

Photo-Journalist Ritu Raj Konwar covering Paris Olympics 2024



with one more feather to his success of being a trainee for a period of three years on an exclusive training programme on photojournalism organised by World Press Photo (2001-2003).

Agartala, July 09: Ritu Raj Konwar, Assam's one of the ace photojournalists has been assigned by The Hindu group to cover the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024 for their esteemed publications mainly The Hindu and Sports Star. Presently working as the Senior Special News Photographer for The Hindu,

Ritu Raj has been covering the socio-political journey of north-east India along with his special projects on various ethnic groups on a regular basis.

Being a photojournalist of repute, he had achieved the India's prestigious Ramnath Goenka Award in the spot news section in 2018 along

As a proud son of Mangaldai from the north bank of the mighty Brahmaputra, being born and brought up in Guwahati, having his masters in anthropology, Ritu Raj chose photojournalism as his career in early 90s contributing to various vernacular and regional media publications projecting northeast. With this new responsibility assigned to him by The Hindu group, he will be the first male sports photographer from north-east to cover the length and breadth of Paris Olympics 2024. He will be leaving for Paris on 23rd of July for the event.

Quarrel in

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that, two eyewitnesses had also been taken into custody. "Five people were assigned with the task to clear the jungle in the area. So far preliminary investigation revealed, all of them used to drink together in their workplace after the day's work. Last night also was no exception. During the liquor party a heated altercation broke out between the accused and the deceased person. In the fit of rage, the accused struck on the deceased person's head with a chopper leading to his death," said a senior official.

A total of three persons have been taken into police custody after receiving the information of the incident.

Speaking on the issue, the sister of the deceased person said, they were unaware of the incident. "We came to know in the morning when locals noticed the mortal remains lying in a pool of blood," she said.

The body was recovered and sent for autopsy.

HIV data

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2024) and all 828 students have received/receiving free Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) as per NACO guidelines. Unfortunately, 47 of them have passed away during this time."

schools

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spokesperson Amir Hossain said that around 120 activists were arrested and shifted to police lines. "We were 120 people inside the police line. The SDM Sadar and the SDPO didn't even give us food for the whole day. When we asked for food they served us jaggery, puffed rice and one packet of slated fried gram. We condemn the attitude of the state administration towards the youth who are fighting to protect the right to education," he added.

Prataprao Jadhav

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Accompanying Minister Jadhav were District Magistrate Saju Vaheed A. District Chief Medical Officer Apollo Kolo, Medical Superintendent Dr. Bidhan Bhowmik from Dhalai District Hospital, and officials from the State Health Department. The minister's visit underscores the government's commitment to enhancing healthcare infrastructure and services across the region, ensuring better healthcare access and quality for all residents.

Protest erupts in Bhavanipur GP over unpaid salaries, closed Anganwadi Kendras

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Jul 10. Activists and supporters of the local ruling party took decisive action today by hanging a lock at the Bhavanipur gram panchayat office. This move comes in response to mounting grievances over delayed salary payments and unopened Anganwadi Kendras in the area. The agitation stems from the non-payment of six months' salary to Surajit Debnath, the pump operator of Ward No. 6 of the Gram Panchayat. "Our demands are clear," stated one of the protesting ruling party workers. "Surajit Debnath must receive his overdue salary immediately." Adding to the discontent, despite staff appointments, Anganwadi Kendras in the vicinity remain closed. The protesters have set a deadline of one week for the centers to start operations. "This situation is unprecedented," remarked a senior party member. "Such grievances within our own ranks are unexpected, but the hardship has become unbearable." The protest, which comes ahead of the upcoming panchayat elections, is seen as a significant indicator of the party's internal dynamics.

Ratan presents Urban Development

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A total of 86,001 houses were approved under the scheme, with 66,608 houses already built. The recent sanction of 6,505 new houses in March 2024, amounting to ₹1,233.35 crore, will further address housing demands.

Nath further stated that Tripura has emerged as a frontrunner in waste management under the Swachh Bharat Mission. The state's efforts have been recognized, earning it accolades for cleanliness in the small state category. The construction of community public toilets is a priority for Tripura. These facilities enhance sanitation and hygiene, contributing to a healthier environment.

