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## **Budget Speech 2023-24**

**Hon'ble Speaker Sir,**

I rise to present the budget for the year 2023-24 to this August House.

Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and able leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, BJP led alliance has returned to power for second consecutive term to serve the State on the path of development and prosperity. I take this opportunity to thank people of this State for reposing the trust on our abilities and good governance.

Further, I would like to greet all the Hon'ble members of this august house especially the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Leader of Opposition on this occasion. I strongly believe that the tradition of dialogue and discussion between treasury benches and the opposition benches will continue with cooperation and mutual respect for each other during the session. I am delighted to present my first budget as Finance Minister before this august gathering.

2. We had released 'Sankalpa Patra' (Charter of Pledge) before the last Assembly Election reflecting our vision for '**Developed Tripura**'. It will be our endeavour to fulfill people's aspiration by implementing 'Sankalpa Patra' in next 5(five) years.

3. In last five years we have taken number of steps for people's welfare and economic development. This August House will be happy to know that State economy (**GSDP**) **is estimated to have grown by 8.80 % during last FY 2022-23**, compared to 7.20% growth estimated at national level. The State is estimated to grow at about 8.00% during the current FY 2023-24 as against estimated 6 to 6.5% growth at national level. This` high economic growth is the reflection of our efforts for development of the State.

**This Budget aims at:**

- (i) Firstly, to usher in an era of high growth and sustainable development by capital Investment for development of infrastructure, and good governance;



- (ii) Secondly, to have Inclusive and Comprehensive Development of all sections of the society including Women, Children, Janajati, Schedule Caste, Other Backward Classes and Minorities;
- (iii) Thirdly, Development of Agri and Agri-allied sector with sustainable farming practices; and
- (iv) Lastly, Quality of Life with special focus on Education, Skill and Health for All.

### **Agriculture & Farmers Welfare:**

4. As a part of celebrating year 2023 as the ‘**International Year of Millet**’, massive awareness and sensitization programme was taken up and 13 MT millet seeds were distributed for covering 2000 ha of land for production.

5. Organic Queen Pineapple with Tripura geographical identification tag has been launched at Delhi Haat on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to promote marketing for better prices to farmers. The State has exported Horti products like - Wood Apple 640 MT, Tamarind 162 MT, Pineapple 0.75 MT, Citrus (Satkara) 10 MT to Bangladesh and 1735 MT of Pineapple to various parts of the country during the calendar year 2022. This year the State Government is starting Urban Farming for selected persons in all 20 ULBs of the State.

6. Under ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)’, Rs. 148 Cr has been disbursed directly to the accounts of 2.33 lakh farmers during 2022-23. Government bore upto 95% of the premium under ‘Mukhyamantri Fasal Bima Yojana (MMFBY)’ for 3.65 lakhs farmers during the FY 2022-23. An amount of Rs. 330 Cr has been disbursed through 60,271 KCC loans during 2022-23.

7. **I propose to announce a new scheme namely ‘Mukhyamantri Integrated Crop Management Programme (MICMP)’ to cover 1,16,400 ha area during 2023-24 with an outlay of Rs. 10 Cr for increasing production and productivity of Aman paddy.**

8. **I propose to launch a new app namely ‘Kisan Sahayata Mobile App’ for giving agricultural advices to farmers. I propose to set up 2(two) new Agriculture**

**Development Research Cum Training Center with IT facilities at Kumarghat under Unakoti District and Amarpur under Gomati District involving Rs. 4.10 Cr.**

**Animal Resources Development:**

9. The State Government has taken steps for augmentation of Milk, Meat and Egg production in the State. During FY 2022-23, some 5,644 Piggery, 2,882 Goatery, 19,808 Poultry & 6,710 Duckery units were distributed under Chief Minister's Swanirvar Parivar Yojana. Thirteen Mobile Veterinary Units were launched to provide veterinary health services at the doorstep of farmers. 25 Dairy Units were established among ST beneficiaries @ Rs. 1.50 lakh each; and 393 Pig rearing units and 383 Goat rearing units were established in the State.

