

Current Affairs of Tripura

March 2021
(First Week)

A workshop on 'Bamboo and Bamboo Wood' for industrial and Domestic Applications

- A workshop on 'Bamboo and Bamboo wood for for Industrial and Domestic Applications' has been organised by CSIR – Advanced Materials and Process Research Institute (AMPRI), Bhopal and Tripura State Council for Science and Technology (TSCST) at Pragna Bhavan.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between them on 2nd March as Joint Venture project of using bamboo for construction purpose works.
- From the MOU, It is expected that Tripura will get an idea of alternative in construction of buildings.

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- The Deputy Chief Minister of the State Jishnu Dev Verma who is also in-charge of Environment, Science and Technology Department was also present in Pragna Bhavan.

Grant-in-aids from Ministry of Jal Shakti

- Ministry of Jal Shakti has released a Grant-in-aids of RS 3915.18 crore to implement 'Jal Jeevan Mission' in Tripura in 2020-21.
- A sanction order which was issued on 2nd March, approved by the President of India is conveyed to release of RS 17,74.18 crore to implement Jal Jeevan Mission to provide functional tap connection (FATC) to every rural house hold and take up associated support as well as water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance activities as per approved Annual Action Plan (2020 -21) to the government of Tripura.

'Jagrut Tripura'

- On 2nd March, The Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated a digital application called 'Jagrut Tripura' to get easily acquainted with the public welfare projects of the Central and State Government.
- The Online Service was launched to bring transparency , as well as benefits of Central and State Government, Projects to the people.

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- Through this **digital application** a person can be aware of the **projects** as per **his need** and **apply** for **the benefits** of the **projects sitting at home**.
- **Tripura** becomes the **first North Eastern State** to implement **such app** and in recent this app is activated in **Bihar and Karnataka**.

3 Schemes approved by the Council of Ministers

- On 2nd March, the Council of Minister has approved three schemes of the state named 'Mukhyamantri Rubber Mission', ' Mukhyamantri Model village Prokokpo', ' Mukhyamantri Puspa Udyan Prokolpo'.

Mukhyamantri Rubber Mission

- Under the scheme of **Mukhyamantri Rubber Mission**, the **State Government** set a target to **cultivate rubber** in more **30,000 hectare** land in the **next five years**.
- The beneficial would get an opportunity to get loan of **RS 50,000** per hectare land.

Mukhyamantri Model Village Prokolpo

- Under this scheme, each of the MLA's would identify a model village in their respective assembly constituencies.
- The State Government would award the best village based on various parameters – cleanliness, plastic-free environment, solid waste disposal, sanitary toilet, drinking water, school and vaccination of Anganwadi children.

Mukhyamantri Puspa Udyan Prokolpo

- Under this scheme **around 6000 flower growers would be given financial assistance as well as logistic and technical support.**
- At present, Tripura records **flower cultivation on 185 hectare land.** Now the State Government has decided to increase it to **1200 hectare land** at RS **28.15 crore.**

Fatikroy Ambedkar College gets highest rank by NAAC

- Fatikroy Ambedkar College under Kumarghat subdivision of the Unakoti district of Tripura gets the highest rank in the second stage of evaluation of NAAC.
- The College achieved B+ Grade with CGP 2.69.
- This is the first college under Tripura University to be reviewed by NAAC in 2020.
- The college got the first place among the colleges of the state in NIRF ranking.
- Fatikroy Ambedkar College was established in 1991 and approved by Tripura University in 2010.

Acrylic Dyed Yarn under Yarn Supply Scheme

- The Additional chief executive officer of TTAADC Khumluwng wrote a letter to the Regional Manager of the National Handloom Development Corporation Limited to release 143.10 MTS of Acrylic Dyed Yarn for distribution among poor ST Weavers holding BPL and AAY beneficiaries of ADC for production of 'Risha' under Yarn Supply Scheme' under Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Obituary

- The founding Chairman of Tripura Gramin Bank Manab Sen passed away.

Mission 'Indra Dhanush' 3.0

- Mission 'Indra Dhanush' 3.0 has launched in three districts named **Khowai, South Tripura** and **North Tripura**.
- The main objective of this mission is to **ensure vaccination** of **each and every child**.
- Under the programme **chief medical officer** of every district along with other **health workers** including **ASHAs** conduct **special vaccination drive**.