The Amrit Mission project has successfully implemented 27 water supply projects across nine cities in the state. Access to clean water is crucial for sustainable urban living. Tripura has rejuvenated and beautified nine reservoirs in six cities. These efforts not only enhance aesthetics but also improve water conservation and recreational spaces.

The Tripura Urban Livelihood Mission has formed 5,556 Self Help Groups (SHGs). Among them, 4,505 self-help groups and 174 local groups have received financial support. These SHGs engage in diverse projects, including bamboo cane crafting, soap production, and agarbatti manufacturing.

E-commerce platforms like Flipkart and Amazon have provided a marketplace for local products. This digital presence boosts economic opportunities for artisans and entrepreneurs. Sidewalk hawkers have been identified and supported through certificates and identity cards. Loans have been distributed to empower these small-scale entrepreneurs. Tripura's urban development success owes much to the cooperation of the central government. The state operates on a collaborative "diamond model." The Minister expressed gratitude for past cooperation and hopes for continued support in the future.

Dr Saha ensures

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keys handed over to 9 beneficiaries so far. "The government has ensured that every resident can live here with dignity, without any financial contribution from the beneficiaries towards the construction costs," he said. Dr Saha said that previously, slogans like "Garibi Hatao" were common, but now the focus has shifted. "Since the change in government, especially in Tripura, there's no need for large processions or rallies to gain support. We are already delivering on our promises," he said. He noted significant economic progress among many through startups and entrepreneurship, and emphasized the improvement in rural financial systems through the proliferation of self-help groups which was around 5,000, there are now approximately 46,000 such groups. He also underscored the Prime Minister's focus on financial empowerment for women. During the fiscal year 2023-24, 215 projects were implemented under the ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA (PM-AJAY), benefitting 2,480 individuals who achieved financial independence through this initiative. Additionally, the State Government's Dr. BR Ambedkar Merit Award was conferred upon 7,827 students, with gold medals awarded to 9 scheduled caste students for their outstanding performance in secondary and higher secondary examinations conducted by the Tripura Board of Secondary Education. Last year, 872 students received boarding house stipends. Moreover, Rs. 4 crore 51 lakhs in loans were disbursed to 153 Scheduled Caste beneficiaries. Officials present at the event included Agartala Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Monika Das Dutta, West District Magistrate Dr. Vishal Kumar, and other senior officials.

Stop diarrhoea campaign held at Udaipur

Observer Reporter

Udaipur: Jul 10. A discussion on 'Stop Diarrhoea' was held today at the Khilpara Panchayat Community Hall in Udaipur sub-division.

The meeting was inaugurated by lighting a lamp by the Khilpara Panchayat Pradhan Shikha Das. Along with Pradhan the Water Resources Department official Partha Sarkar, and Dr. Soumik Chakraborty from the Health Department were also participated. The program was presided over by the SDMO of Tripura Sundari sub-divisional hospital Dr. Joydip Debbarma.

Speaking at the discussion Dr. Chakraborty said that the state government has started work on the Stop Diarrhoea campaign across the state. On the occasion, he said that special attention should be paid to mother and child health rules in the Udaipur Sub-division today to protect children from diarrhoea. The state government is working in this direction for health for all.

Dr. Chakraborty further emphasized that children and elderly people are most affected by water-borne diseases like diarrhoea during the rainy season. Therefore, the health department is working to prevent this disease. To protect children from this disease health department workers will go door-to-door to children aged 0-5 years and give them ORS and zinc tablets. Asha workers will also cooperate and help.

Program

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GIZ and RTI International has been instrumental in achieving these goals, and we look forward to leveraging the outcomes of this pilot program to benefit the entire state."

The closure workshop held today brought together key stakeholders, including representatives from GIZ, RTI International, TSECL, and the Government of Tripura. During the workshop, the findings, achievements, and future steps were discussed, highlighting the program's impact on enhancing distribution network efficiency.

