

Current Affairs of Tripura

January 2021
(First Week)

Light House Project

- On 1st January 2021, The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Light House Projects at Agartala Akhaura through video conference. Apart from Tripura The Prime Minister also unveiled the foundation stone of Light house project at five more different sites of five states including Jharkhand, Tamilnadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- The Light Houses will be constructed by using GHTC technology (Global Housing Technology challenge). For the first time in the country the light house project come up under Global Housing Technology challenge- India (GHTC-India). In case of Agartala, The PM informed Steel frame technology from New Zealand will be used for building Light House Projects in Agartala and this technology will protect the houses from earthquake.



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- The Light house Project is modern technology in housing technology. It envisages to provide an eco-system for the adoption of innovative technologies in the housing construction sector in a holistic manner.
- Moreover on this day Tripura was also gifted by three awards by The PM of the country. In the North Eastern State and hilly states, Tripura received 'The best performing state in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, , Agartala city was awarded as 'the best Performing Municipal Corporation and Belonia was awarded for 'the best performing Municipal Council'.

Rarely honoured Tripura Scientist

- The biologist professor of Tripura A. K. Banerjee received fellowship from National Academy of Science built by Allahabad based astronomer Meghnadh Saha and Indian Academy of Science by the professor of Banglaore C.V Raman.
- This fellowship is given for exemplary achievements in the field of Science, both nationally and internationally.
- He became famous by innovating new idea on 'Mobile RNA Signalling inplants' in USA. He experimented 'Long Distance Signalling Mechanism' on the potato as a model.

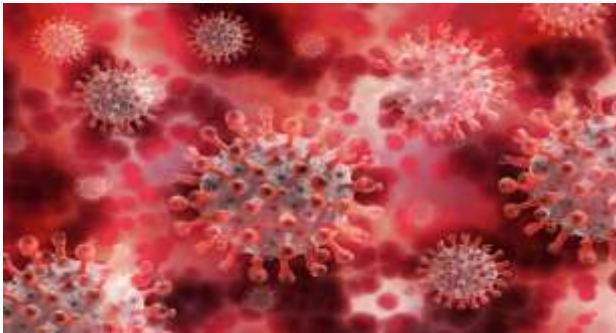
Import perishable fish to Tripura's Khowai and Kailasahar

- The Centre Government has finalised to resume import of perishable fish from Bangladesh to Tripura's Khowai and Kailasahar through land port.
- The decision has been approved on the demand placed by Mp Rebati Tripura to Union Minister for fisheries and Animal Husbandry Giriraj Singh and Minister of State Sanjeev Kumar Balyan to fulfil the high demand of fish of the state.



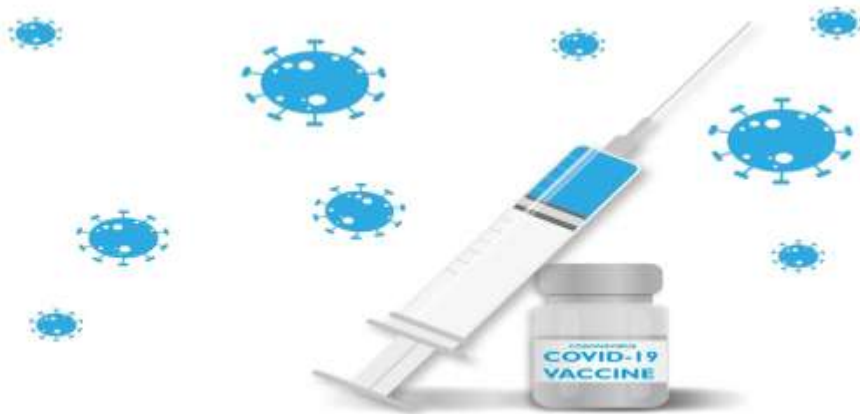
The average death rate of Tripura due to Coronavirus

- According to latest report by the **Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry**, the **average death rate of Tripura due to coronavirus is 1.16 Percent** where the **national average is 1.45 percent**.
- The **Average death rate of North Eastern region is 0.91 percent** in which **Mizoram has the lowest death ratio in COVID-19 with 0.19 percent**. The average of **death ratio of Sikkim is the highest among the North Eastern State with 2.16 fatality rate**.
- In addition to the **death rate of other north eastern states are followings: Manipur (1.26%), Meghalaya (1.16%), Arunachal Pradesh (0.34%), Assam (0.48%) and Nagaland (0.66%)**.



Vaccine Dry run

- Three Spots has been selected for **COVID vaccine dry run** - IGM Hospital, Gandhigram Primary health centre and Borakha Primary Health Centre under West Tripura District.
- All the details of vaccination will be uploaded in the **Co-win app** that has been designed to collect all the details and facts of the **vaccination drive**.