10. For undertaking cattle breed improvement programme in the State during 2023-24, 1.40 lakh doses of Artificial Insemination will be done by utilizing 70,000 Sex sorted semen doses and 70,000 Conventional semen doses. **A modern Artificial Insemination Training Centre and five veterinary Dispensaries will be established in the State during the next three years.**

11. By converging the existing schemes, I propose to launch a new revamped scheme named '**Mukhyamantri Prani Sampad Bikash Yojana**' for overall development of animal husbandry sector in the State with an outlay of Rs. 10 Cr. The scheme will be providing Poultry, Goatery and Piggery inputs to the eligible beneficiaries, providing financial assistance to BPL farmers involved in livestock farming; providing interest subvention for development of Mini Dairy and Piggery; supporting Fodder cultivation in Farmer's/ Government land; and providing compensation for loss of livestock & birds to the farmers from financially weaker section of the society.

**Fisheries:**

12. Fingerlings have been distributed among 62,000 fish farmers under Chief Minister's Swanirvar Paribar Yojana. Input support for scientific aquaculture was provided to 59,810 Fish Farmers for encouraging scientific fish production under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). To promote co-operatives in

pisciculture sector, 191 Co-operative Societies/ SHGs have also been provided with input supply for Entrepreneurship development among members. KCC loan has been provided to make credit available to 394 fish farmers.

13. During FY 2022-23, twenty fish farmers were provided motorcycles fitted with ice box for selling of fish. Twenty fish farmers were provided 3-wheeler vehicle fitted with ice box for transportation of fish.

14. **A comprehensive Fisheries Policy will be framed to optimally utilize the land and water resources to enhance the production of fish in the State, thereby creating gainful employment opportunities for large number of youth.**

15. **I propose to announce a new scheme namely ‘Mukhyamantri Matsya Bikash Yojana (MMBY)’ for augmentation of fish production, fish seed production etc. with an allocation of Rs. 12 Cr in the budget.**

#### **Education:**

#### **Hon’ble Speaker**

16. **I propose to set up one Model School in each Block under ‘PMSHRI’ Scheme. I have allocated Rs. 50 Cr for constructing schools during FY 2023-24.**

17. A web application portal has been developed for the Disadvantaged groups and weaker sections for online admission of students. State Government has distributed 44,600 bi-cycles to girl students during 2022-23. The Scheme ‘Cycle to Girls Student’ will be continued during 2023-24 with an outlay of Rs. 9 Cr.

18. **I propose to introduce a new scheme namely ‘Mukhyamantri Konya Atmonirbhor Yojana’ to provide free Scooty to 100 girl toppers of Class XII to motivate the girls for higher education.**

19. I am happy to inform that the State Government will modernize 400 Government schools under PMSHRI and Vidyajyoti Schemes with an investment of Rs. 2000 Cr to revamp the education infrastructure in Tripura over next 5 years.

20. The State Government will launch ‘**Tripura Agniveer Programme**’ in higher secondary schools to boost youth participation in Agnipath Scheme to serve the nation.
21. State Government has waived off various type of fees like Admission fee, College Development fee, Exam fee etc. for girl students enrolled in Under Graduate/Post Graduate Courses in Govt. Degree Colleges.
22. Chief Minister’s Special Scholarship for Divyanga (Blind) has been launched for encouraging Divyanga (Blind) students to pursue higher education. Monthly Special scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- will be disbursed to Graduate & Post Graduate courses and Rs. 4,000/- for Diploma level courses taken up by Divyanga Students.
23. Skill oriented courses have been started in 11 General Degree Colleges with the help of National Skill Development Council (NSDC) which includes courses on Web Development, Yoga, Mushroom Cultivation and Medicinal Plants. These skilling courses will benefit students for job placements.
24. Two new Colleges namely Jirania Law College and General Degree College, Kakraban have been set up in PPP mode during FY2022-23. **I propose to provide Wi-Fi coverage to all degree colleges and polytechnic institutes in the State with an outlay of Rs. 15 Cr.**
25. The Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University Act, 2022 has been notified. The Techno India University Tripura Act, 2023 and Aryavatt International University, Tripura Act, 2023 have been passed for setting up two private universities in the State. With the implementation of National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) and establishment of three new Universities, the State will soon be an Education Hub in the North East Region.
26. **I propose to construct new science building at Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur, with an outlay of Rs. 40 Cr; new science building at MBB College with an outlay of Rs. 77 Cr; and an Administrative and Academic building at IASE, Kunjaban, Agartala with an outlay of Rs. 10 Cr.**

### **Youth Affairs & Sports:**

27. I am happy to inform this august house that Tripura Men's Football Team secured Silver medal and Bronze medal in Men's Tennis in North East Regional Sports competition 2022 held in Imphal, Manipur in May 2022 respectively. Smt. Debanjali Nath secured Bronze medal in Judo competition in 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Khelo-India Youth Games held in Madhya Pradesh in February, 2023.

