

Current Affairs

Tripura
(January to April)

January

Lai Haroba

- Lai Haroba is ritualistic festival of Manipuri meitei communities. This is five day long festival celebrated in capital Agartala.
- The festival was inaugurated by the Speaker of Legislative Assembly Rebat Mohan Das.
- The festival was celebrated with oral literature, music, dance and rituals.
- The festival was organized by Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of Tripura and Puthiba Lai Haroba Committee and Puthiba Welfare & Cultural Society, Agartala.

Bru Reang refugee agreement

- Union Minister for Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah finally settled the quadripartite agreement between the central government and the State Governments of Tripura and Mizoram and also representatives of Bru Communities in New Delhi to end 23 year long Bru-Reang refugee crisis.
- Under this new agreement, 34,000 Bru tribes are allowed to stay in Tripura and are assisted by Central Government with its allocation budget RS 600 crores for their resettlement
- Mizoram Chief Minister Shri Zoramthanga, Tripura chief Minister Biplab Kumar Dev, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Shri Pradyot Kishore Debbarma, representative of Bru tribes and other senior officials were present during signing ceremony.

National Wildlife Board approved Trishna Gas Project of ONGC

- The National Wildlife Board gave its approval for the Trishna Gas Project of which is situated in Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary in Gomati district in Tripura.
- Approx 10-12 gas bearing wells in the Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary was discovered by ONGC. The Gas extracted from these wells would be supplied to the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) owned 100 MW gas-based thermal power project at Monarchak in Sonamura subdivision of Sipahijala district of Tripura.
- The Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1988.
- National Wildlife Board is a statutory organization constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

First Special Economic Zone in Tripura

- The Government of India approved the first Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Sabroom, Tripura.
- This Special Economic Zone primarily focused on agro-based food processing.
- The Special Economic Zone is to be developed by the Tripura Industrial Development Corporation.
- 12,000 skilled jobs are expected to generate from this SEZ.

Padma Shri Award

- The famous tribal folk writer **Shri Benichandra Jamatia** was awarded **Padma Shri Award**, the fourth highest **civilian award** for his contribution in the field of **literature and education**.
- He was among the **118 personalities** who got **Padma Shri Award** along with **23 Padma Bhushan**, **7 Padma Vibhushan** awardees.
- In Previous year the famous musician from Tripura **Thanga Darlong** was conferred with **Padma Shri** for his **contribution in music**. He is the only tribal musician to play **Rosem** – a flute like instrument made of bamboo.

Medal Awardees to the Police Personnel on the occasion of the Republic Day

- **Shri Lalhminga Darlong**, IPS, DIGP(N)/Range) in Northern Range Kumarghat, Unokoati District was conferred with **Presidents Police Medal for Distinguished Service**.
- **Shri Sankar Debnath**, IPS SP (vigilance) with additional Charge SP(SB) was awarded **Presidential Police Medal for Meritorious service**.
- Apart from that Shri Dulal Chandra Dutta, Inspector of Police in Gomati District, Shri Santosh Shil, (Inspector of Police) in Khowai district, Shri Birendra Debbarma (SI), Shri Nilkamal Sinha, Havilder(GD) of 2nd Bn TSR, Shri Ashim Datta, Havilder of 9th Bn of TSR were all awarded.

Other awards in Tripura Police

- **The list of Awards for the year 2019.**
- 1. **Best TSR Battalioni:** 5th Battalion TSR.
- 2. **Policeman of the year:** Shri Jyotisman Das chaudhuri, I/C Addi SP Sepahijala District.
- 3. **Best Investigator of the year:** W/Si(UB)) Rubi Bala Baidya (Singha) of South District.
- 4. **Best Police Station of the year:** Khowai Police Station of Khowai District.
- 5. **Best Clerical Staff of the year:** Shri Chayan Deb, L.D.C of Police Headquarter.

Awards on the occasion of Tripura Statehood Day

- The Tripura Government decided to award five eminent personalities of the state for their immense contribution in their respective fields.
- These five awards are- Tripura Bibhusan, Tripura Bhusan, SD Barman Memorial Award, Maharani Kanchan Prabha Devi Memorial Award and State Award for Scientific and Environmental Activities.
- The awards would be given on Tripura Statehood Day on January 21.
- Tripura Bibhusan and Tripura Bhusan will be given to people who are from education, journalism, art, culture, literature, science, medicine and others.
- Kanchan Prabha Devi Award will be given for contribution in the field of literacy, women empowerment, women and child care and literacy among women.
- SD Barman Award will be given to those who have achieved something extraordinary in the field of music.

