



The minister also informed, in OTC, share of ONGC is 50 percent, share of ISFS is 26 per cent, share of IDFC is 23.5 per cent and share of the state government is 0.5 per cent. Now ILF&S is willing to release their share of 26 per cent due to some reasons. The cabinet decided in favour of the state government taking over this 26 per cent share of ILF&S.

**Spreading message of harmony
and fraternity
festival of lights Diwali concluded**

Tripura Sundari temple of Matabari, considered one of the 51 *pithas* of India sees a large number of devotees from different places during Diwali festival every year. Purpose behind their visit varies from religious to sight-seeing tourism to research. This year inauguration of this two-day festival at Dhanya Manikya stage took place at the hands of the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on November 6. The temple premises were well decorated with lights. As a measure of security one thousand volunteers and police personnel were deployed there. With the concerted effort and cooperation of security battalion, people and administration the fair and festival concluded in a peaceful and disciplined manner on November 7.

Alongside, colourful cultural programme was organized there by the information and cultural affairs department to entertain the devotees. In this two-day long fair and festival artistes from the state and other states and even from the neighboring country Bangladesh participated and performed songs, dances, Ramayana, publicity drama, Bihu, dance-drama, Shyama sangeet, Bhajan, devotional songs, Baul Sangeet, tribal folk dance, Hozagiri dance, Yatrapala etc. Moreover this year special attraction was *Kalyan Aarati* at the bank of Kalyan Sagar with the playing of 51 Dhak for the well-being of the people of the State. The Chief Minister along with other distinguished guests took part in that *Aarati*. On east bank of Kalyansagar 18 exhibition stalls of various departments of the state government were opened. On the occasion of Diwali festival a souvenir was also released at the hands of the Chief Minister. As a whole, spreading the message of unity, harmony and fraternity festival of lights Diwali concluded.

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb greeted the DM, various departments and convener of the mela committee along with the all sub-committees for conducting the Diwali festival at Matabari in a successful manner. Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy also greeted

all along with the media. He also greeted the Union Railway Minister for providing special trains on the occasion of Diwali festival. It is to be mentioned, more than four lakh devotees came to this fair and festival this year.

643 Women Self-help groups formed in Kathalia block

Under North-East Rural Livelihood Mission 643 Women Self-help groups have been formed in Kathalia block. Initiative has been taken to make 6 thousand 500 rural women self-reliant by imparting training. For the management of these groups, 25 organizations have been formed. These organizations review various facilities and problems of the self-help groups. 16 producer organizations have been formed under the aegis of these organizations. 24 community development groups and 16 community development plans have been formed.

Development works under MGNREGA in Kathalia block

Development works related to infrastructure and connectivity in Kathalia block are in progress utilizing the fund received through MGNREGA during the current financial year. Till now 2 lakh 98 thousand 384 person-days have been

generated in 5 villages and 19 gram panchayats. An amount of Rs. 5 crore 28 lakh 13 thousand 968 has been spent for this purpose. Average person-days generated were 32.81. This information has been provided by the office of the BDO, Kathalia.

North Tripura district level Kala Utsav from tomorrow

Two-day long North Tripura district level Kala Utsav will be started at Vivekananda Sardha Satabarshiki Bhawan of Dharmanagar from tomorrow. School Education department has organized Kala Utsav as a part of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. The Deputy Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Biswabandhu Sen would ceremonially inaugurate the programme on November 10 at 11 am. Prominent teacher Rasik Ranjan Goswami would grace the inaugural programme as chief guest. Prominent social activist Alokesh Aditya would grace the programme as special guest. District education officer Barun Das would preside over the programme.

With the objective of enriching the performance of students in art and crafts this programme will be organized involving the students from class-IX to class-XII. Students from various schools