28. **During FY 2023-24, two Youth Hostels will be constructed at Kailashahar and Udaipur with an outlay of Rs. 25 Cr. A stadium will be constructed at Santirbazar with an outlay of Rs. 9.21 Cr to create sports infrastructure.**

29. **I propose to launch 'Mukhyamantri State Talent Search Programme' to provide world class training and one-time financial assistance of up to Rs. 5 lakhs to selected female athletes.**

30. **I also propose to introduce a new scheme namely 'Mukhyamantri Sports Development Scheme' with an outlay of Rs. 8 Cr during FY 2023-24 to establish world-class sports facilities and provide Scholarships to aspiring athletes.**

### **Hon'ble Speaker**

31. I have provided an outlay of **Rs. 4939 Cr** for Education and Youth Affairs sector in the Budget 2023-24.

### **Health Services:**

32. State Government has made relentless efforts to strengthen the health infrastructure in Tripura. State Government has set up 'Agartala Government Dental College' at IGM Hospital complex, Dental College will start functioning from the academic session of 2023-24 with an annual intake capacity of 50 students in BDS course.

33. Nurses Training Institute in IGM Hospital complex has been up-graded into a College of Nursing for B.Sc. (Nursing) course, with intake capacity of 50 students per

year, from the academic year 2023-2024. Besides, ANM Training Institute, Udaipur, Gomati has also been up-graded into a GNM Training Institute with intake capacity of 40 per year from the academic year 2023-24.

34. Post Graduate seats have been increased from existing 25 to a whopping 79 PG seats at AGMC.

35. Three CHCs have been up graded to Sub-Divisional Hospitals, at Panisagar, Kumarghat and Karbook to help local people get better healthcare. Three Trauma Care Centres (level-III) at South, Gomati and Dhalai District Hospitals have been inaugurated last year. New building of 20 bedded expansion was inaugurated at Longtharai Valley Sub-Divisional Hospital.

36. Kakraban PHC and Rajnagar PHCs have been upgraded to CHCs in 2022-23. Six new PHC buildings have been inaugurated at Boxanagar, Kanchanmala, Mohanpur, Kalyanpur, Natunbazar and Ompi.

37. **‘Mera Aspataal Portal’** a digital initiative has been introduced and integrated with the e-hospital platform of ABVRCC for better services to Cancer patients. Besides, e-Radiological services introduced in AGMC & GBP Hospital and Tele-Radiology services introduced in all District Hospitals.

38. **Eleven Health and Wellness Centers will be constructed in Bru-resettlement locations at North, Dhalai and Gomati Districts. Maharani PHC, Madhupur PHC and Bishramganj PHC will be upgraded to CHC level in 2023-24.**

39. **Two new PHCs will be constructed at Nitya Bazar and Durpabari. Five new PHC buildings will be inaugurated at Anandanagar, Bamutia, Taibandal, Dayarampara and Niharnagar. Trauma Care Center (level-III) will be opened at North District Hospital, Dharmanagar during 2023-24.**

40. **Total 100 Health Sub Centre buildings will be constructed with an outlay of Rs. 30 Cr for strengthening basic health care infrastructure during FY 2023-24. A separate Centre for Communicable Diseases will be constructed in the State with an outlay of Rs. 55 Cr.**



41. **Fifty bedded Drug De-addiction Centres will be established in phased manner in all the 8 Districts of the State.**

**Hon'ble Speaker**

42. I have provided an outlay of **Rs. 1756 Cr** for Health Sector in the Budget 2023-24.

**Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs:**

43. State Government is providing free rice to 6,02,682 families (**4,93,766 Priority Household and 1,08,916 Antyodaya Anna Yojana**) since January, 2023.

44. During 2022-23, total 3,297 displaced Bru families comprising 10,146 members have been brought under the coverage of PDS and left out Bru families will be provided with ration cards once they move to permanent habitation.