Kokborok Day

- 42nd Kokborok Day was celebrated in Tripura on 19 January.
- on the occasion of the Kokborok Day a procession was taken out in Agartala and was attended by Chief Minister , several Cabinet ministers, students and several others.
- Kokborok was declared an official language of Tripura in the year 1979.

Baramura hill renamed

- At the **42nd Kokborok Day** on **19 January** , The Tripura Government decided to rename **Baramura Hill** as “**Hatai Kotar**”.
- This is announced by **The chief Minister of Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb**.



Saras Fair 2020

- 15th Regional Saras Fair 2020 was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb at International Fair Ground & Exhibition Centre, Hapania on 2nd January.
- Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Verma, MLA Mimi Majumder and others remained present in the inaugural ceremony.

Best Performing State Award

- The union Ministry of Agriculture selected Tripura for the best performance state award in the small state category for its outstanding performance in the field of agriculture and farmer's welfare.
- The prize was given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the presence of union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in Bengaluru.

Krishi Karman Award

- Tripura was honoured with Krishi Karman Award as it was also selected as the best performing state in overall Food-grain production category- III
- The award was received by State Agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Karnataka.

90% Full Immunization Coverage

- The South District of Tripura was awarded with the certificate and a medal for achieving 90 % full immunization coverage under Indradhanush (IMI) programme.
- The award was conferred on the occasion of “pulse polio silver jubilee’ held at Dr. Ambedkar Internation centre, New Delhi.
- The award was received by the District Magistrate & Collector, South Shri. Debapriya Bardhan and Chief Medical Officer, south Dr. Sankar Das on behalf of the District.

Best District Emergency Operation Center 2019-19

- The South District of Tripura was awarded with Best District Emergency Operation Center 2018-19.

February

1st Hornbill Festival

- For the first time in the history of Tripura, Hornbill festival is celebrated in Tripura on Feb 8, 2020.
- The chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the 2nd day Hornbill festival at Baramura hill.
- The main purpose of this festival is to create awareness about conservation of birds among the people and to boost tourism sector.
- The Hornbill festival holds every year from Dec1 to Dec 10 in Nagaland. The festival is also called “Festival of Festival”. Apart from Tripura and Nagaland , the festival is also celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

Bharat Bangla Tourism Festival 2020

- The first ever 2 day long **Bharat Bangla Paryatan Ustav 2020 (Tourism Festival)** was celebrated at **Ujjayanta Palace, Agartala** from **Feb 20 to Feb 21**.
- The main aim of this festival is to boost **Tripura's tourism sector**.
- The festival was inaugurated by the **Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb** and organized by **Department of Tourism, Government of Tripura** in memories of contribution of Tripura in **1971 Bangladesh liberation war**.
- The festival included **Seminar, discussion and cultural events**.
- Tripura's Tourism minister **Pranajit Singha Roy**, Bangladesh Assistance High Commissioner to Tripura **Kriti Chakma**, MP **Pratima Bhowmik**, MP from Bangladesh **Md. Abdus Saheed**(who paid tribute the Indian who helped in Bangladesh liberation war 1971) and many other officials of Bangladesh were present in this festival.

Agartala Book Fair

- The 38th edition of Agartala Book Fair 2020 was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb at International Fair ground of Hapania.
- The theme of the book fair is 'My Tripura My Culture'.
- The awards was given on the fair
 1. **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Debarman Award**: The award was introduced in the first time and it would be given for **technical engineering**.
 2. **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Award**: would be given in the field of literature
 3. **Pandit Deendayal Upadhaya Sahnati Award**: would be given for **social activities**

CAA not applicable

- The Union Cabinet has confirmed that Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will not be applicable in 6th Schedule tribal areas like Assam Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura and Inner Line Permit regulated states – Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland.
- The Citizenship act in which Hindus, Sikh, Jains, Parsi, Buddha and Christian from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who lived in India before 31st December 2014 can attain Indian citizenship without legal document.

ICBM 2020

- The chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the first International Conference on Business Management (ICBM-2020) at Tripura University.

Rainfall report of Tripura

- Rainfall report of Tripura 2019 are following
 1. Highest rainfall – Kamalpur (3021.2 mm)
 2. Lowest rainfall – Bishalgarh (918.4mm) .

March

New Law Secretary of the State

- The State Government of Tripura appointed the incumbent district and session judge of Sepahijala district, Biswajit Palit as the new legal remembrance and law secretary of the state.