App for medical related problems

- A smart app named 'Knock-a-dock' has been launched in a formal programme at Nazrul Kalakshetra, Tripura to bring solution for medical related problems.
- This app will not only bring doctors at your homes through smart phones but will also arrange diagnostic service
- The app has been designed by Homodeus Tech Solutions Private Limited.



Helpline for suicide prevention

- The National Mental Health Programme Tripura under National Mental Health Mission has come up with a helpline number to prevent the growing of suicides of the state.
- According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Tripura has emerged as the second state in the North-East region which is more higher than national suicide average stands at 10.2 per lakh, In the case of Tripura the figure stands at 18.2 per lakh.



NATIONAL CRIME RECORDS BUREAU

New breed of Chicken

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) of Tripura Centre has developed new breed of chicken named 'BND' species. The full name of BND's are Broiler, Neto and Durhambe.
- This breed of chicken was invented in the financial year 2014-15 at ICAR Tripura Centre in Lembucherra area near Agartala.
- A BND hen lays 150 to 200 eggs per a year. The weight of BND Chicken is 2.5 kg to 3 kg. This new breed of chickens have higher immunity and the physical growth of these chickens is much faster.



First Assembly of Chakma Community

- The First assembly of Chakma community was held in PRTI hall in Ambassa on 3rd January.
- Through this assembly much demands has been placed to State Government to bring more development planning to the ADC area and also to improve living condition of the people living in that particular region. In this assembly Chakma language was demanded to recognize as the state language.
- The assembly was organized by the state level apex body of the chakma community 'the Chakma Rajyo Parishad'. Moreover Animal Husbandry Minister Shantana Chakma , MLA Shambul Chakma and others were present in the assembly.



Tripura Engineer was appointed as Director (Projects) at NHPC

- Biswajit Basu from Tripura has been appointed as Director (Projects) at NHPC on 1st January.
- He is an Electrical Engineer from Tripura Engineering College.
- He had executed several big Hydro Power Projects in North East India as the project in charge.

3rd International Airport in North Eastern Region

- **Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport** is going to become the third international airport in the north-eastern region after **Guwahati** and **Impahal**.
- The total estimated cost of construction of this airport is **Rs 438 crore**.
- The newly airport will be inaugurated in **March** and start air connectivity with **Bangladesh** and other neighboring countries.



Litterateur awarded

- **The State Government of Tripura** is going to give awards to various **Litterateur of Kokborok literature** for **important role in Kokborok literature** on the **Kokborok Day**.
- The Awards are as follows:
 - 1) Dr. Bijoy Debbarma will be conferred with 'Radhamohan Thakur award'.
 - 2) The Kokborok writer Daninjoy Tripura will be awarded ' Alindalal Tripura Award'.
 - 3) Satyaran Debbarma will be awarded ' Mahendra Debbarma Memorial for Culture Award'.

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- 4) The famous folk artist Keshav Debbarma and the musical player Shubhajoy Tripura will get 'Folk Music Award'.
- 5) Prabharani Rupini will conferred with ' Modern Music Award'.
- 6) The Martial artist Amit Murasingh will be awarded ' Field of Sports Award'.

20,000 MTs of paddy to procure

- In the **State Cabinet meeting**, **The State Government** has decided to **collect 20,000 MTs of paddy** from the **farmers** in the **2020-21 financial year**.
- The Government would bear a loss of **RS 5.28 crore** **from the state treasury**.
- The purchasing paddy from the farmers has been started in this state in **2018-19 financial year** with a view to **doubling the income of farmers** in **2022**.



Review the security situation of Tripura

- The General Officer Commanding (GOC) Spear Corps Lieutenant General RP Kalita arrived at Agartala on two day visit to review the security situation in the state.
- He was called on the Tripura Governor Ramesh Bais and discussed the security situation of the state.
- The General Officer was briefed by senior Army Officer and Assam Rifles Commanders on operational aspects and Preparedness within state including readiness for handling any natural calamities or internal security issues.



State based Youth Festival

- NSS Tripura Unit has organized the State based Youth Festival on 6th January at Nazrul Kalakshetra, Agartala.
- The festival was inaugurated by the State Sports Minister Manojkranti Deb.
- The director Sarabindo Chowdhury, Padmashree awardee and Olympian Deepa Karmakar and In charge of NSS Unit Dr. Chitrajit Bhowmik were also present during the inauguration of the festival.



Integrated Check Post at Nischintapur

- The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and discussed the issue of sanctioning an integrated Check Post (ICP) at the junction point Nischintapur of Agartala – Akhaura rail line.
- The ICP will facilitate both Passenger movement and as well as international trade.
- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured that the ministry would consider the proposal for sanction of ICP at Nischintapur.



Dignity of Special Court

- The Chief Judicial Magistrate court of Judicial District, West Tripura has been accorded the status of a special court for the disposal of all cases relating to section Article 270 of the Income Tax Act 1961.
- The status of this special court is conferred on the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court in consultation with the Government of India.



