

Current Affairs of Tripura

February 2021
(First Week)

'COVID-19 warriors' the real heroes

- Killa ICDS Projector and the worker of Anganwadi Shanti Devi Jamatia was awarded with 'COVID-19 warriors the real heroes'.
- The award was presented by National women Commission in Delhi.



Burima Tuima Festival

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Verma inaugurated the Burima Tuima Festival Gulaghati Krishak Samman Park in Jampuijala subdivision on 30 January.
- The festival promotes the culture of indigenous people.
- Moreover MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma and other personalities attend during the inaugural ceremony of the festival.



'Mrs Euro Asia Universe'

- Sanjukta Das from Agartala selected for Mrs Euro Asia Universe at the premises of Agartala Press Club on 2nd February.
- The programme was presented by the Mrs Universe Private Limited.
- The CEO of Mrs Universe Private Limited Naresh Madan, Agartala Press Club Secretary Pranab Sarkar and gymnast Deepa Karmakar feliciated Sanjukata with crown, trophy and slash.
- This is the first ever International beauty pageant to be held in India for married women.



Online National Level Drawing Competition

- Master Baibhav Datta, a student of class viii of Holycross School, Child artist of Tripura have recently bagged 1st prize in online National Level Drawing Competition.
- The competition was organized by 'Achievers Academy Tamilnadu, in Group-D category.



Draft electoral rolls

- The State Election Commission published the draft electoral rolls for ensuring polls to urban local bodies.
- According to the draft, there are 5,93,994 voters in which 2,93,593 are male, 3,00,493 are female and 16 are transgender.



Grants on the basis of recommendations of the 15th finance commission

- On the basis of recommendations of the 15th finance commission, Tripura has received an additional grants RS. 875 crore. The grants will be used for various sector especially for the infrastructural and development of tourism of the state.
- 1) 400 crore were sanctioned for two dams at Chamaknagar and Champaichhara. It is expected that there will be no shortage of drinking water after construction those dams.



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- 2) 175 crore were sanctioned for construction of a ropeway at Tripuresundari temple and construction of 51th Shaktipeeth at around the temple and sound and light show project at Neermahal.
- 3) 100 crore were sanctioned for construction a building complex in which various government offices of the state will be placed under one roof. As a result, it will save a lot of time to transfer files from one office to another office.

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- 4) 125 crore were sanctioned for development Khowai, Bishramganj, Ambasa, Belonia and Kailasahar.
- 5) 25 crore were sanctioned for development district headquarters for various infrastructural developments including drainage system, solid waste management, street lighting.
- 6) 75 crore were sanctioned for development of Dharmanagar and Udaipur.

Agartala Press club introduced three awards

- **Agartala Press Club** introduced **three awards** through a meeting of the management committee.
- The awards are:
 - 1) **Amiya Debbarma Memorial Award**. This award will be given for **rural Journalism** with a cash prize **RS 5000**.
 - 2) **Hiranmoy Chakraborty Lifetime Achievement Award**.
 - 3) **Hiranmoy Chakraborty Youngest Journalist Award**.
- Each awards accompanied by a **cash prize of RS 10 thousand**.



The Second National Law University

- The second National Law university will be set up in Tripura. For this a bill will be passed in the assembly.
- The first National Law University is situated in Guwahati , Assam.



State's performance

- During the meeting of the performance review committee held in virtual format in Agartala. The meeting was presided over by the secretary of Rural Development Ministry.
- According to a Government press,
 - 1) Tripura has secured third position in terms of achieving target for various works in 2019-20.
 - 2) Tripura was appreciated based on its progress in time-and-motion study among the 13th states.
 - 3) Tripura has secured first position in implementation PMAY-G (second phase) in 2019-20 and 2020-21 with an achievement of 68% target.

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- 4) Tripura bagged the sixth position by completing 82% house construction under the scheme from 2016-21.

Reform for Madrassa schools

- The Education department of Tripura brought a remarkable reform for the students of Muslim community studying in Madrassa schools affiliated to Tripura Board of Secondary Education (TBSE) from upcoming academic session 2021-22.
- From now, The Madrassa student will have to appear for six subjects with 600 marks in board examination conducted by TBSE. Earlier the aggregate marks was 800.



