



8th open All Tripura Mega Quiz, grand success, CM appreciates

By Our Correspondent

Agartala, Jul 08, 2013 : Tripura chief minister Manik Sarkar laid stress on greater intellectual engagements among students and youths for true and socially productive education. 'There must be cultural programmes and events like Quiz, debates, speeches and extempore speeches so that students and youths can engage with one another for intellectual stimulation and exchange of ideas and views' said Sarkar. He was speaking in Agartala Town Hall after formally inaugurating the 8th All Tripura Open Mega Quiz competition annually organised by the state's highest-accessed news-based website tripurainfo.com . The chief minister expressed satisfaction over the presence of more than a thousand contestants in the Quiz competition which offered a large number of attractive prizes and said that the students and youths of the state were fast upgrading their knowledge and skill and doing well in national level joint entrance exams for higher education and also in all India exams for recruitment to high government services. 'But I must say that while Quiz programmes are attractive they are merely tests of memory and preparedness of participants to provide answers to questions fast which again requires memory ; there are other programmes which must be organised like speech giving, debates on key issues and specially 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 tripurainfo.com authority under the title of 'Tripura beckons beyond boundaries'. Apart from this , Sarkar also gave away a citation to Dr Arijit Das , head of the department of chemistry in government run Dharmanagar degree college . Dr Das over the past three years has devised altogether ten new formulae and seven new methodologies for quicker study and understanding of three important chapters of chemistry. His formulae and methodologies have been formally recognised by six IITs, ten leading universities , Indian Institute of Science (IIS) , Bangalore and eminent professors of chemistry. 'It is really satisfying that innovations made by a college teacher of our state have been recognised and appreciated by such eminent authorities and these have been published by leading journals on the subject' said the chief minister while congratulating Dr Arijit Das. The chief minister's speech had been preceded by the opening address of veteran journalist Sekhar Datta who was also chairman of the Organising Committee

Meanwhile , the 8th Open Mega Quiz organised by tripurainfo.co became a grand success as more than a thousand teams comprising two each took part in the initial screening test on the basis of which sixteen teams qualified for the final rounds on stage. The Agartala Town Hall was jampacked throughout the ten hour long programme and a galaxy of VVIPs including chief minister Manik Sarkar, Industries minister Jiten Chowdhury , Finance Minister Badal Chowdhury and minister for Tourism Ratan Bhowmik , Chairperson of Agartala Municipal Council (AMC) Dr Prafullajit Sinha, senior officials of the civil and police administration including DM (West) Kiran Gittye, Commissioner Ashutosh Jindal , Commissioner Kishroe Ambuly, IGP, Nepal Chandra Das attended the Mega Quiz and gave away prizes. The minister for school education Tapan Chakraborty filed an SMS saying despite his keenness he could not attend because of health problem. Similarly, chief secretary Dr S.K.Panda also sent a DO letter regretting his inability to attend because of his visit outside the state. Maharaj Pradyot Bikram Kishroe Manikya who also sponsored two cash prizes in the raffle round could not attend the programme because he had to leave for Lucknow to be near his ailing Nanny.

Elaborating on the format of the quiz contest Jayanta Debnath, MD of tripurainfo.com said that by process of elimination six of the sixteen teams proceeded to the final round . 'We have given prizes to all sixteen qualifier teams and these were attractive prizes like laptops, desktop computers, mobile seats , updown air-tickets between Agartala and Calcutta, pressure cookers along with varying cash rewards ; for audience round more than one hundred fifty prizes were given while there were five raffle rounds for which cash prizes varied between Rs 10 thousand and Rs 1 thousand' said Debnath. He added that for the raffle rounds, counterparts of tokens given to contestants were randomly drawn by quiz masters and the actual token holders were called to stage for being asked questions and for giving answers. 'We had two eminent local quiz masters, Abhijeet Bhattacharjee, Principal of 'School of Science', Nandu Panicker, officer in the state planning department while Shubhrajeeet Bhattacharjee acted as anchor; in addition, we brought eminent quiz master Bharat Jain from Hyderabad and two anchors , Ms Genia Pande and Pravin Sethia from Calcutta ; it is an exceedingly popular programme as evident from the attendance and sponsorship and this time also it was a grand success' said Jayanta Debnath.

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