45. **All 9.60 lakh Paper Ration cards will be replaced by PVC Ration cards. Total 765 FP shops run by dealers and 165 FP shops run by Co-operative Societies will be transformed as Model Fair Price Shops.**

**SC Welfare:**

46. Financial assistance was provided to 1,466 beneficiaries under Chief Minister Swanirvar Parivar Yojana. 500 Bicycle and 2,500 Electronic Weighing Machines have been distributed to SC beneficiaries and 34 Smart TV were distributed in SC hostels for smart classes.

47. During 2022-23, **Under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana** loan amounting to Rs. 29.74 Cr has been provided to 5,264 beneficiaries. 106 project works have been completed in 30 selected villages and all 30 villages have already been declared as Adarsh Gram. Moreover, 145 projects have been completed under Infrastructure Development in Schedule Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) villages and Rs. 8.37 Cr has been spent.

48. During 2023-24, Pre-Matric Scholarship (Class VI to VIII) will be provided to 35,300 SC students with Rs. 141.20 lakh; Pre-matric Scholarship (Class IX & X) to 12,100 SC students with Rs. 640.75 lakh; Post Matric Scholarship to 24,150 SC students with Rs. 6252.20 lakh; and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Merit Award to 10,500 SC students with Rs. 82 lakh.

49. One Time financial support will be provided to 400 students involving Rs. 390 lakh. Soft loans will be provided by the Tripura SC Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd. to 3,100 beneficiaries involving Rs. 27 Cr during 2023-24. In Infrastructure Development Sector, 30 Community Halls will be constructed in the PMAGY Villages under Dr. Ambedkar Utsav Dham (DAUD) Programme.

#### **OBC Welfare:**

50. OBC Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd is imparting entrepreneurship training and soft loans for pursuing Higher Education and for promotion of business of OBC population in the State. About 1000 beneficiaries will be covered in 2023-24.

51. I propose to launch a new scheme named '**Mukhyamantri Akankshsa Scheme**' with an outlay of Rs. 1 Cr to help OBC students to prepare for different competitive examinations like IAS, IPS, and IFS etc. during the FY 2023-24.

#### **Minorities Welfare:**

52. During the year 2023-24 tentatively 6000 minority students will be provided Pre-Metric Scholarship, 2200 students will be provided Post-Metric Scholarship & 1500 students will be provided Special Incentive to Minority Girls students. Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Merit Award will be provided to 800 students who scored more than 60% in last year's Madhyamik and H.S examination.

53. Tripura Minorities Cooperative Development Corporation Limited will disburse Rs. 3.60 Cr to 175 beneficiaries during FY 2023-24 for self-employment & higher studies of Minority Youths/ students. In addition, 690 students will be provided financial support for pursuing higher studies during the year 2023-24 with an outlay of Rs. 6.21 Cr.

### **Labour Organization:**

54. Tripura Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (TBOCWW Board) has introduced **Nirman Shramik Kalyan Prakalp 2.0 (NSKP 2.0)** to provide social security benefits to registered construction workers and their families with the concept of 'womb to tomb'. The Scheme has enhanced Marriage benefit from Rs. 25,000/- to **Rs. 50,000/- per case**, Funeral Assistance from Rs. 5,000/- to **Rs. 10,000/- per case**, Maternity benefit from Rs. 5,000/- to **Rs. 8,000/- per case**, Education benefit from Rs. 8,000 to **Rs. 20,000/- per case** and ex-gratia from Rs. 20,000 to **Rs. 2 lacs per case** for Natural death and **Rs. 40,000/ to Rs. 4 lacs per case** for accidental death. All active registered construction workers will be provided **interest subsidized loan** up to **Rs. 6 lacs**. The scheme will benefit more than **50,000 families** of registered construction workers in the State.

55. Foundation stone was laid during the last year for construction of **100 bedded ESIC model Hospital** in Bodhjunnagar Industrial Estate, Agartala for labour welfare.

56. The State Government has **revised basic minimum wages under** the Minimum Wages Act 1948 for the workers engaged in various categories of 20 (twenty) scheduled employments which has come into effect from **1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

### **Social Welfare & Social Education:**

#### **Hon'ble Speaker**

57. State Government is giving social pension @ Rs. 2000/- per month to all the beneficiaries under State and Central Social Pension Schemes since October, 2022. To ensure the timely and accurate payment, Aadhaar based payment will be started from this year.

58. Total 234 new Anganwadi Centres have been recently sanctioned for the remaining uncovered areas. This includes 44 new AW Centres for the welfare of Bru settlers.