TSECL and the Department of Power extend their heartfelt thanks to GIZ and RTI International for their unwavering support and expertise throughout the pilot program. The successful implementation of this program sets a precedent for future initiatives aimed at transforming Tripura's power sector, ensuring a brighter and more sustainable future for its residents.

Election on August 8

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color for PS seats, and green color for ZP seats will be used for polling. Counting halls will be set up at Block Headquarters," he said. The official further informed that the Commission had meetings with the District Election Officers and Returning Officers to ensure free, fair, and peaceful conduct of the poll. "During the exercise for preparation of Electoral Rolls and finalization of the list of Polling Stations, the ROs (BDOs) and DEOs held meetings with representatives of all recognized national and state political parties. Another meeting with the political parties will be held shortly to discuss various points relating to the conduct of the general election to Panchayats by the concerned Returning Officer," he told reporters. He further informed that there are 30 polling stations where voters are less than 100, 985 polling stations are there where voters are from 100 to 300 and above 700 voters are in 19 polling stations. Regarding law and order, he said that proper security arrangements and preventive measures in advance are important to ensure a conducive environment and instill confidence among the electors and candidates for a free, fair, and peaceful poll. The Commission had meetings with the Police Administration to review the maintenance of law and order and security arrangements during the poll. IG of Tripura Police, L. Darlong, who was present at the press meet, said, "Adequate security arrangements will be made for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the General Election to Panchayats. We have held a meeting with the Director General of Police. Eighteen companies of CAPF will be used for law and order, and Tripura State Rifles will be deployed in polling stations," he said.



The Pradesh Organising Secretary of the ABVP along with other members called on Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu at Raj Bhavan, Agartala on Wednesday.

AW Kendra closed for 3 days, public allege helper's self interest

Observer Reporter

Udaipur: Jul 10. The Singhergarh Anganwadi Kendra which is located at the East Kunjaban Gram Panchayat under Udaipur sub-division has been closed for the last three days. The center has no schedule and the supervisor Tulsi Datta has been sitting quietly pretending not to know anything. It was learned that Datta is only a supervisor in name and has not been seen doing any work since taking charge a year ago.

When contacted with the former supervisor about the matter it was informed that it has been a year since Datta was appointed as supervisor and that he cannot say anything. When trying to contact the current supervisor Datta her mobile is switched off.

Meanwhile, locals have complained to the media that since the teacher at the Singhergarh Anganwadi Kendra Shibu Rani Chakraborty retired, no teacher has been appointed yet. As a result the center is

power outage

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driver has been identified as Shahidul Islam was fortunate to escape unharmed. Authorities are investigating the cause of the collision, which took place during heavy rainfall.

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appreciated the thoughtful initiative. The event was graced by the presence of prominent spiritual leaders including Srimad Bhakti Bichar Vishnu Maharaj, the current Principal of Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math, and Srimad Bhakti Kamal Vaishnava Maharaj, the esteemed guardian of Agartala Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math. Also in attendance were Bhakti Vikas Sramana Maharaj, co-director of Agartala Math, and other revered saints.

being run by the helper Munai Das at his own discretion.

There have been allegations that Das opens the center whenever he feels like and closes it before time. There have also been allegations that he does not properly distribute the nutritious food that comes from the government for pregnant women who are part of the Anganwadi Kendra.

In addition it is alleged that Das takes half of the nutritious food that comes from the government for all the students such as eggs, Soyabean and lentils to his house. The Singhergarh Anganwadi Kendra was closed from Monday to Wednesday because Das

BSF seized

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miscreants fled away leaving behind the Maruti Suzuki Omni Van loaded with Sugar by taking advantage of darkness as well as thick vegetation area. Further on search 200 Kgs of Sugar was recovered from

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complexities of international trade. With the launch of these enhanced trade products, we aim to provide robust financial tools that empower businesses to expand their global footprint with confidence. Our focus remains on delivering excellence and value, ensuring that our customers achieve their business objectives efficiently and securely."

fish production

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houses around 303 varieties of fish from all eight districts of Tripura, collected through extensive fieldwork."

