

IN BRIEF

Memorial plantation

■ NEC Report

Agartala, Aug 19: Bidhan Shishu Udyan Medha Anvesha planted trees on the occasion of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Devbarman's 116th birth anniversary. A flower, a fruit and a medicinal plant were planted at the entrance of the court adjacent to the Shiksha Bhavan by Manoj Roy, state convener of Bidhan Shishu Udyan Medha Anvesha. Incidentally, Manoj Roy has been given the responsibility of consultant for creating kitchen gardens in all the schools and madrasas of the state from the Department of Elementary Education.

Veterinary camp in ADC

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Udaipur, Aug 19: With the initiative of Deputy Principal Veterinary Office under South Zonal of Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous District Council (TTAACD) a day long animal treatment camp including an awareness camp for vaccination was held on the occasion of 78th Independence Day. Localities like Purba Pilak and Kalaban ADC village under Garji Sub-zonal were covered with service during the camp. The camp was attended by Sub-zonal chairman of ADC Rajkumar Nootia, chairman of Kalaban ADC village Jantu Marak, veterinary surgeon DR Subhankar Baidya and others. During the camp 1041 beasts and 500 birds of 80 families were vaccinated. Besides, 736 beasts and 739 birds were provided with treatment.

24 voters join BJP at Krishnapur

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Teliamura, Aug 19: A joining meeting of BJP was held at Khirod Nayak Para School under Krishnapur Assembly constituency on Sunday. The Tribal Welfare Minister and local MLA Bikash Debbarma and others attended the meeting. It was reported that deserting the CPI(M) 24 voters from 7 families joined BJP under the leadership of former follower of Ganaukti Parishad Khagendra Debbarma. After the meeting the Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma informed about the developmental work across Krishnapur Assembly constituency area during the interaction with media persons.

Arunachal Guv, CM celebrate Raksha Bandhan

Itanagar, Aug 19 (PTI): Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen (retd) K T Parinak and Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Monday celebrated the Raksha Bandhan with the members of the Brahma Kumari organization and students and teachers of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (VKV) here. They tied rakhis on the wrists of the governor and the chief minister at separate places.

At a programme held in the Raj Bhavan, Parinak expressed hope that the occasion would continue strengthening the bonds of goodwill among all sections of society. He said that in the age of nuclear families, this practice has become more important as it brings the family members together. The governor commended the Brahma Kumari and Vivekananda Kendra for their good work in the field of social service and education.

Bachpan's children embrace jawans with Rakhi

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Agartala, Aug 19: To foster the bond of love and fraternity among sisters and brothers, a grand Raksha Bandhan Utsava was celebrated at Akhaura Integrated Check Post (ICP) in Agartala with great enthusiasm at the joint behest of Bachpan National School and Anushilan Career Forum of India on Monday.

The ceremony began by putting Rakhi on the wrists of the brave BSF brothers, who have been performing the duty of safeguarding the border of this country in the presence of a galaxy of guests and dignitaries including Sanjib Deb, Editor, Northeast Colors, Raghurajan, Assistant Commandant, BSF, Dr Manoj Kanti Debroy, Corporator, AMC, Barnali Goswami, Ex-Chairperson, TWC and S Gupta, Asstt Commandant

BSF. In his opening remarks, the host of the program Pranab Ghosh said, it is a country) and let them know that even though they are far away from home, they don't



humble attempt to pay love & respect to the BSF (the first line of defense of the country's sisters are by

their side always to seek blessings from the Almighty for the protection of their

Rakhi on her brother's hand with a prayer for his wellness and protection. Raghurajan, Assistant Commandant, BSF, and Sanjib Deb, Editor, Northeast Colors also spoke at the occasion and highly appreciated the manner the Raksha Bandhan festival is organized amid a huge response. Despite the rain, today's program was quite enjoyable with a large number of little kids of the Bachpan National School (a CBSE curriculum English medium school) of Shammura of Agartala all in attendance with their parents. Er. Gouri Nath, Principal (I/C) of the Bachpan National School thanked everyone for making the celebration a grand success. They will continue to celebrate this festival of strengthening the eternal bond between brothers and sisters in the future.