Nodal Officer

- The secretary of department of General Administration Debjyoti Roy has been appointed as Nodal Officer to inquire various subjects of the State Government.

Cancer Screening Centers

- **Tripura Government** decided to introduce **eight cancer screening centers** across **the state** for **early detection** of the disease.
- It is announced by the **chief of Atal Behari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Center Dr. Goutam Majumder** on the occasion of **World Cancer Day 4th February** at **Vivekananda Maidan**.
- The Centers will be opened at **Dharmanagar, Dhalai and Udaipur district hospitals, Kumarghat and Jolaibari Community Health Centre (CHC)** and the regional cancer center.



Indian chemical Society Research Excellence Award

- Dr. Ganesh Chandra Paul from chemistry department, ICFAI Universtiy, Tripura has received the prestigious Indian Chemical Society Research Excellence Award as young chemist from Indian Chemical Society, Kolkata.
- Out of the 314 participants from all over India only 10 researchers in Inorganic Chemistry domains were selected for this award.



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- The award is given in the 57th Annual Convention of Chemist 2020 and International conference on “Recent Trends in Chemical Sciences (RTCS-2020) held on 26 December to 29 December and the presentation was based on oral.
- Ganesh’s presentation entitled ‘Geometry-Driven Iminosemiquinone Radical to Cu (II) Electron Transfer And Stabilization of an Elusive Five-Coordinate Cu (I) Complex’.

India Justice Report 2020 |

Tripura Position

- According to India Justice Report 2020 (ICJ 2020), Tripura has emerged at the top position among seven small states on the matter of instrumentalities of the justice system. Tripura is followed by Sikkim and Goa.
- Tripura's ranking in various fields
 - 1) **Police Pillar ranking:** Tripura bagged the fifth position in police pillar ranking with 3.95 score. In this ranking Sikkim topped the position among the seven small states.
 - 2) **Judiciary pillar ranking:** Tripura holds the sixth position in Judiciary pillar ranking with 4.80 score. In this ranking, Sikkim bagged the top position among seven small states with 5.84 score.



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- 3) **Legal Aid Pillar ranking**: Tripura is at second position in Legal Aid Pillar ranking with 4.82 score. In this ranking, Goa is at top position with 5.30 score.
- 4) **Prison pillar ranking**: Tripura bagged the fourth position with 4.80 score.

India Justice Report 2020

- This is the **second edition** of **India Justice Report**. First time it was conducted in **2019**.
- It is a **unique initiative** ranking all the states and Union territories individually to measure justice system of the particular state.
- The report is conducted on **18** larger and medium states with a population over one crore and seven small states.

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Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited in Tripura

- Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) headquartered in Guwahati has inaugurated its official administrative and Project office in Agartala, Tripura.

Sanghati Mela

- 10 day long Sanghati Mela was organised at Kailasahar.
- The Mela was inaugurated by former Minister Birajit Sinha and his NGO Ashray.

New Chairman and Vice Chairman of Bar Council

- Pradyut kumar Dhar and Kakali Deb was appointed as the new Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Bar Council of Tripura for next two years.
- They were elected by the elected members of Bar Council of Tripura.

Arsenic contamination

- Tripura tops in terms of Arsenic contamination in water among the north eastern states of India.
- It was revealed by a technical survey conducted by the Central Government.

Zodai touristsit Lodge

- On 9th February, Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated “Zodai Tourist Lodge” in Phuldungsei, Jampui.
- Moreover State Tourism Minister pranajit Singha Roy and others were present during inaugural ceremony.



Tripura's ranks in COVID 19 vaccination

- The union Health Ministry announced that Tripura ranks 2nd in terms of COVID-19 vaccination in India after completion of the first phase of vaccination.
- Bihar ranked the first position in COVID-19 vaccination in India after first phase of Vaccination
- From Tripura, Dr. Mridu Das from Gandhigram Primary Health Centre was the first one to take the first dose of vaccination.

Aadhaar Service Center

- The first Aadhaar Service Center of the state opens in Ronaldsay road, opposite of George Court, fire service, Office Lane.
- The Centre is managed by UTITSL.
- Moreover PAN CARD, The central Government's health scheme related 'Ayushman Card' can be made from this centre.

