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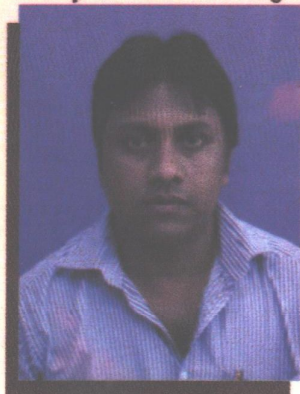
A tireless & endless strive of a learner-teacher-inventor

Never be too gullible by the mere semblance. Small and remote may often take by surprise. Small state in the North-eastern corner of the country Tripura, time and again, has proved that it can have a one-up over others in several fields. Best known for its natural resources, it also has got some in the stock of human resource that definitely deserve to be singled out. A son of the soil who came in the limelight recently is Dr. Arijit Das - one of this stock of human resource that not only the state but the entire educated fraternity can take benefit of.

A bundle of figures and symbols for a layman - is the intriguing formula Dr. Das, the chemistry wonder of North Tripura, has invented to solve problems of students in a jiffy. His revolutionary invention is said to be able to help the students of higher secondary level onwards determine the bond order of matters within few seconds.

Let's peep further. In a fit of zeal Dr. Das claims to have devised altogether eight new and original teaching methodologies including twelve new formulae on 'Hybridization State', 'IUPAC Nomenclature of Spiro and bicyclo compounds', 'Bond-Order determination for (1-20) electrons without MOT', 'Bond-Order determination for Oxide based acid radical', 'Spin Multiplicity' and 'Magnetic Properties of hetero nuclear diatomic species' etc. His works have already brought laurels from different national

and international quarters, latest being the felicitation by tripurainfo.com at Agartala. It is sheer love for chemistry and teaching or a genetic gift, for his father is also a chemistry teacher, Dr. Das, a faculty in Dharmanagar



College at present, had quit a lucrative job as a scientist in the state forensic laboratory years back for taking up teaching as a profession. Since then his dedication to learning and teaching has started bearing fruits soon. The crown of Dr. Das can be best discerned by some more strokes - apart from having the credit of getting his works published in some peer reviewed journals he is a reviewer of USA and UK London based internationally-acclaimed Chemistry Journals of the world namely 'Journal of Inorganic Chemistry Communications', Elsevier Publication, 'Journal of Coordination Chemistry', Taylor and Francis Publication, London, U.K. since 2010. Dr. Das is also a Senior fellow and Reviewer of the 'Journal of Indian Chemical Society', Kolkata, India. His innovative ideas of teaching have already appealed to the students so

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much so that he is giving online teaching on chemistry to students residing across the globe. A successful teacher Dr. Das has helped many cross their academic gates with élan and who are already occupying responsible and plum positions in different organizations.

Content but not complacent Das's journey for unfolding new facts and more student-friendly techniques continues and he desires to make the process a lifelong practice. Amidst all this the curious and creative mind always finds its way out. So, scientific jargons are not all that keeps him busy, but a tinge of music, imagination of a poet descend on him - then he dons on the garb of a keen tabla player or a poet scribbling down emotional notes of a pensive heart.

Still, if everything goes well he is going to gift us a new invention soon, reveals Dr. Das. The bottom line is - the process must go on.

Watershed scheme benefits Ghoramarachera farmers

The integrated watershed project at Ghoramarachera under Jirania block with an estimated cost of Rs. 62.75 lakh was started in 2009-10 and is going to be completed by this year. This five-year long project, during the last four years came to the help of farmers by creating rainwater preservation center, water tank, digging and reclaiming pond, construction of irrigation canal and dam etc. This year's plan targets financial assistance of Rs. 42.47 lakh for vegetable cultivation, fishery activities and giving financial assistance to 32 SHGs. Additionally spray machines will be distributed among 240 farming families. Financial assistance will also be given to two SHGs amounting Rs. 50,000 for each and Rs. 25,000 each of four SHGs.

The game of knowledge finds many takers

The game of knowledge and test of memory, as termed by the chief minister Manik Sarkar - All Tripura Mega Quiz was held at Agartala Town Hall on July 7. After the inauguration, observing the rising popularity of the event the chief minister urged the organizers that is tripurainfo.com to maintain this endeavour in future also. An amount of Rs. 10,000 collected as registration fee from the participants, was handed over by the organizers to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

On this occasion Dr. Arijit Das, whose articles on Chemistry have been appreciated nationwide, was felicitated. In presence of the chairperson, Agartala Municipal Council Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, MLA Gopal Roy and top officials, the chief minister released the info.com publication "Tripura beckons beyond boundary". The quiz masters of the event were Bharat Jai, Abhijit Bhattacharya and Nandu Pannikar.