59. More than 10,658 pregnant and nursing mothers have been provided financial benefit during FY 2022-23 under **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)** for ensuring partial compensation of wage loss and nutrition. Under **‘Mukhyamantri Matrupushti Upahar’** all eligible pregnant women are getting Rs. 2000/- in 4 instalments of Rs. 500/- each after antenatal check-up.

60. **The Tripura State Policy for Empowerment of Women 2022** was launched for the holistic development and empowerment of Women in the State.

61. This year State Government will launch **Tripura State Policy for Empowerment of Divyanga** for their holistic development and empowerment.

62. One time award of Rs. 24,000/- and 54,000/- to Top 5 students in Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Examinations respectively are being provided under **Chief Minister’s Meritorious Award** for students with benchmark disabilities. **Sponsorship & Foster Care Allowance @ Rs. 4,000/- per child per month** has been provided to **473** Children in need of care and protection.

63. **State Government will soon formulate a comprehensive policy namely to support Transgender persons for their socio-economic development.**

64. **Working women Hostels will be constructed at Agartala, Udaipur, Ambassa and Dharmanagar with total outlay of Rs. 15 Cr.**

#### **Tribal Welfare:**

65. Three new ST College Hostels attached to (i) Women’s College, Agartala (ii) Ambedkar College, Fatikroy and (iii) Gandacherra Govt. Degree College have been constructed. Two new Tribal Rest Houses namely (i) Kumari Madhuti Rupasree at Melarmath, Agartala and (ii) Kalachera Tribal Rest House at Sabroom, South Tripura have been made functional.

66. One new Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS) at Nalichara, Ambassa has been completed and made functional. Construction work of 12 new EMRSs are in progress.

67. Soft loan have been provided to 539 ST youths and Education loan have been provided to 13 ST students by Tripura ST Development Co-operative Corporation Ltd.

68. A theme based musical water fountain is proposed to be established at TTAADC Head Quarters, Khumulwng with an outlay of Rs. 1 Cr during FY 2023-24 for beautification and attraction of tourists.

69. Under the **Chief Minister's Rubber Mini Mission**, 9,517 ST beneficiaries have been benefited and 8,400 ha plantation has been done. **Fifty smoke houses will be constructed at an outlay of Rs. 27.50 Cr over next 2(two) years for Tribal rubber growers.**

70. I am happy to announce that World Bank Board has approved Tripura Rural Economic Growth and Service Delivery Project (TRESP) with an outlay of Rs. 1435 Cr (US \$ **175 m**) for improving quality of life of tribal communities at Tripura through sustainable livelihood and infrastructure development. The project will be formally launched in next few months.

71. I propose to launch a new mission namely '**Mukhyamantri Tribal Development Mission**' for comprehensive development of tribal areas with focus on Education, Health, Roads, Nutrition, Sanitation and Drinking Water services. I have kept an amount of Rs. 30 Cr in the Budget Estimates of FY 2023-24 for implementing the mission, which will also provide free education and accommodation for the deserving ST students in top ranking Indian universities.

#### **Rural Development:**

72. I am happy to inform this august House that Tripura has received an additional allocation of 1,30,695 PMAY(G) houses for the beneficiaries under Awaas Plus (Beyond SECC) in FY 2023-24.

73. Under MGNREGA, total 3.34 crore person-days have been generated @60 APDs with an expenditure of Rs. 1,009 Cr during 2022-23.

74. Under **National Rurban Mission (NRuM)**, seven rural clusters are being developed at Hrishyamukh, Nirbhaypur, Paschim Chawmanu, Killa, Belianchip, Avanga and Rowa.

75. 101 RCC Foot Bridges will be constructed with an outlay of Rs. 63 Cr at different locations to improve rural connectivity during the year.

76. Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), till Financial Year 2022-23, 4,13,456 women from poor rural families have been mobilized into 46,017 Self Help Groups (SHGs), 1950 Village Organization of SHGs and 88 Cluster Level Federations. These institutions have been provided with Rs. 424 Cr as Revolving Fund (RF) and Community Investment Fund (CIF). About 20% of SHG members are identified as a '**Lakhpati Didi**'. Moreover, Rs. 725 Cr of Bank Credit Linkage has also been provided for meeting their credit needs. 80,000 more rural women will be brought under SHGs during this year.