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Honorary Consul in North-East India

- The Embassy of Israel in India has appointed Joyshree Das Verma as honorary consultant in the North Eastern region of India like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura and Sikkim.
- This initiative has been taken to identify all possible areas of cooperation in North-East so that the region can be benefited by Israel's advanced technologies.
- Moreover in November 2020, The Ambassador of Israel in India Ron Malka visited Assam Meghalaya and Tripura to bring collaboration between two countries India and Israel in various subjects like agriculture, fisheries and dairy.



Adventure Tourism Festival in Tripura

- On 9th January 2021, The Tourism Minister of the State Pranajit Singha Roy inaugurated the five day-long Agartala Adventure – Tourism Festival at Swami Vivekananda Maidan (Astabal ground) and Laxmi Narayan Dighi.
- The festival was organized by Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited in association with Alpine Wanderers Private Limited, New Delhi and Nir-Mahal Adventure Mountaineering Foundation, Sonamura.
- During this five-day long festival various facilities are available for enjoyment include - Hot Air Ballon, Zip Line, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Burma Bridge, Land Zorbing, Archery Water Roller, Jet Ski, Banana Boat and Kayaking.
- The festival came to end on 13th January.



The Central Government Sanctioned an amount for Tripura Sundari Temple

- on 10th January, The Central Government has sanctioned RS 37 crore 87 lakh to develop the Mata Tripurasundari temple at Udaipur.
- The amount has been given under 'PRASAD Scheme'.



4th Indo-Bangla Photo and Poetry festival

- The 4th Indo-Bangla Photo and Poetry festival has been organized at Agiye Chalo Sangha, Agartala.
- The festival was inaugurated by Justice Arindam Lodh and MLA Ashish Kumar Saha.



State Judo tournament

- Sepahijala district became the champion in the State Judo tournament.
- The tournament was organized by Gomati district judo association.

The 11th State Level Sakungphai Festival

- The 11th State Level Sakungphai Festival held at sontang village under Puku ADC Panchayat in Twidu. The festival was organized with the initiative of Young kaipeng Association (YKA).
- It is a yearly harvest festival and the main aim of this festival to enhance social and cultural prosperity among the community.

Food Festival

- The Indigenous Traditional Attire and food Festival was organized in Twidu, Ampinagar, Gomati in Tripura.
- The festival was organized with joint initiative of the Sparring club and Tring Committee of Twidu.
- The festival was inaugurated by Niti Deb.

Stop fake news

- Google in collaboration with the Agartala Press Club held organized workshop to tackle fake news in social media.

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39th Agartala Book Fair

- At the first meeting of the Agartala Book Fair Management Committee at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, it was decided that the 39th Agartala Book Fair will start on 26th February at the premises of International Fair ground in Hapania.
- This year the theme of the Book Fair will be 'Our Tripura Best Tripura'.



The Union Minister visited Tripura

- The Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale visited Tripura.
- He reviewed the state department and he became happy to learn that the number of atrocities cases is less in comparison to other states.
- Moreover he launched Tripura Unit of 'Republican Party of India' and Satyajit Das was appointed as the RPI's president of the state committee.



Jal Shakti Mission

- The Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on 12th January inaugurated two Water supply centers at Girish Sutradhar Para and Laltila of Vijayanagar Gram Panchayat in Mohanpur Block.
- 20 more water supply centers will be formed in different parts of the state.
- The Union Jal Shakti Minister was accompanied by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, MP Pratima Bhowmik, Uttarpradesh's Jal Shakti Minister Dr. Mahendra Singh, Mohanpur Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Bina Debbarma, Union Jal Shakti ministry's secretary U.P Singh, DWS department secretary Kiran Gittee, Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath.
- The event was organized by the department of drinking water and health.



'Best Paper Award'

- The State Physician **Arpita Debnath** received the 'Best Paper Award' at the recent **National conference of the Epidemiology Foundation of India** held at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** in **Rishikesh** of **Uttarakhand**.
- Physician **Debnath** is a **doctor** in the **department of health and family welfare** and now she is currently pursuing an **MD in Community Medicine** at **Agartala Government Medical College**.



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- Her paper was related to “Prevalence of Anemia and its associated factors of pregnant women attending ANC at AGMC Tripura”.
- Her research work has been nominated for publication in a renowned international medical journal.

Art Central Library by ICFAI

- The ICFAI University, has established the newly constructed four storied state of the Art Central Library with vast collection of e-book.
- It was decided to dedicate the library in the name of founder of ICFAI Late NJ Yasaswy who expired on 2011.
- The Library was inaugurated by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India Ramdas Athawale in the University complex.



Royal Tripura Expo

- The 15 day-long entrepreneur's exhibition the Royal Tripura Expo that showcases the exquisite work by rural artisans and craftsmen will start from 14th January to 28th January at pragati School premises.
- MLA Surajit Datta will inaugurate the Expo.
- TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy along with TRTC Chairman Dipak Majumder will remain present as honour guests.