Scheme for fisheries

- Tripura Government directed the fishery department to launch 'Chief Minister pondless Yojana'
- This project focuses on increasing fish productivity.

New building of metrology department

- The Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs minister Manoj Kanti Deb inaugurated the new building of working standard laboratory of legal metrology department in Kanchanpur sub-division.



12 Aspirational blocks

- On 10 February 2021, Tripura Government identified 12 blocks in the state named Chawmanu, Dumburnagar, Raishyabari, Damchhara, Dasda, Karbook, Shilachari, Mungiakami, Rupaichhari, Tulashikhar, Ampy and Ganganagar.
- The council of Minister approved Rs 50 cr. for these aspirational blocks.

Marketing organic products

- On 8 February, 2021 The Agricultural Department signed an agreement with “NARMARC’ and Shiva Ratri Private Limited for marketing organic products.
- The decision has taken during review meeting of Agriculture and Farmers’ welfare department at the civil secretariat.
- The review meeting was chaired by the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb. And the state Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy was also present during review meeting.



Dhalai ranked second

- Tripura's aspirational district – Dhalai has ranked second in the Delta ranking of NITI Aayog for December 2020.
- Shrawasti (Uttarakhnad)has topped in the ranking of aspirational districts by government think tank NITI Aayog in December 2020 and Garhua (Jharkhand) have been placed at third position.

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- The delta ranking took into account incremental progress made by 100 aspirational districts across six developmental areas in December 2020 and health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill developmental and basic infrastructure were taken into consideration for this ranking.

First Hindi Film in Tripura

- First Hindi feature film of Tripura 'Noice of Silence' has been released in online platform MX Player OTT platform.
- In this film the picturesque natural beauty of Tripura are seen . Starting from Chabimura, almost all tourist spots have been covered in this film.
- The film is based in several aspects of NRC (National Register of Citizens).

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- The film is directed by **Saif Baidya**. The famous actor of Tripura **Hrishie Raj** played **crucial role** in this film.

Infant mortality rate

- According to the **report of Mahakaran** The **infant mortality rate** of the state comes down .
- It is because of **institutional delivery**.

Hornbill ustav

- The 12 day long Hornbill Ustav started at Twikpui para under Sarda Karkari ADC Village near Hatai, Katar hill in Teliamura on 10 February.
- The festival will conclude on 21st February at Hatai Katar Eco Park , Baramura.

Letter of Honour

- Chandrajita Chakraborty from MBB University has received 'Letter of honour' from The Union Ministry of Education.
- The honour was given on the occasion of 26 January Republic day.

Tejas Express Instead of Rajdhani Express

- The Ministry of Railway has decided to run the special Tejas express from Agartala to Delhi from 15th February.

Tripura's Cricketer in IPL Auction

- For the first time, Tripura's cricketer **Pratyush Singh** has been called for **14th IPL Auction**.

a-AHARAN new initiative

- a-AHARAN , an Edu-tech start up of the state became one of the top 100 selected ideas in the country in Phase 1 of the '5G Hackathon which was organised by the government think tank NITI Aayog in association with the Electronic and IT Ministry, Digital India, Start up India the MSME Ministry, IIT's and others.

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- a-AHARAN received an award of **RS 1,00, 000**.
- a-AHARAN is the only **edu-tech start up** of Tripura which has created a learning app **Bengali and Kokborok for Class X students of Tripura Board of Secondary Education**. It is also recognised by **DPIIT**.

Budget for Agartala-Akhura Railway project

- The Union budget 2021 has allocated RS 300 crore for the Agartala- Akhura (Bangladesh) project to link Indian Railways with the Bangladesh railway network.
- This is 13 kilometers long railway project.
- It would connect Bangladesh with India's northeast and West Bengal through Nischintapur along the Indo-Bangla border to Improve trade and economic relations between two countries.

Tharlak Kut

- The famous festival of **Darlong Community** the “**Tharlak Kut**” is held in the **East Ritwisa ADC Village** under **Kumarghat Subdivision**.
- This is **Crop harvesting festival**.
- **Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia** was present as **Chief guest** of the festival.