Agartala's position in Ease of Living Index 2020

- In the Ease of Living Index 2020, Agartala has ranked 11th position among the states in the country and topped among the states in the North Eastern of India.
- Among all the states of India, Shimla in Himachal Pradesh has bagged the first place, Bhubaneswar in Second position and Silvassa in third position and Agartala is in 11th position.
- Among the other cities of North Eastern States of India, Shilong is ranked in 35th position, Gangtok in 41st position, Kohima in 49th position, Pasighat in 55th position, Aizawl in 57th position and Namchi in 60th position.

Major butterfly hotspots

- Tripura has emerged as one of the major butterfly hotspots in the North Eastern State of India.
- A study conducted between 2015 to 2020 by researcher Suman Bhowmik of Wild Tripura Foundation revealed that altogether 51 new species of butterflies were found of 21 genera that were completely new to the butterfly fauna of Tripura.

Obituary

- The famous lawyer and educationist Gopinath Ghosh passed away.

Food license and registration Mela

- on 5th March, the West Tripura district administration organized a food license and food registration mela at Baniya Bhavan, Agartala.
- A number of vendors and Shopkeepers participated the mela.

Cyber Crime Volunteers

- The Programme named 'Cyber Crime Volunteers' is going to have test run in Tripura and Jammu & Kashmir.
- The programme has been launched by the Indian Cyber Crime Centre (14C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs in role of "Unlawful content Flaggers".
- This new programme will help law enforcement agencies in identifying and removing illegal and unlawful online content. Moreover Local citizens can participate in this programme.

Mukhyamantri Pushpauddan Prakalpo 2020

- The State Government has announced a new scheme called 'Mukhyamantri Pushpauddan Prakalpo 2020' for the flower cultivation farmers and interested unemployed youths, women self help groups.
- The scheme will provide training with honorarium and assist 80% fund for production as well.
- Under this scheme, three solar powered cold storages will be set up in Gomati Sepahijala and West Tripura districts with an expenses of RS 22 lakh each in PPP model.

'Gold Winner 2021'

- Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) achieved the title 'Gold Winner 2021' under the category of Best Survival Effort, Business Continuity and Innovation during Crisis periods (COVID-19)/ Natural Calamity.
- The award was given in ISGF Innovation Awards 2021.

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(Second Week)

Inauguration of Moitri Setu

- on 9th March the prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Moitri Setu over Feni river, Sabroom through video conference.
- This new bridge will develop cordial relationship between India and Bangladesh. It will improve the trade relation and tourism prospects between two countries.
- Besides the Prime Minister inaugurated foundation stone of four new projects namely integrated check post at Sabroom,, Kailashahar – Khowai (NH 208) road, multi level car parking and Commercial complex and four laning of the airport road. The estimated cost of these projects is 3000 crore.

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- On the occasion, Tripura's Governor Ramesh Bais and the Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kuamr Deb was present at the Swami Vivekananda Maidan.

45 feet Shiva lingam

- On the occasion of 85th Maha Shivaratri 45 feet Shiva lingam has been inaugurated at Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya University, Aralia, Agartala branch.
- The Shivalingam has been inaugurated by the general secretary of Purvaudaya Niti Deb. Moreover the vice chancellor of Tripura University Ganga Prasad Prasain was also presented during the inauguration ceremony.

Prize distribution on the occasion of Closing ceremony of Agartala Book Fairs

- On the occasion of **Closing ceremony** of **39th Agartala Book Fair**, various awards was given to greater personality of the state.

The awardees are:-

- 1) **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Memorial Award 2021 :-**
A strict and an honest ex police officer **Rangamohan Roy** who is popularly known as '**Ronga Daruga**'.
- 2) **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Jatiyo Sanghati Puruskar 2021 :-** **Jayashree Sharma**

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- 3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Smriti Puruskar – 2021 :-
Naresh Chandra Debbarma.

The other awards:-

- 1) Sachin Debbarman Smriti Puruskar:- Aniruddha Debbarma.
- 2) Dharendra Kishore Debbarman Smriti Puruskar :-
Harekrishna Paul.