Integrated Check Post

- The Central Government sanctioned RS 365crore for setting up an integrated check post (ICP) at Sabroom in South Tripura following a meeting between Union home Minister Amit Shah and Tripura chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in New Delhi.



Fastest Growing State Award

- **The Central Government** awarded **Tripura** as the **fastest growing state of the country**.
- **Agartala** was awarded for the **fastest growing city**.



First Test Tube Baby

- In a remarkable achievement in terms of medical science, the Northeast Indian State **Tripura** got its **first test tube baby** delivered in an **Agartala** based private hospital named **Devlok Hospital**.
- The credit of this achievement goes to **Gynecologist Dr. Partha Pratim Saha**.

State Budget

- The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Varma announced the budget of Rs 19,891 crore with a deficit of Rs. 511.41 crore having 19 new major announcements with a revenue expenditure of RS 17,252.48 crore and capital expenditure of RS 2,639.48 crore for the financial year 2020-21.
- In this budget the government made a separate accounts for Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribes (ST) budget for 2020-21 fiscal year.
- A total of 78 projects worth Rs 163.07 crore have been sanctioned for infrastructure projects by Tripura Infrastructure and Investment Fund Board

Land Immigration Check Post

- The Government of India has approved Tripura's Capital Agartala and West Bengal's Ghojadanga as authorised land immigration check post for entering and exiting India. Both Agartala and Ghojadanga are located along the Indo-Bangladesh border.



MOU between Tripura Govt. and Airport Authority of India

- Tripura State Government and Airport Authority of India (AAI) has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the constructing of the 6 equipment hiring centers in Manu blocks, Dhalai district, Tripura.
- The project is the part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Scheme. The project will benefit 6000 families.
- The equipment centers consist of agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries.

Sustainable Development Goal-12

- Tripura has ranked **second** as per the Sustainable Development Goal-12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) index.
- The index is created by **NITI Aayog**.
- **Nagaland** is topped in ranking in **SDG-12** index.

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April

Tripura got Rs 34 Crore under SDRF

- Tripura got Rs 34 Crore under the State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) approved by Union Ministry of home affairs .
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has approved the release of Rs 11,092 crore under the State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) to all the states to take measures for containment of COVID-19 pandemic.

Parcel Express

- During Lockdown, **North East Frontier Railway (NRF)** operated one Special “**Parcel Express**” train in order to ensure transportation of essential goods in small quantity in the wake **COVID-19** to parts of **Assam and Tripura**.



Tripura is the second state to activate ESMA Act

- After Madhya Pradesh, Tripura has invoked the Essential Services Management Act (ESMA).
- ESMA empowers the state government to punish employees who refuse to serve in sectors which are considered essential to maintain normalcy.
- Healthcare, Sale and transport of medicines and medical equipment, electricity, food, drinking water and security are among the services considered essential.

Budget for ADC

- Radhacharan Debbarma, chief executive member of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) Presented a budget of RS 1059 crore 49 lakh 33 thousand for Financial Year 2020-21.
- Under this budget a housing scheme named Nukhung Hamari had been utilized to develop pucca houses in ADC areas.

a mobile COVID-19 sample collection Kiosk

- In a major step to tackle Coronavirus spreading, a mobile COVID-19 sample collection kiosk has been designed under the Agartala Smart City Project.
- This is the first newly designed mobile kiosk in eastern and north east India.

ADC got Rs 180.79 crore

- Amid **lockdown** situation **Rs 180.79 Crore** was given to **Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC)**.
- The fund was approved by the **Central Government** and the **State Government** in various welfare scheme.



Additional Charge of member, Tripura Sales Tax Tribunal and AT Tribunal

- The Tripura State Government gave the charge of Revenue with an additional charge of member, Tripura Sales Tax Tribunal And AT Tribunal to Tanusree Debbarma, IAS.



Nanazi Deshmukh Rastriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puruskar 2020 and Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award 2020

- Khasimangal Gram Panchayat under Teliamura Block in Khowai district received Nanazi Deshmukh Rastriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puruskar 2020.
- Mailak Gram Panchayat under Amarpur Block in Gomati District received child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award 2020.
- The Awards were given by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.

Largest ever Hydrogen bomb

- Russia has tested World most powerful Hydrogen bomb named Tsar bomb.
- It is believed to be 3,333 times more destructive than that of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atom bombs Little boy and Fat Man.

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