Tripura's girl is selected to participate AI Programme

- A student of **class-ix, Kendriya Vidyalaya NIT Agartala Puhabi Debnath** has been selected to participate in **Round-2** of the **'Responsible AI for Youth' Programme**.
- The programme will be organized by **the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India National e-governance division and Intel**.
- Puhabi is the **only one selected student from Tripura** and **one of the five students** selected from **the North East region**.

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- The project by which she got recognition named 'Made in Mars' involves building AI enabled 3D printed biosphere for the first manned Mars mission way before the first humans arrive on Mars.
- Puhabi also represented the state of Tripura in the 'Wako Open International Kick boxing Championship' where she receives 2 gold and 1 bronze medals.

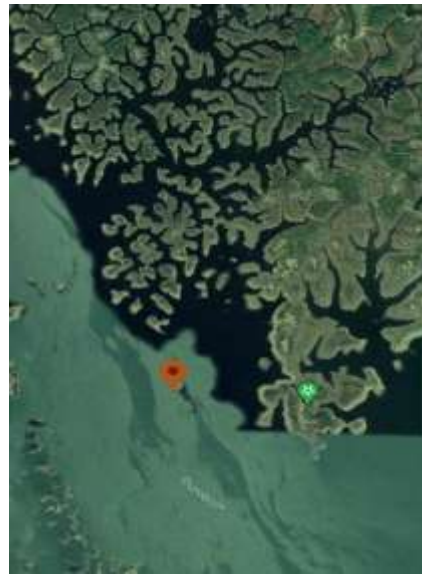
TrueNAT machines

- Eight TrueNAT machines have been installed in each district of the state.
- Drug-resistant TB or chronic TB disease can be identified easily through this machine.



“Pous Sankranti Mela”

- Tripura’s traditional “Pous Sankranti Mela” began at Tirthamukh of Dumboor.
- The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the Tirthamukh Mela.



First consignment of COVID Vaccine

- First consignment of 60,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine arrives at **Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala.**
- In first Phase of vaccination, **health and frontline warriors** will be vaccinated.



Receipients of Various Police Awards

- Tripura Police has announced the **reciepients of various awards** for the year 2020. The awards will be handed over during the **police week programme** at **A.D Nagar Police line**.
- The Awards are followings
 - 1) **SDPO Kailashahar, Unakoti district, Chandan Saha** has been selected for **'Policeman of the year-2020'** award.
 - 2) **Ramfanmawii (WSI-UB), West Tripura district** has been selected for the award of **'Best Investigator'**.
 - 3) **Ambassa Police Station in Dhalai district** was awarded as **'Best Police Station'**.



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- 4) West Tripura district bagged the 'Best District for Beat System' award.
- 5) Kakraban Police Station has been awarded 'Best police station for Beat system'.
- 6) Jiban Majumder, Clerk of SB Organization, has been announced as 'Best Clerical staff – 2020'.
- 7) 10 Battalion TSR has been awarded 'Best TSR Batallion for the Year 2020'.

E-licence to the farmers

- The State Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare minister Pranajit Singh Roy launched a portal and distributing e-licence to the farmers of the state at Krishi Bhawan.



'Puthiba Lai Haraoba' festival

- The most famous festival of Manipuri Communities 'Puthiba Lai Haraoba' festival will start on 24th January in the 'Puthiba temple in Abhay Nagar area.
- Deputy chief Minister Jishnu Dev Verma will inaugurate the festival.
- Moreover MP Leisomba Shanchoba, Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma, MP Pratima Bhowmik and MLA's Sudip Roy Barman and Rampada Jamatia will be presented during the inaugural of the festival as chief guest.



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- The Department of Information and Cultural Affairs (ICA) and 'Ukal' Cultural Organization of Manipur will also extend full co-operation in the festival.

Amount for Integrated Check Post at Sabroom

- The Central Government has disbursed RS 90.59 crore to Tripura for setting up of Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Sabroom.
- The fund is meant for acquisition of 49 acres land for the proposed ICP.
- The Land Port Authority has handed over the cheque to District Magistrate, South Tripura.



The Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant is increased

- In a decision taken in Cabinet meeting, The State Government has decided to increase the Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.
- The decision is taken through the sixth amendment to 'The Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant Rules'.
- In the new amendment to The Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant Rules adds the issue of financial benefits in case of accidental death, injury and death due to Corona Virus.

First Five Star Hotel in Tripura

- Tripura's first five-star hotel set up in Agartala.
- The hotel is built by Polo Tower Group at PPP Model in Agartala.
- The hotel was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Verma and Tourism and Agriculture Minister Pranajit Singha Roy.