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- 4) Salil Krishore Debbarman Smriti Purushkar :- Ashok Deb.
- 5) Kalikinkar Debbarman Smriti Puruskar: Sheuli Debbarma.
- 6) Bhismedeb Bhattacharjee Smriti Puruskar :- Dr. Bijoy Debbarma.

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- 7) Lalon Puruskar :- **Maninidra Debnath**.
- 8) Radhamohan Thakur Smriti Puruskar: **Niharika Publishers** for its publication in Bengali (**Kishore Sahitya Somaj itihaso Pathabhumi**).
- 9) Best Publication Awards 2021 :- **The Niharika Publishers** for translation of **Geetanjali** in **Bishnupriya Manipur Language**.

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- 10) Daulat Ahmed Smriti Puruskar :- **Tei Hukum Mission** for its kokborok publication (**Rangchakri Sandai**).
- Moreover the **photo journalists** who participated in the **photo exhibition** during the Book Fair have been given **certificates** on the behalf of **Information and Cultural Affairs Department**.
- All the awards were given by **the Governor of the state Ramesh Bais and the Deputy Chief Minister of state Jishnu Dev Verma**. Moreover **MLA Mimi Majumder** was also present in closing ceremony of Book Fair.

Borrowing for completion of One Nation One Card System

- The government of Tripura additionally borrowed RS 148 crore for completion of the Scheme' one Nation one Ration Card system.
- Tripura is among the 17 states to have successfully operationalised 'One Nation One Card System'. Uttarakhand is the latest state to implement this scheme.
- The Department of Expenditure under Ministry of Finance already granted 17 states to borrow RS 37, 600 crore for implementing this scheme.

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- The scheme started in **August 2019**.
- The Scheme will benefit **migrant workers** who have to frequently change **their place of dwelling** for **earning livelihood**.

Five projects of health department

- On 12 March, The chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated five projects of health department namely
 - 1) Setting up of health sub centers in every ward of Agartala Municipal Corporation and every districts.
 - 2) Chief Ministers Mission Drishti.
 - 3) Providing Smartphones to ASHA workers
 - 4) Providing Anmol tablets to ANM workers.
 - 5) Kishari Suchita Abhiyan at Agartala Town Hall in which napkins will be provided.

INSPIRE Awards

- **five students** from **four districts** of Tripura have been awarded with **INSPIRE Awards** on **MANAK Online State Exhibition** and **Project Competition (NLEPC)**.

The five students are:-

- 1) Nilimesh from Unakoti district (Project: Chair with Folding Table and Rack).
- 2) Debraj Debnath from Sepahijala district (Project: Smart Toilet Flusher).
- 3) Subhadeep Das from North Tripura (Project: Easy Tilling Machine).

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- 4) Arkamita Roy from West Tripura (Project: A Modified Commode for Specially Abled people).
 - 5) Khurshid Alam from Unakoti (Project: Extra Storage Staples in Stapler).
- A total of **15 students** from **seven districts** of Tripura have been selected for **State Level Exhibition and Project Competition through online mode** and **5 students** have been selected for **“National Level Exhibition and project competition (NLEPC)**.

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- Director of SCERT UK Chakma is informed by the Scientist G and National Innovation Coordination Mahesh patel about those children creativity and innovation.

Trade of Natural Rubber between Tripura and Nepal

- Trade of **Natural rubber** from **Tripura to Nepal** officially launched on **13th March**.
- TIDC Chairman **Tinku Roy**, **Purvaudaya General Secretary Niti Deb** and other high officials of the industries and other concerned departments flagged off the **first consignment** of rubber from **Kunjaban, Agartala**.
- This is the first time Myanmar has shown interest in **importing from Tripura**.

Sukamal Biswas Smriti Award

- The senior painter of the state **Chinmoy Roy** got the **Sukamal Biswas Smriti Award** on the occasion of **closing ceremony of 39th Agartala Book Fair**.
- The award was given by the **judge of the High Court of Tripura Subhashish Talapatra**.

Sadbhavna Yatra completed

- 50-day long Sadbhavna Yatra held by Yuva Vikash Kendra, A Gandhian Youth on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of Tripura Statehood Day has returned Agartala on 13th March.
- The Sadbhavna Yatra started from Ujayanta Palace, Agartala on Tripura Statehood Day 21st January 2021 to spread the the message of art and culture of Tripura. Peace, Harmony, Promotion of tourism of Tripura and especially to convey the message of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Tripura Statehood day.