Imphal-Jiribam road indefinite shutdown

■ NEC Report

Imphal, Aug 19: Indefinite shutdown began on National Highway 37 Imphal Jiribam road, Tongjei Marilroad connecting NH 37) and Leimatak road demanding alternate administrative arrangement at Noney district for Rongmei Naga community residing at Kangpokpi and Churachandpur Districts. The indefinite shutdown began on 19th August, Monday after the state government failed to fulfill Rongmei Naga Council-Manipur Ntatyphai Luangrian, Rongmei Naga Students Organisation and Rongmei Village Chief/Chairman Association's demands for alternate administrative arrangements before the midnight of August 18. Since Monday morning, people (mainly Nagas came out in large numbers along National Highway 37 including Ngariyan, Laimaton Village and Keithlmanbi and began imposing indefinite shutdown. The people blocked vehicles including empty and loaded trucks, passenger vehicles from plying on the roads. Speaking to media, an agitator said that members of Naga community residing in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi have been continuously demanding the State Government to facilitate their resettlement to Noney for administrative convenience. A memorandum was submitted to the State Government last December, however, people took up the total shutdown as a protest against the state government's failure to meet their demands. Even if the total shutdown is in full swing, emergency services, education sector and media are exempted from shutdown. The Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) chief justice UB Saha, who had planned to hold a meeting with government's official and civil society organisations in Noney, has cancelled his trip due to bandh and landslides along national highway 37, Imphal to Jiribam road.

Bir Bikram Birth Day observed in MBBC

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Agartala, Aug 19: The 116th birth anniversary of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya was celebrated with grandeur at Maharaja Bir Bikram College (MBB College) in Agartala. The event was jointly organized by MBB College and the M.B.B. College Alumni Association under the guidance of the Birth Anniversary Preparatory Committee, convened by Shri Pankaj Debbarma.

The celebration began with a floral tribute to the bust of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya, honouring his immense contributions to Tripura. This segment was managed by Smt. Soma Bandyopadhyay. Following the tribute, the College Book Fair was inaugurated, adding an intellectual dimension to the day's events.

The inaugural session, overseen by Smt. Barna Rani Jamtia, Shri Sidhartha Sankar Chowdhury, Dr. Madhumita Debnath, and Dr. Sipra Datta Ghosh, included a series of formal addresses and felicitations. The ceremonial lamp was lit, symbolizing the enlightenment brought by education. Dr. Nirmal Bhadra, Principal of MBB College, welcomed the gathering and expressed gratitude for the ongoing support from alumni and the administration. Speeches followed from Shri Nanigopal Nandi, Secretary

of the Teachers' Council, MBB College, and Shri Animesh Debbarma, Director of Higher Education, Government of Tripura.

Shri N.C. Sharma, President of the MBB College Alumni Association, highlighted Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya's pivotal role in shaping Tripura's educational landscape. The keynote address, delivered by Dr. Bijoy Debbarma, a renowned ophthalmologist and history enthusiast, emphasized the Maharaja's lasting legacy. The session also featured the release of a compendium of works by the Alumni Association, followed by a vote of thanks from Dr. Goutam Saha, Secretary of the MBB College Alumni Association.

The cultural program, managed by the same team along with Smt. Anindita Roy (Bhattacharjee) and Dr. Saikat Das Sharma, showcased traditional dances, folk songs, and a reading of a letter by the Maharaja. A quiz on Maharaja Bir Bikram's life, led by Dr. Saikat Das Sharma, engaged the audience, with prizes awarded to the winners.

The event concluded with final cultural performances by Alumni Association members, further preserving the Maharaja's legacy. The celebration ended with refreshments, marking a successful commemoration of the Maharaja's birth anniversary.

