



department for construction of a hostel at Shillong for tribal students. Apart from that initiative has also been taken for construction of another hostel at Guwahati. It is also informed in the meeting that 93 thousand 673 families have been provided financial benefit under Forest Right Act up to September of this current year. Beside that house constructions under various schemes have been provided to 32 thousand 722 persons.

### **Seminar on Ayurveda for good health**

Governor Professor Kaptan Singh Solanki inaugurated the State level seminar on 'Ayurveda for good health' at Sukanta Academy auditorium on November 11. The seminar was organized by Vyaspith. Inaugurating the seminar the Governor said, disease-free and healthy body is the first need of human for happiness. If someone is not having a healthy body, his money and wealth get loss. He said, it is a good sign that Ayurvedic treatment is extending whole over country.

The Governor also said that India has its own identity in Ayurveda since ancient times. The philosophy and heritage of Ayurvedic treatment is very ancient. He said, disease-free and healthy body can also be attained through

Ayurvedic treatment. Addressing the seminar Central Committee member of Ayurveda Vyaspith Dr. Suchitra Kulkarni discussed on various aspects of Ayurveda. Among the others Vice-Chancellor of Tripura University Professor V.L. Dharurkar and Director of Health department Dr. J.K. Debbarma also delivered their speech in the seminar. On behalf of Ayurveda Vyaspith branch of Tripura Dr. Achintya Kumar Deb delivered the welcome address.

### **North Tripura District level Food festival concluded**

Two day-long Food festival held at the premises of Birbikram Institute of Dharmanagar was concluded on November 10. This district level food festival and Poshan Abhiyan was organized by North Tripura district administration and Social Welfare & Social Education department in association with Information & Cultural Affairs, Education, Tribal Research Institute, PWD, North-East Rural Livelihood Mission and other departments. In this district level food festival and Poshan Abhiyan, 30 stalls of Self Help Groups were opened to showcase and sell particular food items of both tribal and non-tribal communities of the district. On this occasion artistes of various music schools and cultural organizations presented folk dance,

Dhamail, Manasamangal, Biju dance, Halam dance, Mridanga Manjuri, Cheraw dance, folk songs, Lalan song, Murshidi, Bhatiali, Palligeeti etc. The invited artistes have also presented song in the programme. Convener of North district Advisory Committee of information & Cultural Affairs department Dipal das, DCM Subhash Datta, Officials of District & Sub-divisional administrations and social activists handed over prizes to the winners of quiz competition on this occasion.

### **Awareness programme on AIDS through band music**

The first phase of State level awareness programme on AIDS through band music was held at Vivekananda Sardha Stabarshiki Bhawan of Dharmanagar organized by National AIDS Control Organization under Union Health Ministry on November 9. The programme of band music competition was inaugurated by the Deputy Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Biswa Bandhu Sen.

Addressing on this occasion the inaugurator Deputy Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Biswa Bandhu Sen said, throughout the country HIV became a matter of concern. He said, the present State government is imparting massive

drive to protest drug abuse and drug-addiction and getting success also. He said, it is not possible only by the government alone to get inclusive success in anti-addiction drive. Cooperation of media and every section of people are needed to get success in this. During his discussion the Deputy Speaker also stressed on necessity of sports and games for boys and girls besides their studies. He also urged students to grow up as good human being and stand by the others of the society. Officer of Tripura AIDS Control Society Bipul Bhowmik in his speech said, through band music competition awareness is being generated in 8 states of North-East. Among the others DM of North Tripura district Ravel Hemendra Kumar, CMO of North Tripura Dr. Subhasish Roy also delivered their speech in this programme.

In this band music programme 4 teams of this district had participated. Among these, Hundred Years Band of Vanghmun, Jampui Hill secured the first position. Re-birth Band of Dharmanagar secured the second position. While the third position secured by Apratyashita Band. The team securing first position in this band music competition was awarded with rupees five thousand , while the band securing second position was awarded with rupees three thousand and the team securing third position was

awarded with rupees two thousand. The BDO of Damcherra block Pijush Deb was felicitated for imparting AIDS and HIV related awareness programme in Damcherra block. Apart from that, Dipak Som, Rajib Bhowmik and Sandip Nath were also felicitated for extending cooperation in AIDS and HIV related awareness programme.

### **Prayaas Seminar held at Manughat**

A seminar on *Nasha Mukta Tripura* as a part of Prayaas programme of Tripura Police was organized at Manughat Motor stand on 10 November. SDPO of Sabroom Sabyasachi Debnath, Sub-Inspector Swapan Debbarma and prominent social activist of that locality Jiban Debnath discussed in that seminar on awareness generation regarding addiction-free.

### **Gram Swraj Abhiyan : Review meeting held at Sepahijala**

Review meeting on Gram Swraj Abhiyan was held at Sepahijala DM's office conference hall recently. The meeting was chaired by DM Dr. B. Kaur. Additional DM of Sepahijala Suresh Chandra Das, Senior Deputy Magistrate Subhashish Das, CMO of Sepahijala Dr. Chitan Debbarma along with district and subdivision level officers of various departments were present in

the meeting. In that meeting the CMO of Sepahijala Dr. Chitan Debbarma informed, about 3 lakh beneficiaries of 58,936 families of this district will be covered under Ayushman Bharat (PMRSM) scheme. Identifying 10 hospitals of this district till now Golden Cards have been distributed through agencies among 174 beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission. It was decided in the meeting that district administration and health department will jointly organize the wide publicity to gear up the awareness on Gram Swraj Abhiyan in the district. The representative of TSECL informed, target has been set to provide power connections under Saubhgya Yojana among 12 thousand 133 families of this district. Out of these, till now power connections have been provided among 7984 families. Power connections among rest of the 4,149 families will be provided by this month. Representative of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department reported in the meeting that a total of 20953 LPG connections under Ujjwala Yojana have been distributed to the BPL families. Of these, 7068 LPG connections in Sonamura subdivision, 8663 LPG connections in Bishalgarh and 5222 LPG connections in Jampuijala subdivision.