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- The yatra was flagged off by the Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb. Moreover the Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Verma, Forest and Tribal Welfare Minister Mebar Kumar Jamatia and other dignitaries were present.
- A total of 12 youth of the state started their journey under the leadership of youth Guardian activist founder president of Yuva Vikash kendra and convener of Golden Jubilee statehood Day Celebration committee of Tripura Debashish Majumder.
- The Yatra met union Tourism Minister and Cultural Affairs Prahlad Singh Patel. And Union Social Justice and Empowerment Thaborchand Gehlot. They also made courtesy call to Governors of Chattisgarh, Maharastra, Hayana, Goa and Meghalaya.

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(Third Week)

World record by drawing pictures with mouth

- A student of **Economics department, Tripura Central University Saurabh Mandal** set a world record by **drawing pictures with his mouth** not by his hands.

Chaitra Puja

- On 16th March, Chaitra Puja is observed with much devotion by Jamatia Community.
- The Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Debbarma along with MLA Rampada Jamatia, Biplab Ghosh, advisor to the Jamatia Hoda Bichitra Jamatia attended the program.
- The main ritual of Chaitra Puja is offering puja first at the Udaipur Mahadebbari and then to the Tripuraswari Temple. Thousand of people were present to the perform the puja.
- Jamatia Hoda is following the tradition for 444 years.

Special exhibition of pictures of the freedom fighters

- The Agartala branch of the Field Outbreak Bureau of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Central Government has organized a special exhibition of pictures of the freedom fighters at Krisnanagar's Bijoy Kumar Girls H.S School ahead of the 75th anniversary of Country's independence.
- The exhibition was inaugurated by Director , Department of Information and Culture Affairs Ratan Biswas.

101th Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu

- 101th Birth anniversary of Bangabandhu along with National Children's Day was observed at Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala.

State receives from 15th Finance Commission

- under the grant of the 15th Finance Commission Tripura Government has received 200 crore for the development of Seven districts headquarters with all basic amenities required for quality life.

A friendly match between BSF and BGB

- A friendly football match was played between the border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh BSF and BGB at Belonia BKI Stadium.
- This was the first time when such a friendly football series was organized between the border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh.

State Budget

- The finance Minister Jishnu Dev Verma presented the state budget of RS 21,951 crores for the financial year 2021 – 2022 leaving an uncover deficit of RS 773 crores.
- There is no new tax proposal.

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- In this budget, the highest priority have been given to **tourism, information and technology, agriculture and allied sector, health and education.**
- The fund allocation for **Tourism** sector is **15. 50 cr**, the fund allocation for **information and technology** is **56.77 cr**. The fund allocation for **agriculture and allied sector** is **125..47 cr**. The fund allocation for **health sector** is **1443. 47 cr**. The fund allocation for **education** sector is **4,152 cr**.
- Moreover various schemes and projects have been discussed in this bueget including:
 - 1) **Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Family Scheme**
 - 2) **Forming a new National Law University**
 - 3) **promote Bio-Village for organic farming.**
 - 4) **Preservation and promotion of tribal culture and music.**

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- 5) Pushpabanta palace to be set up as 'National Modern Art Gallery'.
 - It is said that through Mukhyamantri Pushpa Uddan prakalpa, the earning of flowers growers is increased from RS 6.20 cr to RS 100 Cr.
 - Trade with Bangladesh recorded a significant surge and export from Tripura has increased remarkably from 6.46 cr. In 2017-18 to RS 30.34 cr. In 2019-20.

Regional Saras Fair

- 12 day long Regional Saras fair was started at the premises of Hapania international Fair ground on 19 March.
- The fair was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister of the State Jishnu Dev Verma.

Kisan Rail

- For the benefit of **farmers and transporters** of the **northeastern region**, the **Northeast Frontier Railway** has decided to run **three Kisan Rail trains** to **Agartala** for **transportation of potatoes** .
- Three Kisan trains are:
 - 1) **One train will run from Falakata to Agartala**
 - 2) **One from Dhupguri to Agartala**
 - 3) **Another train will run from Chengrabandha to Agartala.**
- **Kisan Rail service** has been started by **Indian Railway** in the **Union budget 2020-21** to transport **perishable and agri-products** including **milk, meat and fish**. It aims at providing a **wider market** to our kisans.