77. Under **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana**, there is a target for skill development of 28,780 rural youths. Skill training has been started for 15,347 rural youths, training completed for 11,718 youths and placements made for 4,940 youths.

78. **I propose to construct Market Stalls at Jolaibari, Mohanbhog, Dukli, Ompi and Majlishpur with an outlay of Rs. 13 Cr. I also propose to construct passenger shed in every Block with an outlay of Rs. 5 Cr during FY 2023-24.**

#### **Drinking Water & Sanitation:**

79. Prior to implementation of **Jal Jeevan Mission** only 24,502 (i.e. 3.30%) rural households were provided with individual household tap connections After the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in 2019, a total **4,58,364 (61.78%)** rural households in the State have been provided with Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC). State has spent Rs. 1809 Cr under JJM in last three years. It is expected that all rural households in the State will be covered with connection by **March, 2024.**



## **Forest:**

80. During the year 2022-23, State Government has carried out afforestation over a total degraded forest area of 10,387 ha, of which 3,272 ha has been planted with bamboo, which are also commercially important for the State's economy.

81. State Government has launched 'Roadside Plantation and Beautification of Tripura (RBPT)' Scheme under which 134 KM of plantation has been raised to improve the travelling experience of people.

82. Tripura Agarwood Policy has been notified by the Forest Department in 2021 to facilitate Agarwood industry in the State. An amount of **Rs. 15 Cr will be spent over a period of 3(three) years for development of Agarwood sector.**

83. On 28th June, 2022, the Forest Department successfully conducted a mass planting programme wherein about 1,02,230 saplings were planted in five minutes record time between 11.00 AM to 11.05 AM throughout the State with active participation of various government agencies, JFM Committee members and CAPFs.

84. Teliamura is being developed as the 'Wildlife Capital of Tripura' due to significant varieties of wildlife in the area and steps are being taken to conserve the same. State Government will develop Sepahijala Zoological Park by investing an amount of Rs. 6 Cr during this year.

85. Four new 'Nagar Vans' have been established during the year 2022-23 at Dharmanagar, Kumarghat, Teliamura and Udaipur.

86. A new company named 'Tripura Nature Trails and Resorts Limited (TNTR)' has been established to promote Eco-Tourism in places like Sepahijala and Gomati Wildlife Sanctuaries, Damboor Lake etc.

87. **Beautification of at least two islands of Dumboor Lake will be taken up by creating theme parks like Biodiversity Park with Orchid house, Fern house, Cactus house, Children's park, aquarium & wellness centres etc.**

**Hon'ble Speaker,**

**Panchayat:**

88. Under **Rastriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**, Construction of 44 Panchayat Bhawans and 02 District Panchayat Resource Centers (DPRC) have been taken up. Over 65,000 Elected Representatives and Functionaries have been trained under Capacity Building and Training (CB&T).

89. A revamped web based application portal namely '**Amar Sarkar**' has been launched for speedy and effective redressal of development and services related public grievances pertaining to various Departments.

90. Under **Chief Minister Model Village Scheme (CMMVS)**, 120 GPs / VCs will be developed as a Model Village within three years so that others may replicate the same. I have allocated an amount of Rs. 8 Cr for this purpose.

**Information Technology:**

91. With an initiative to make Digital Tripura, the State Government has rolled out e-office in the State in a mission mode during the financial year 2023-24. The main objectives of the initiative is to make paperless Office, to enhance transparency and increase accountability in Governance.

92. During the last financial year, our Government has already provided Rs. 5000/- to each of 11,892 students for purchasing Smart phones under **Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana**. Smart phones will be provided to 12000 students during the current year.

93. **I propose to provide 3,000 FTTH connections for rural State Government establishments, private establishments and households. Facility of Public WiFi will be provided in 300 GP/VCs of Tripura.**

94. **I also propose to launch 31 Mobile Common Service Center (mCSCs) with an outlay of Rs. 4.13 Cr.**

95. **I propose to set up Video Conferencing (VC) System in all offices of Sub-Divisional Magistrates and Block Development Offices with an outlay of Rs. 6.70 Cr for better governance and review of government programmes.**

**Home (Police):**

96. State Government has enhanced monthly honorarium of SPOs from Rs. 6,156/- to Rs. 7,079/- and of SPO drivers from Rs. 9,000/- to Rs. 9,540/-. The retirement age of TSR personnel of all ranks has been increased from 57 years to 60 years.