Land Custom Station

- Tripura is interested to open a new land custom station at Raishyabari, Dhalai district. Dhalai District which is just across the border of the hill tracts districts of Khagrachhari in Bangladesh.
- This new station would grant access to Bangladesh to visit the traditional Dumboor Mela, also known as Sankranti Fair.
- For more information, Tripura has already eight land custom stations, two border haats and one operational integrated check post with Bangladesh and Tripura shares 856 Km long international border with Bangladesh.

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16th State Level Wangala Festival- 2021

- The 16th State Level Wangala Festival – 2021 was held at Natin Tila, Udaipur.
- The festival was organised by Tripura Garu Union & ICA Department.
- The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb and The honourable Minister of Transport and Tourism, Government of Tripura Shri. Pranajit Singha Roy remained present as chief guest. Other dignitaries were also present in this festival.

Tejas Journey started in Tripura

- The journey of **Tejas Special Express** has started from **Agartala Railway Station, Tripura** to **Anandbihar, New Delhi**.
- The journey of special train was inaugurated by **MP Pratima Bhowmik**.

Separate Press Club for TTAADC

- On 15th February, The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb approved the first of its kind Separate Press club at Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC).
- The Press Club will be constituted at Salkahati Multicomplex in Khumulwng, the headquarter of TTAADC.

Interest of Chess player

- Prasejit Datta from Tripura got the responsibility to spread the interest of Chess game in Eastern and Andaman Nicobar region of India.

‘Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge Cohort’

- Among 25 cities, the city of Agartala has been shortlisted for the ‘Nurturing Neighbourhood Challenge Cohort’ under the Smart Cities Mission by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The challenge is a 3 years initiative aimed at supporting only childhood neighbourhood under the government’s Smart Cities Mission.
- The ‘Nurturing Neighbourhood Challenge Cohort’ is organized in collaboration with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation (BvLF) and technical partner WRI India.

Maitree Cycle Rally

- Maitree Cycle Rally reached at Agartala on 16 th February. The rally which was started on 10 Jan 2021 comprising of 13 BSF cyclists from zero point 24 North Paraganas District of West Bengal.
- The rally ended on 27th February.

The 42nd State Level atabiang welfare society annual conference 2021

- With the initiative of Uchai community of Tripura, the 42nd State Level atabiang welfare society annual conference 2021 has been organized in Hathai Kami in Karbook subdivision of Gomati District.
- The Uchai people from all over Tripura have taken part in this 2-day long annual conference.

5th Intl Universal Expo

- 5th Intl Universal Expo inaugurated at Children Park on 19th February.
- Various crafts made of bamboo by Local artisan will be exhibited in this expo.
- Moreover the stalls from Turkey, Afghanistan and Thailand will be exhibited in the expo.

Various projects under Smart city project

- The chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb implemented 24 different schemes under Smart city project at Bodhjung Choumuhani in Banamalipur assembly constituency through urban development department.
- The Urban Development Department will spend Rs 90 crore for the development and beautification of both sides of the Howrah river.
- Chief Minister said Asian Development Bank has agreed to sanction RS. 1600 crore as loan to develop Urban local bodies.
- RS 400 crore was sanctioned for upgradation of roads.

The State-Level celebration programme of 'Matribhasha Diwas'

- The State-Level Celebration Programme of "Matribhasha Diwas" was organized in Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan.
- The theme of the programme is 'In respect to all languages, our Tripura, Best Tripura'.
- A colourful procession marched on the streets of the capital city. A large number of students, teachers and faculties from different schools, general degree colleges, professional degree colleges, medical and Para medical colleges both Government and Private sectors participated in the procession.
- The procession was organized by the Department of Education, Department of Information and Culture and Bangladesh Assistant High Commission.

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- Moreover the State Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh Md Jubayed Hossain, Tea Development Corporation Chairman Santosh Saha, Director of Higher Education and Elementary Education departments Saju Vaheed and ATMA's president Tushar Chakraborty along with others participated in the procession.

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(Fourth Week)

Power Sub-Station

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Verma inaugurated 33/11 KV, 1*5 MVA Power sub – station at Tapania under RE – Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana.
- Dr. M.S Kele and many other dignataries were present in the inaugural ceremony.

