

Kam Kai, Track Maintainer under Katihar Division, Shri Kharag Nath Rajbhor, Track Maintainer under Katihar Division, Shri Indrajit Roy, Driver under Alipurduar Division, Shri Amit Kumar Das, Station Master, Sudhami station under Katihar Division, were awarded by Shri Sanjive Roy, General Manager, N.F. Railway for showing exceptional devotion towards duty.

organizers are preparing to present 'Queen Pineapple' which has recently been declared as state fruit, as a theme of their pandal to attract the devotees. The city based (Dhaleswar road no-1) Bliss Lotus Club in its 40th year, has gone ahead and chosen the theme for Durgapuja which will be starts from October 16, this year. Talking to North East Colors, member of organizing Committee who is also the convener of 'Dhaleswari' special Puja edition Magazine, Biswajit Ghosh said, "We want to promote the dream project of our state through our puja pandal." Last year, the pandal had opted for a theme based on indigenous living culture of our State and had drawn a record crowd, he said. Revealing the budget Biswajit informed, the budget of the club is 8.5 lakh this year and added, focusing Swapan Debbarma and his Daughter Sumati Debbarma, a special puja edition Dhaleswari Magazine will be released through their hand at Maha Sasthi. Apart from these, three-day long cultural programme will be another attraction of our club this year, Ghosh stated.

World Ozone Day celebrated

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Agartala, Sep 29: Renowned chemical scholar and scientist Dr Arijit Das has attributed the rapid depletion in vital ozone layer to Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) carbon emission worldwide, asserting that it would cause an environmental disaster unless checked on emergency basis. He made the assertion in the world ozone day celebration programme at Sukanta Academy auditorium on Friday as part of the Montreal protocol. Dr Das in his keynote address to the programme said that 1 CFCs molecule is sufficient for destroying one lakh ozone molecule. The lifetime of a CFCs molecule is one hundred years and they originate from refrigerator, AC machine, spray and computer circuit cleaners; if we use hydrogen containing hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)

or hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) etc, the ozone layer reduction will be much less because these compounds have short lifetime and are destroyed before migrating to the stratosphere from troposphere' said Dr Das. Dr Das's speech was highly appreciated and admired by the Minister of Science and Technology Sudip Roy Barman who attended the programme. Dr Das later said that the Montreal protocol had been signed on 16th September 1995 and since that day the world ozone day is celebrated every year on 16th September across the world. Dr Das who is a world famous chemical scientist has already invented 19 new methodologies of and 39 formulac for easier study of chemistry by students. His methodologies and formulac will soon be included by the central board of secondary education in their prescribed chemistry syllabus for students at the higher secondary level.