Talented Kho Kho player Shamim Ali got selected in 'National Selection Camp'

- Tripura talented Kho Kho player Shamim Ali get selected Indian National team's selection camp.
- The month long camp of the National team will start on 17th January and the players will be auctioned for Pro Kho Kho event from that National camp.
- Shamim was given a reception by the Tripura's Kho Kho Association. He was also received at the office of Tripura Player Welfare president and MLA Ashish Saha at his office adjacent to Jackson Gate from where track suit and sports equipments have been handed over to him.



Traditional Poush fair of North Tripura

- The Traditional Poush fair 'Pratyekarai Poush fair' occurred in North Tripura.
- The fair was inaugurated by MP Rehati Tripura.

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Oxygen Plant to end oxygen shortage

- The UN's body The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has launched the biggest project of Northeastern in Tripura to install Oxygen plant to end the oxygen Shortage Problems in State hospitals.
- It is the biggest project ever in Northeastern for Health care.
- Through UNDP Project, Oxygen plant will be installed in the all eight districts and the largest oxygen plant will be installed at Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Agartala.



Tripura Bhavan in Mumbai

- **The Government of Tripura** has decided to construct a 'Tripura Bhavan' in Mumbai.
- **The Maharashtra Government** has already allotted 1970sq m of land and the total cost will be Rs. 4.69 crore.

Tripura Police Week 2021

- The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated Tripura Police Week 2021 at Manoranjan Debbarma Memorial Stadium in Arunddhatinagar.
- Various awards were given on the auspicious day. They are:
 - 1) Policeman of the Year 2020: SDPO Kailasahar Dr. Chandan Saha.
 - 2) Best Investigation Police Officer: Female Inspector : Ramfanmawii.
 - 3) Best Police Station 2020: Ambasa Police Station.
 - 4) Best District Police 2020: West District Police.



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- 5) Best Police Station for Beat System: Kakraban Police Station.
 - 6) Life time achiever of Tripura retired Police officer: Swapan Kumar Dey.
- Moreover on this day 15 meritorious children of police were given Chief Minister Medhabi Award.

Final Voter list of the state

- The State Election Commissioner has published Photo-voters list of 60 assembly constituencies in the state for the base year dated 1st January, 2021.
- According to the list:
 - 1) Total Voters of the state: 26 lakh, 86 thousands 323 people.
 - 2) Total male voters: 13,58,502.
 - 3) Total female voters: 13,27,789.
 - 4) Transgender voters: 32.
 - 5) Service voters: 10,143. (Of these, 9,981 are males and 162 are females).



Indus Towers Scholarships

- 15 students from Tripura with disability out of 120 selected students with disability across the North East have been felicitated with Indus Towers Scholarships.
- The Special scholarship was implemented by Shishu Sarothi with the objective of encouraging and supporting students with disability.

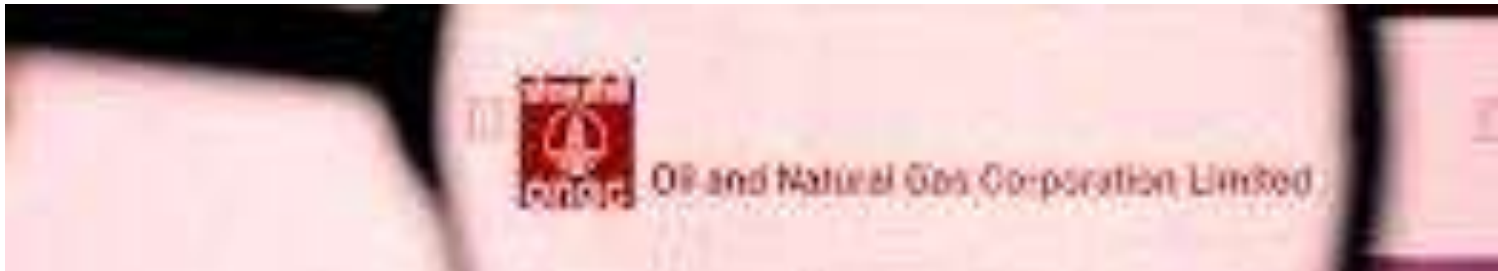
Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Center

- Under the scheme of **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash 3.0**, **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Center** was inaugurated in **Ambasa, Dhalai district**.
- Three such center are approved for North Eastern region and this center is one of them.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana** was launched in **16th July 2015** under **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**. The motive of this scheme is to increase employable skill among youths.



SAKSHAM-2021

- The ONGC Tripura Asset started Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav (SAKSHAM-2021) at its base office in Agartala.
- It is the month long oil and gas conservation mass awareness campaign.



5 new colleges

- In the upcoming academic session 2021-2022, five new government general degree colleges will be built at Kakraban, Khayerpur, Jirania, Panisagar and Kadamtala in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode (agencies from Kolkata, Delhi and Assam).
- Four more colleges will be set up at Karbook, Khwmlung, Salema and Ambassa.
- Moreover an English Medium College will be built in Kumartila. .



