long cultural programmes were organized.

Assistance for bamboo and rubber plantation in Dhalai district

Bamboo and rubber are being planted by Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation in Dhalai district during the current financial year. Under the scheme, bamboo is being planted with financial assistance from the tribal welfare department in 7 hectare land of Domburnagar block at the cost of Rs 30 thousand 79. 7 families will be benefited under the scheme. Rubber is being planted in 7 hectare land of Ambassa block. Rs 3 lakh 15 thousand 790 per hectare land will be spent for sapling sowing, maintenance and service work. 7 families will be benefited. Rubber is being planted in 10 hectare land of Manu block with financial assistance from TR (PTG) Department. Rs 3 lakh 15 thousand 790 per hectare land will be spent during the coming six years. 10 families will be benefited. The office of the deputy manager of Dhalai district TRPC has informed this.



Rashtriya Poshan Maha Festival held today at Hezamara community hall in presence of social welfare minister Santana Chakma

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