7th Annual Judicial Conclave

- 7th Annual Judicial Conclave was inaugurated at the premises of Tripura High Court on 20 March.
- Supreme Court Judge Sanjay Kishan was present in the inaugural ceremony.

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(Fourth Week)

Best Performing Municipal Corporation

- **Agartala Municipal Corporation** is awarded for **Best Performing Municipal Corporation** in North Eastern and Hilly State category under **PMAY (U) 2019**.
- The Award is dedicated to team **PMAY, Basab Rn. Debbarma and Smt. Panchali Bhattacharjee** for their hard work.

Two awards for successful implementation of Tuberculosis elimination Programme

- Tripura has received two awards for successful implementation of Tuberculosis elimination programme.
- 1) Tripura has been awarded second best state among the states having population less than 50 lakhs in matter of eliminating Tuberculosis.
- 2) West Tripura has been awarded silver medal for more than 40% reduction in Tuberculosis cases since 2015.

DGP's Commendation Disc

- Sankar Debnath, IPS Superintendent of police (Special branch) has been awarded as DGP's Commendation Disc award at Police headquarters.
- The award was given by VS Yadav, DGP Tripura.

NIT Agartala's Solar hybrid Tricycle got patent

- NIT Agartala's innovative solar hybrid Tricycle got patent from the comptroller of patent, the principal officer responsible for administering the patent system in the country.
- The tricycle was designed by Saptadip Saha under the guidance of Prof. Priyanath Das .
- The tricycle has the capability to run 20 – 30 km per hour. It can run using both Solar power and electric power.

Martyr

- A CRPF Jawan from Tripura **Mangalram Debbarma** sacrificed his life in retaliating terrorist attack in **Srinagar, Jammu.**

50 years Independence

- 50 Years of Bangladesh Independence was celebrated at Bangladesh High Commission office, circuit house Kunjaban, Agartala on 26 March.

9 Colleges

- The state government has decided to open 9 colleges under PPP model in Old Agartala, Jirania, Kakraban, Kadamtala, Panisagar, Karbook, Salema, Ambassa and Khumulwng.

Chattogram and Sylhet International Airport for Tripura

- During the **Indian Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh**, in one step to strengthen bilateral relationship between India and Bangladesh, **The Bangladesh Government** has offered to use **Chattogram and Sylhet International Airport** for the people of **North East India** especially for **Tripura**.
- Through **chattogram** the goods from **Kolkata** can be transported to **Agartala**.
- Another agreement was done earlier to use **Chattogram** and **Mongla Ports** for the **movement of goods** to **Tripura**.

BBCI Award

- The famous **oncologist** of Tripura **Dr. Gautam Majumder** has received **BBCI Award** from the **director** of **BBCI Amal Chandra Kothi**. He is **medical super** of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Hospital**.
- The awards was introduced by **Guwahati** based **DR B. Barua Cancer Institute**.

Tripura's boy in 'NASDAQ'

- Tripura's boy **Debabrata Ghosh's** full size photo adorned at the **top wall** of the **world's Second biggest stock exchange 'NASDAQ'** in New York for his **extraordinary achievement** to boost **'Alightenment Health Care Inc'** listing in **'NASDAQ'**.
- He was posted as **honourable director 'Alightenment Healthcare Inc'**.

Paramanu Kabba Sarathi Honours

- on the occasion of **World Poetry Day**, The two poet of Tripura **Arun Chakma** and **Sushil Chandra Gope** awarded with **paramanu Kabba Sarathi Honours** at **Krishnapada Ghosh Memorial Trust Bhavan, Sealdah.**

GST Compensation

- On 30th March, **The Central Government** has released **GST Compensation** of **RS 47.2235 crore** to Tripura for **Financial Year 2020 – 21**.

Exhibition

- Bureau of Outreach and Communication Kailsahar Field Office organised an exhibition on 75th years of Indian Independence at Tilabazar Higher Secondary School, Gournagar, Kailasahar.
- Additional District Magistrate has inaugurated the exhibition.
- The main objective of the programme is to build our nation with development.

ISGF Innovation Award

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