Gramin Express Yojana

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Verma has launched Ajeevika Gramin Express Yojana and a mega credit camp for the self-help groups under Tripura Livelihood Mission.
- The objective of this scheme is to strengthen rural economy make the rural economy self reliant.
- MP Pratima Bhowmik was presented as chief guest on the occasion.



Khatiyani, maps e-services

- on 14th January 2021, The state cabinet decided that the revenue department ensured door-step delivery of e-services to every citizens of the state through CSCs in case of Khatiyani and maps pages.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Director of the Land Records and Settlements and Common Service Centre (CSC) for delivery of Record of Rights (e-ROR) services throughout the state.

First plastic road of the state

- The state has got first plastic road by the end of January.
- The road has been constructed from the BK Road from Boys Budjung School to women's college. The road is around 700 metres.
- Earlier in July 2018, during a review meeting the newly elected Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb had suggested the Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) officials to construct at least 500 metres of road using waste plastic to reduce the pollution in water bodies and environment.



Pre-budget meeting

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Verma has attended a Pre-budget meeting with the Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman through video conference at Civil Secretariat on 17th January.
- The Deputy Chief Minister has raised the issue of shortfall of previous budget about RS 2636 crore during 2020-21. He also demanded special package for TTAADC to revive the economic condition of the region which was affected by Corona Pandemic and to increase Social pension and pay of ASHA workers.



Hungrai Festival

- The Deputy Chief Minister of the state Jishnu Dev Verma has inaugurated the Bishalgarh sub-division based Hungrai festival.
- The festival held at Barkubari of Amtali village in Charilam block.
- The festival was organized to show the rich and developed culture of the tribal people of the state and also to promote it.
- The festival was organized by the Department of Information and Culture and in collaboration with the Festival Organizing Committee.



The Central Government approved 136.39 crore for PMAY

- Under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Scheme**, the Central Government has approved **RS 136.39 crore** for constructing building for those families living in **Agartala Municipal Corporation** and **other Municipal Council of the state** who are **economically weak**.
- Under this scheme **the State Government** has completed **39,355 houses** out of **80,544 houses**.



Dumala Water falls in Ujan Maiden emerged as major tourist attraction

- Dumala natural water falls in Ujan Maiden which is only few km from Khowai town emerged as special tourist attraction.
- Recently the government has taken the initiative to include Dumala in the tourist map of the state and developed the place as tourist region.



43rd Kokborok Day

- 43rd Kokborok Day was held on 19th January, 2021 at Umakanta Academy Premises.
- Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma has inaugurated the state-level Kokborok language Day. The day was jointly organized by the kokborok and other Minority Language Department and the Center for Tribal Research and Culture.
- on 19 January , 1979 Koborok language was recognised as official language.

Automatic Weather Station

- On 19th January, 2021 The council of Minister has approved 0.03 acres of land for installation of Automatic Weather Station at mouja Gakulpur of Dhajanagar TK in Udaipur Subdivision.
- Automatic Weather Station will be installed to raise the awareness of weather forecasting.



DDK Agartala renamed as DD Tripura

- Doordarshan Kendra Agartala has been renamed as DD Tripura.
- The honourable Governor of Tripura Ramesh Bais inaugurated the renaming of Agartala Doordarshan Kendra at Sukanta Academy.
- From now DD Tripura has broadcasted programs in Kokborok and Bengali 24 hours a day.
- MP Rehati Tripura was also present on the occasion.

State produced a new variety of guava

- The department of Horticulture and Land Conservation under the Department of Agriculture, Government of Tripura has started cultivation of new varieties of guava.
- The name of the new species of guava is VNRBI (BIHI).
- This species was officially planted in the orchard plots of the horticulture laboratory in Nagichchara area near the capital Agartala.
- This new species was invented in Agricultural laboratory in Raipur, the capital of Chattisgarh.



49th Statehood Day

- On 21st January, 2021 The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the ceremony of the 49th 'Statehood Day' or 'Purnarajya Diwas' at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan.
- For the first time in Tripura's history, multiple civic awards was given to eminent figures for their outstanding contribution in various fields. |The Awardees are
 - 1) The State highest Civilian Award, Tripura Bibhusan: Olympian Gymnast Dipa Karmakar.
 - 2) Tripura Bhusan Samman: Chess player Arshiya Das.



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- 3) The Best Academician Award: **Prashanta Sen**, Teacher of **Sarasima Higher Secondary School** for his **remarkable contribution** in the field of **Education**.
- 4) Sachin Debbarman Smriti Samman: The renowned **violinist Subal Biswas**
- 5) Maharani Kanchanprava Debi Smriti: **Madhavi Debbarma** for her immense contribution in **women empowerment and sensitization**.

