

## **3,626 Families to benefit in Charilam block under PMAY-G**

Under the Pradha Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin house will be constructed for 3,626 families of Charilam block during the current financial year. Rs. 1.30 lakh will be spent in construction of each unit. With this decision 1,375 ST families, 608 SC families and 1,643 other families of the block will be benefited. Allotment of houses among the beneficiaries has already started.

## **73 New water bodies in the making in Sepahijala for fish farming**

Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana 73 new water bodies will be created in Sepahijala district for fish farming during the current financial year. Resultantly 19 hectare water area will come under fish cultivation. Already 14 water bodies have been created. The break-up of water bodies to be created is like this – 28 in Jampuijala block, 5 each in Charilam and Bishalgarh block, 9 each in Mohanbhog and Boxanagar block, 10 in Nalchhar block and 7 in Kanthalia block. For this purpose Rs. 1,09,02,000 will be spent.

## **National Press Day at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan**



Ideal journalism is necessary for running ideal government to build a prosperous Tripura. Media and the state will only prosper when positivity is practiced and negativity is addressed through internal discussions of the media, said chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the National Press Day celebration programme yesterday at Rabindra Bhawan organised by Information and Cultural Affairs department in association with Agartala Press Club. Senior journalists and photo journalists of the state were felicitated in the programme and were awarded for their contribution in media field. The chief minister spoke about the role of media in running of the administration. He urged the media to take experience from the past days before holding the present state government responsible for almost everything. He said, the government is working with transparent policy. For bringing transparency, digitalisation is

being brought in the system which has drastically brought positive change in the work culture of the state.

ICA minister Sushanta Choudhury in the programme said, the present government is media friendly. Efforts are being made to maintain pleasant relationship with the media personnel. The state government has taken some decisions that was impossible during the previous days. The pension of the media personnel was increased from one thousand rupees to ten thousand rupees. Press Jackets have been provided to them for their protection. Bringing media personnel under health insurance and providing housing facility are also being discussed. CBI investigation has been ordered regarding the murder of two journalists. He urged everyone to work for the state's welfare together.

Vice Chancellor of MBB University Dr. Satyadeo Poddar in the programme emphasized upon bringing up more positive news in print media. He said, media plays a vital role in bringing change in the society. The Vice Chancellor lauded the media for their contribution and urged them to keep a check that public do

not get misled or misguided through any negative news.

President of Agartala Press Club Subal Kumar Dey said, the press will have to take up the responsibility to keep the democracy strong. Only those countries develop where the press has freedom. Secretary of ICA department Dr. P. K Goyal in his welcome speech said, media plays an important role in the country's democracy. It not only brings forward different development works to the people but also brings forward public opinion and grievances to the government. The present government has taken up different initiatives for the welfare of the journalists. Assurances were provided to them during the pandemic situation.

Seven senior journalists were felicitated by the chief minister, ICA minister and other guests present in the programme. The awardees were Jayanta Bhattacharjee, Sanit Debroy, Manas Pal, Sayad Sajjad Ali, Suman Debroy, Dr. Bishwendu Bhattacharjee and Debashish Bhattacharjee. Secretary of Agartala Press Club Pranab Sarkar and Director of ICA department were also present in the programme.