A Farmers-Scientists Workshop titled "Blue Transformation in North East India: Farmers Perspectives" was also held, drawing wide participation from diverse sectors. On the purpose of the scientific workshop, he said, "The workshop serves a three-fold purpose: to listen to the farmers and understand their challenges, to involve entrepreneurs and financiers in finding solutions, and ultimately to drive a blue transformation in the state."

Despite the integral role of aquaculture in local communities, scientific fish culture has not been fully adopted in Tripura. "For example, feed cost is very high in Tripura. To address this, we are working on projects that could lead to an abundance of affordable feed. Certain crops that can be easily grown by farmers can be used as fish fodder. We are also focused on increasing farmers' profitability by introducing more fish varieties and producing quality seed," he added.

This research and the initiatives discussed at the workshop aim to revolutionize aquaculture practices in Tripura, making them more sustainable and profitable for local fish farmers.

The event honored progressive fish farmers for their exceptional contributions to various facets of fisheries and aquaculture, including seed production, rearing, and grow-out. The awardees included Rockson Kashung (Manipur), Khalainbor Pale (Meghalaya), Yeamoto Pigyor (Arunachal Pradesh), Da Norbu Sherpa (Sikkim), Randi Thou (Nagaland), Jaydev Sarkar (Assam), LALHMUNSANGA (Mizoram), and Sujit Das (Tripura). The Chief Guest and other dignitaries presented these awards.

In addition, fish seeds and other technological products were distributed to the fish farmers of Tripura, enhancing their resources and capabilities.

The programme was jointly sponsored by NABARD, SBI, NFDB, ONGC, TECHNOPREZ, and witnessed the participation of around 200 fish farmers who engaged in fruitful interactions with experts.

Months-long construction halts cripple Maharajganj market

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Jul 10. For many months, residents and traders around Maharajganj market have faced severe hardships due to the ongoing and stalled construction of a drain by the Public Works Department. The road, a vital artery for the community has been cut causing significant inconvenience and economic loss. "The road was cut for drain construction, but then the work stopped for reasons unknown," said one of the affected traders. "Customers stopped coming because there was no proper walkway. After a few days, we built a makeshift bridge using bamboo with our own money." This temporary solution, referred to as a "Sanko," has been in use for several months. However, frustrations are mounting as the construction work progresses in fits and starts. "Sometimes there's activity, but then it halts again. There's no consistency," another trader remarked. The situation has been exacerbated by the monsoon season, which has turned the area into a muddy mess. "We are suffering unbearable pain," said a local businessman, highlighting the plight of both traders and pedestrians. "The soil cut for the drain has been left on the roadside, making it impossible to move without getting stuck in the mud."

Local traders have expressed their urgent need for resolution. "We demand the government's immediate attention to this issue," one businessman pleaded. "This problem needs to be solved quickly so that normalcy can return and our businesses can recover."

CITU protests

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policies of the government. "Government properties are being sold off, and the prices of essential goods are skyrocketing. This administration's policies are pushing the common people into deeper financial distress," he said.

One of the key demands from the protest was the reversal of the new pension scheme. "We demand the cancellation of the new pension scheme and the reintroduction of the old pension scheme," Dey asserted, emphasizing the necessity of this change for the welfare of the retired workforce.

The protest by CITU today highlights the growing discontent among the labor force and raises pressing questions about the current government's commitment to worker rights and economic equity.

CONSTRUCTION OF TOE WALL AND OTHER TOE PROTECTION WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. LMG/Engg/107 of 2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:
Name of work: (1) Construction of Toe wall and other toe protection works at Thingou Yard & other vulnerable locations between Vangaichungpao-Khongsang section (2) Construction of Trolley Huts & Patrolman Huts between Vangaichungpao-Khongsang section (3) Construction and repairing of watchmen Huts with water & toilet facilities at Br. No.61,62 & 44 and other vulnerable Location between Vangaichungpao-Khongsang section (4) Provision of Rest Room with watering & charging facilities for Track machine siding at Thingou station between Vangaichungpao-Khongsang section. **Tender Value:** ₹1,39,25,541/-.
Earnest Money: ₹2,19,600/-.
Date & Time of closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 29-07-2024 & opening at 15.00 hrs. of 30-07-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 29-07-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in.

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