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- 6) Good Citizen Award: **Achintya Bhattacharjee**.
- 7) Special contribution to Science and Protection of Environment: **Dr. Abhinava Kanta**.
- 8) The best entrepreneurship award: '**Cakes and Buns Delight**'.
- 9) The award for contribution to Agriculture and Horticulture : **Rupak Chowdhury**.
- 10) Award for Pisciculture: **Suman Rudrapaul**.

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- 11) Award for animal husbandry: **Swapn Debnath**.
 - 12) The rural industry award: **Debabrata Das**.
 - 13) The award for industry and entrepreneurship: **Tirthamayee Aluminium products**.
 - 14) The award for best co-operative Society: **Singicherra PACS Limited**.
- The awards was handed over by **the Governor Ramesh Bais** and **the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb**. The members of the State Cabinet, **chief Secretary, Director General of Police** and other **official** were also present in the award distribution ceremony.

Sadbhabna Yatra

- To Strengthen integrity Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb flagged off 'Sadbhabna Yatra 2021' at Umakanta Academy on 21st January, 2021.
- The Yatra was organized by Yuva Vikas Kendra and Tripura Unit of National Integrated Forum Artist and Activitists (NIFAA).



Saumya Gupta gets addl charge of Tripura Bhavan in Delhi

- Saumya Gupta, IAS officer posted in administration of the government of Tripura has been allocated with additional charge as Additional Residential commissioner of Tripura Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Moreover he is the secretary for Higher Education, School Education, Rural Development (Panchayats), Co-operation departments.

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'Kishori Suchita Abhiyan'

- The State Cabinet has decided to launch a new scheme namely 'Kishori Suchita Abhiyan'.
- Under the scheme The girls students of class- vi to xii will be provided Sanitary napkin free of cost.



Republic Day tableau of Tripura in Rajpath

- This year the Republic Day tableau of Tripura highlighted the eco-friendly tradition of Tripura in daily life especially the tribal people.
- In this tableau, Bamboo, being an integral part of the tribal life of the state can be seen in use in worship called “Lampra Wathop Mwtai”. In addition to rich culture of tribal people of the state through a dance form called Lebang Boomani (Folk dance of Tripuri community).
- The theme of Tripura tableau is “Eco-Friendly Atma Nirbhar Tripura”.

69th Plenary session of North Eastern council

- The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb has attended the 69th plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) held at Shillong, Meghalaya.



Rs 21.41 crore sanctioned for Jal Jeevan Mission

- The central Government has sanctioned RS 21.41 crore for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Tripura.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister is Gajendra Singh Shekawat.



Gaan Mela, a mega musical event

- A mega musical event titled as 'Gaan Mela' was held at Khowai, the city of culture.
- The event was inaugurated by Purvaudaya general Secretary Niti Deb.
- The musical event lasted for three days.
- Two eminent artists from Kolkata, one from Patna and many others from Agartala and Khowai performed in the programme.

3 Schemes for Journalists

- On 21st January, The State Government has implemented three Schemes for the Journalists of the state.
- The schemes are:
 - 1) Tripura Journalist's Health Insurance Scheme.
 - 2) Tripura Journalists Paribar Surakhsa Pension Scheme.
 - 3) Tripura Journalist's Samman Pension Scheme.



Chinmay Lahari Smriti Award

- Shekhar Bhattacharjee was conferred with Chinmay Lahari Smriti Award on the occasion of Annual convocation programme conducted by Bongiyō Sangeet Parishad at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan.

Branding of traditional RISHA

- The State Government in line with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'vocal for local' has decided branding of traditional 'RISHA' under India Handloom Brand.
- RISHA produces handloom and handicraft products and it provide uniforms to Anganwadi and Asha workers.

4th Ranglong Khohwi 2021 Festival

- 4th Ranglong Khohwi 2021, a cultural festival was celebrated from 21st January to 23rd January 2021 at Seismdung (Indurali) under Panisagar, North Tripura.
- The festival was organized by the Ranglong Community of Tripura, Assam and Mizoram under the banner of Ranglong Youth Association in collaboration with Information and cultural Affairs (ICA). It was sponsored by North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Directorate of Tribal Research and Cultural Institute, Government of Tripura and Directorate of Tourism, Government of Tripura.

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- Here it should be mentioned that Ranglong language has been declared as 42nd critically endangered languages among the and 197th endangered language in India.
- In 4th Ranglong Khohwi 2021 Festival, Minister of Social Welfare and Social Education Santana Chakma was presented as chief guest.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Purushkar

- The talented **Chess player** from Tripura **Arshiya Das** is conferred with **Pradhan Mantri Bal Purushkar**.
- The programme of conferring the award held in **'Rashtrapati Bhawan'** on the eve of republic day
- She was also awarded with **Tripura Bhusan Samman** on the occasion of **49th Tripura Statehood Day 21st January 2021**.