Memorandum of Understanding

- On 25th February, All Tripura Merchant Association Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kolkata Port Trust in order to further smoothen state's transit connectivity with Haldia and Chittagong port.
- As a part of that goods carrying lorries from Chittagong port entered Tripura through Akhaura Integrated Check post.
- This new route cut down the expenditure on transport by manifold to the existing route that is available through Assam.

'Gift Milk distribution Programme

- 'Gift Milk distribution Programme has been launched by the State Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath at Mungyakami Higher Secondary School and Bishramganj Higher Secondary School
- The State Government has taken this initiative to eradicate malnutrition among school Children, who lives in remote hilly areas.
- The programme is being sponsored by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

Jhumur and Tea Festival

- Jhumur and Tea Festival has been inaugurated at the premises of Golakpur Tea Estate High School, Chandipur block, Unakoti District. The festival was inaugurated by Unakoti Zilla Parishad Sabhadipati Amalendu Das.
- For the first time, the state government has organized this Jhumur and Tea Festival to revive the cultural heritage of the garden workers.

39th Book Fair

- On 26 February 2021, the Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb has inaugurated the 39th Agartala Book Fair at the International Fair Ground, Hapania.
- This year the theme of the book fair is “ Aamader Tripura Shrestha Tripura’.
- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jushnu Dev Verma presided over the inaugural programme. The education minister Ratan Lal Nath, revenue minister N.C. Debarma and assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh High Commission at Agartala Mhd. Yuvayed Hossein were present in the inaugural ceremony as guest of honour.

Composite Regional Centre

- During addressing the **Samajik Adhikarita Diwas** observed at **Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan**, **Union Minister of Social Justice and empowerment Thawar Chandra Gehlot** announced that Tripura Would get a **composite Regional Centre (CRC)**.
- The Central Government would sanction **RS 20 crore** for that.
- **The Divyangas people** of the state would be highly **benefited** through this project.

Online Land Value introduced by Revenue Dept.

- The Revenue Department of the state has linked the land assessment of 23 subdivisional and 8 districts of the state with online platform.
- From now on ordinary people can examine and get every details of the value of their land by visiting website www.jami.tripura.gov.in.

Techno cultural festival ICARIA

- The 3 day techno cultural festival ICARIA 2021 has been observed on 25 Feb at ICFAI Universtiy Tripura Campus.
- The festival has been inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Verma.

Farmers' Knowledge acquiring Centre

- The State Agricultural Minister Pranajit Singha Roy inaugurated a farmers' Knowledge acquiring Centre (sector office) and a 1000 MT capacity paddy godown at Ampinagar.
- It will benefit local farmers.

TSCEL get the first position in 8th Innovation with Impact Awards for Discoms 2020

- Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSCEL) was conferred the first position in 8th Innovation with Impact Awards for Discoms 2020 under the category “Over all Innovation with Impact Award (North Eastern States)”
- The award has been provided at the 14th edition of flagship initiative, the “India Energy Summit” organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Science Center at Udaipur

- On 27th February , the Governor of Tripura Ramesh Bais inaugurated a Science Center at Udaipur in presence of Union Minister for Culture, Tourism Prahlad Singh patel, the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Verma, the tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy and MP Pratima Bhowmik.
- Union Minister for Culture, Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the science center. He announced that the Central Government is thinking to set up a center of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State. He directed the state Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy to direct his department to select the place of preference about setting such ASI center in the state.

To honour Tribal Chiefs

- The state Government has decided to honour the chiefs of the tribes of the state.
- The government had taken initiative to provide an allowance of RS 2.000 per month for the Chiefs of the tribes.

Ratnagiri Buddha Bihara

- Ratnagiri Buddha Bihara has been inaugurated at Muhuri Pur Uchoi Para , Belonia, South Tripura
- The new buddhist monastery has been constructed with the initiative of the Buddhist monk authority of Tripura.
- The Buddha Bihara has been inaugurated by the principal of Benuban Bihar of Bhddha Mandir in Agartala Akshyananda Mahatherro.

The prestigious Small Business Award 2021

- ILS Hospital has received the prestigious Small Business Award 2021 in the category of Healthcare and Wellness Business of the year.
- ILS Hospital was rated best in helping economic growth , innovation, Job creation and Social integration.

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