Raksha Bandhan at Raj Bhawan

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Agartala, Aug 19: Sanskriti Foundation organized a poignant Raksha Bandhan program, 'Rakhi for Soldiers', at Raj Bhavan, Agartala, to honor CRPF soldiers. Governor of Tripura, N. Indrasena Reddy, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Students from Tripureshwari Vidya Mandir, Kalyan Ashram, Bhawan's Tripura College, and Tripura University participated in the program, tying rakhis to the CRPF soldiers as a symbol of protection and affection. Mahesh Shetty, Executive Member, Sanskriti Foundation, delivered the welcome speech, while Nilmoni Chakraborty, State Coordinator, Vidya Bharati Tripura, delivered a lecture on the significance of Raksha Bandhan. Other distinguished guests present at the event included Prof. Milan Rani Jamatia, Dr. Poonam Mukherjee, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University, Smt. Tithi Debbarma, and Debashish Chakraborty. The program aimed to strengthen the bond between civilians and soldiers, acknowledging the selfless service of CRPF soldiers. The students' gesture of tying rakhis to the soldiers was a touching display of solidarity and respect.

State level school football in Amarpur

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Agartala, Aug 19: The State Level School Sports Competition-2024-25 in the discipline of Football(Boys) under -17 years is all set to be held at Amarpur H S School ground (near Chandhi Bari) at the behest of the Youth Affairs & Sports(YAS) Department on Tuesday.

The mega event will be kicked off at 2 p.m. by Ranjit Das, MLA as chief guest of the program along with other guests including RabindraJamatia, BAC, Chairman, Amarpur, Amaresh barman, SDM, Dehal Debroy, social activists Sanjay Chakraborty, Sankarananda Saha and all the top level officers in the subdivision said Banajit Bagchi, Dy Director /District YAS Officer, Gomati this afternoon.

Photography exhibition inaugurated



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Agartala, Aug 19: Today, on the occasion of 'World Photography Day' to celebrate the art, craft, science, and history of photography, a three-day photo exhibition organized by the Tripura Photo Journalists Association started at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan premises in Agartala on Monday amid huge response from enthusiastic photophiles. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha inaugurated the exhibition

this afternoon. This year's theme of this exhibition is 'Akal Bodhan', 'Akal Bodhan', and 'Untimely Awakening of Maa Durga'. The exhibition was sponsored by Techno India University Tripura. After paying floral tributes to the portraits of late photo journalists Debashish Barua and Sushant Das, Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said pictures are louder than words. It has the competency to tell history more vividly. He said the picture collections in the

exhibition are commendable. The Chief Minister himself also took a picture on this day. Agartala City Mayor Deepak Majumder, Secretary (ICA) Dr P K Chakraborty, Dr Ratan Kumar Saha, Vice-Chancellor of Techno India University Tripura, Jayanta Bhattacharjee, president, Agartala Press Club, its secretary Ramakanta Dey and president & secretary of Tripura Photo Journalist Association, Pralajit Paul and Abhishek Saha respectively were present.

Interaction on traffic at Battala, Nagerjala

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Agartala, Aug 19: An Interactive session was organised at Nagerjala and Battala regarding the Traffic system of Battala and Nagerjala on Sunday. There were a large number of vehicle riders who were present in this session as interaction was done with them. The TRTC Chairman Balai Goswami, Traffic SP Manik Das, Worker's leader Biplab Kar and few others were present in this session. The entire session was based on how to

improve and develop the traffic system of these two places. There were various discussions which were done on how to make the city free from traffic disruption and also parking of vehicles must not be allowed in any random place rather parking must be done in a proper place and as per a proper system. There were various Worker organisations and its staff who were present in this meeting and they also gave various ideas about how to improve the traffic system. There

are times when the traffic signal in many places does not work properly due to some technical issues in the city and hence this issue was also discussed. The Traffic SP Manik Das said that this was one of the most productive interactive session and this kind of session will be organised in GB Bazar, Radhanagar, Math Chowmahani and various other places of the city in the days to come where the main motive is to make those places free from traffic disruption and improve the traffic system as well.

