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Sarkar stresses useful education

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Agartala, July 7: Tripura chief minister Manik Sarkar today laid stress on greater intellectual engagements among students and the youth for true and socially productive education.

“There must be cultural programmes and events like quiz, debate, and extempore speech so that students and the youth can engage with one another for intellectual stimulation and exchange of ideas and views,” said Sarkar.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the 8th All Tripura Open Mega Quiz competition, organised annually by the state’s highest-accessed news-based website www.tripurainfo.com.

“But I must say that while quiz contests are attractive, they are merely tests of memory and preparedness of participants to provide fast answers to questions, there are other programmes which must be organised like debates on key issues and extempore speeches which will test the knowledge of the participants rather than only memory. I would request the organisers to hold such programmes,” said Sarkar .

He also unveiled the second edition of a popular book published by the website, under the title of *Tripura Beckons Beyond Boundaries*.

Sarkar gave away a citation, an *angbastra* and a cash award to Arijit Das, head of the department of chemistry in Dharmanagar Degree College. Das has devised 10 new formulae and seven new methodologies for quicker study and understanding of three chemistry chapters, which have been recognised by leading institutes and eminent professors.

“We will give away prizes like laptops, desktops, mobile phones and cash rewards to all 16 qualifier teams,” said Jayanta Debnath, MD, tripurainfo.com.

“We have two eminent local quiz masters and another eminent quiz master Bharat Jain from Hyderabad. There will be two anchors, Genia Pande and Pravin Sethia from Calcutta who will host the event. It is an exceedingly popular programme as is evident from the attendance and sponsorship of the event,” said Jayanta Debnath.

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