Padma Shri Award for Tripura

- The Central Government has nominated Hojagiri Dance Guru Satyaram Reang to be awarded with 'Padma Shri' in the field of arts from Tripura.
- The award has been announced by Ministry of Home Affairs , Government of India.
- He was awarded with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2004.
- Earlier from Tripura, two folk artist Thanga Darlong and BeniChandra Jamatia got Padma Shri in 2019 and 2020.

Police Medals for Meritorious Service

- Six police personnel from Tripura have been selected for Police Medals for Meritorious Service.
- They are:
 - 1) Keshab Hari Jamatia, Inspector, North Tripura
 - 2) Shri Ganesh Chandra Deb, SL, Gomati
 - 3) Shri Parimal Das, ASI, Agartala
 - 4) Shri Haripada Bhowmik, ASI, Kalamchowra
 - 5) Shri Kripannoy Chakma, ASI, Gomati
 - 6) Shri Siddhartha Sankar Kar, Inspector, Amtali.

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- Moreover **Akhil Debbarma** has been awarded with **President's Home Guards Volunteer** and **Civil Defence Medal**.

Celebrating National Voters Day

- The honourable Governor of Tripura Ramesh Bais inaugurated 11th National Voters Day Programme at Rabindra Bhavan.
- In this programme, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sriram Tarinikanta, State Election Commissioner ML Dey and District Magistrate of West Tripura Dr. Sailesh Kumar Yadav, Additional CEO Osagen Mog and Para Swimmer Samir Barman remained present.
- The theme of 11th National Voters Day: 'Providing right to voters, creating awareness and safety'.

New railway map

- The technical team of the railways approved railway map of the state in five townships of Tripura bordering Bangladesh Khowai, Boxanagar, Manipur, Kailashar, Kamalpur and Sonamura.

Grants to the Rural Local Bodies

- The department of Expenditure Ministry of Finance has released an amount of RS. 143.25 crore to Tripura for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs).
- Total an amount of RS 12,351.5 crore has been released for 18 states in which Tripura got RS. 143.25 crore.

First ever Seismic Survey in Tripura

- India's second largest National 'Navaratna' E & P Company in terms of total proved plus probable oil and natural gas reserve has kick-started its exploration and production operations by launching its first ever Seismic Survey in Tripura.

Tripura's tableau got second prize

- Tripura's tableau , took part in republic day parade got the second prize. This year the theme of Tripura's tableau was "Eco-Friendly Atma Nirbhar Tripura".
- The first prize won by Uttarpradesh and Uttarakhand got the third prize.
- Earlier in 2019, Tripura got the first prize in presenting its tableau in republic day parade.

Honour of leading the NER NCC contingent

- The cadet **Bikash Debnath** of **13 Tripura Battalion of NCC, Agartala** earned the honour of leading the **North Eastern Region (NER) NCC contingent** during the **Annual PM rally held at Cariappa Parade ground, New Delhi on 26 January.**
- He is a **2nd Year Student** of **Swami Vivekananda Mahavidyalay, Mohanpur**
- He is **lone representative** from **Tripura** to attend the **Republic Day Camp 2021** and to **earn distinction.**

National Kala Ustav

- Tripuras' students has got three awards in National Kala Ustav. In this event Tripura took part for the first time.
- The Students from Tripura have bagged three awards in various categories. They are:
 - 1) Namashree Sinha from Class – xii of Don Bosco School, has ranked second in Sashtriya Sangeet.
 - 2) Faisakang Jamalia, Class – x student of Jalembari H.S School in Gomati district bagged the second position in traditional Folk Dance.
 - 3) Pralay Dhar, a student of class – xii of Chandrapur H.S School of Gomati district secured third position in 2D painting.

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- National Kala Ustav was held in nine different art forms including traditional and vocal music, dance for both folk and classical, instrumental folk and classical music, 2D, 3D painting and indigenous toys and games.

The first Prize in the category of 'Best District' (North East Zone) Water Conservation of 2nd National Water Awards

- The west Tripura district bagged the first prize in the category of 'Best District' (North-East Zone) – Water Conservation of 2nd National Water Awards.
- The award was given by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.



31st Industrial and Commerce Fair

- 31st Industrial and Commerce fair was inaugurated by the CM Biplab Kumar Deb in international fair ground, Hapania on 29th January. It ran till 15th February.
- The Assistant High commissioner to Bangladesh in Tripura Mr. Zabayed Hussain was present in the fair as the guest of honour.
- The theme of the fair in 2021: 'Bamboo – green gold of Tripura.'



Wastage of COVID-19 vaccines

- Tripura has reported the highest wastage of COVID-19 vaccines in the country due to faulty in data entry.
- According to reports, altogether 11% vaccines have been shown wasted.



Saksham Cycle Day

- ONGC Tripura Asset organized Saksham Cycle Day to spread the message of eco friendly mode of transport among citizens.
- ONGC Asset Manager Mr. Tarun Malik flagged off the cycle rally.



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