AR, BSF celebrate Raksha Bandhan

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Agartala, Aug 19: Security forces deployed in Tripura on Monday observed the 'Raksha Bandhan' festival with enthusiasm.

In a press statement Assam Rifles said that in a heartwarming display of camaraderie and compassion, Assam Rifles soldiers celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the children of Kalyan Ashram in Tripura. This festive celebration was marked by the participation of 25 girls and 10 boys from the ashram, who were warmly welcomed by the personnel of Assam Rifles. The children tied Rakhi on the wrists of the soldiers, symbolizing the bond of

protection and care between the local community and Assam Rifles. In return, the soldiers presented gifts and sweets to the children, making the festival even more memorable for them. This gesture of unity and affection underscores the Assam Rifles' commitment to strengthen its bond with the communities they serve. The event highlighted the importance of togetherness and mutual respect, reinforcing the strong ties between the armed forces and the local populace. The Border Guard in another press statement said that BSF, on Monday has also celebrated Raksha Bandhan festival at Frontier headquarters in Salbagan area of Agartala with locals.



Students tie Rakhi on the wrist of Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu on Raksha Bandan festival at Durbar hall of Raj Bhawan in Agartala on Monday. - NEC Photo

NCC, SVM organised webinar on drug abuse

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Agartala, Aug 19: NCC Department of Swami Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Mohanpur, West Tripura with the initiative of DG, NCC and 13th Tripura Bn NCC, Agartala, West Tripura had organized a Webinar on "Drug and Alcohol Abuse" on 18.08.2024 to mark the celebration of Independence Day with the theme "Viksit Bharat Ka Mantra, Bharat ho Nasha se Swatantra". Dr. Prasanta Deb, Lieutenant, welcomed the gathering and introduced the theme of the webinar in a nutshell. The first speaker of the webinar was Dr. Dr. Bijoya Mitra, Senior Resident, AGMC, Agartala. She discussed the various dimensions of Drug addiction, types of drugs commonly used by citing various examples and about the common hazards of drug addiction. She

also highlighted the various aspects of alcohol abuse and the challenges the society was facing. The Second Speaker was Dr Kaushik Nandi, Consultant Psychiatrist at Tele Manas, Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsinghar. He discussed about the drug classification and types of common drugs used in Tripura. In his talk he figured out the about the behavioural and non-behavioural drugs. He also mentioned about the drug addiction and dose relationship, various stages of drug control, withdrawal symptoms of drug addiction. He emphasized on the role of law to cut down the supply of drugs and about the gateway of drugs to our state. He discussed the challenges faced by our youth that distracts them from the right path that make them victimized and make them addicted. The sessions were followed by Q&A session. Dr. Haradhan Saha, Principal, Swami

Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, in his concluding speech highlighted the importance of Education, Society, and our culture in shaping the future of the youth and how they can keep themselves away from drug and alcohol addictions. He also delivered the vote of thanks. The webinar was moderated by Sri. Abhijit Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, HOD, Dept. of Botany, Swami Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Mohanpur. e-certificate was be given to all the participants. The attendees of the webinar were more than 75 that include students, NCC cadets, teachers, ANO. The college received very good feedback from the participants of the webinar. The NCC Department had also conducted a pledge ceremony in the college premises and rally against drugs and alcohol abuse on 16.08.2024 in the Harinakhol village.

Model of the Month of August gone live

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Agartala, Aug 19: The registration of Totell Fashion's Model of the Month for the month of August has gone live on Monday. This event in the last few months has garnered a lot of attention and has given a chance to shine to a large number of models. The Co-Founder of Totell Joysankar Bhattacharjee informed the same and added that there are large number of models in the state who are interested in modelling and fashion shows and some of them have got a chance in big shows like Femina Miss India, World and Universe and some have given audition in shows like these. On the other hand it is events like Model of the month which become the base for this kind of model as they are groomed and given knowledge about how to take part in big shows and what is needed to be done after that.