97. Women Police Stations has been sanctioned in Khowai and Dhalai District thereby ensuring that each district has minimum one Women PS. State Government up graded 11(eleven) Police Outposts to Police Stations. Eight Highway Patrol vehicles have been deployed for dedicated highway patrolling in all districts of the State.

**Fire & Emergency Services:**

98. Permanent accommodation for Ambassa and Manughat Fire Station have been constructed during the FY 2022-23. Construction work of Training School (Phase I) has been completed and inaugurated.

99. **I propose to procure 50 (fifty) conventional Fire Tenders and 20 (twenty) light operational vehicles for effective fire service delivery at a cost of Rs. 26.76 Cr during FY 2023-24.**

100. **Construction of permanent buildings for 5(five) Fire Stations at Manubazar, Damcherra, Ompi, Rasihyabari and Chawmanu will be completed this year. I also propose to construct permanent buildings for Fire Stations at Sabroom, Hrishyamukh and Ambassa with an outlay of Rs. 12 Cr.**

101. **State Fire Service Training College will be set up for providing training to the firemen.**

**Prison:**

102. State Government started free health care facilities for the inmates. Legal aid clinic has been set up in all Jails with the help of para legal volunteers. Provision has been made to accommodate the children below 6 years of age accompanying their mother (female inmates) in special crèche.

103. Arrangements have been made to start video conference units in the Jail premises. Extensive vocational training is being imparted to inmates for facilitating smoother rehabilitation.

**Hon'ble Speaker****Revenue:**

104. State Government has framed policy for lease of Government Land in November 2022, which will help easy availability of land for commercial and industrial activities.

**105. I propose to construct new DM office Complexes at Udaipur and Dharmanagar with an outlay of Rs. 67.20 Cr. I also propose to construct SDM office buildings and SDM's residential Quarters at Sabroom, Udaipur, Kailashahar and Kumarghat with an outlay of Rs. 27.92 Cr.**

106. For handling disaster management activities, additional 7 Automated Weather Stations (AWSs) and 8 Automated Rain Gauges (ARGs) have been installed at different locations in the State. Some 3,000 Civil Defence Volunteers and 1,000 Aapda Mitra Volunteers have been trained throughout the State for better preparedness.

**Science, Technology & Environment:**

107. To develop scientific temper in people especially youth, State Government has inaugurated Science City at Badharghat, Agartala during the last year.

108. I am happy to inform this august house that development of Bio-Villages has been appreciated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat programme on 30<sup>th</sup> October'2022.

109. State Government is implementing DNA club project in HS Schools to strengthen the scientific temper in students. Their number will be enhanced to 40 (forty) schools during 2023-24.

**Industries & Commerce:**

110. State Government has launched Tripura City Gas Distribution Policy and Tripura Logistic Policy.

111. State Government has actively participated in the Road Shows under the aegis of '**North East Global Investors Summit**' and highlighted state's potential to attract private investment. This endeavour of the State Government has attracted deep interest from national and international investors.

112. **An amount of Rs. 37.75 Cr will be spent during FY 2023-24 for improvement of Power Infrastructure in different Industrial Estates.**

113. **State Government is undertaking massive infrastructure development with the help of Asian Development Bank at various industrial estates in six districts with an investment of Rs. 1200 Cr over next five years.**

114. **A Unity Mall will be constructed with an outlay of about Rs. 100 Cr at Agartala to display and sell unique products of Tripura and other States.**

**Skill Development:**

115. Skill Development Sector has been given high priority by our Government. During the last 5 (five) years more than 22,000 (twenty-two thousand) youths have been trained in different skills and many of them have been employed within and outside the State.

116. I propose to introduce a new scheme namely '**Mukhyamantri Dakhyata Unnayan Prakalpa**' with an outlay of Rs. 50 Cr for the next five years, with a view to promote employment opportunities for the youths of the State. The new scheme will have job-market oriented skill development in sector like Artificial Intelligence, Drone Technology, Internet of Things, Smart City services and Smart Agriculture in addition to Traditional Trades. The State Government will also tie-up with reputed institutions of the country for such skill development training for the youths both in and outside of Tripura.

**Tourism:**

117. The State Government has taken a comprehensive plan for promotion of tourism in the State by improving the last mile connectivity, creating infrastructure facilities and improving manpower skills at tourist destinations. As a result, tourist footfalls have substantially increased to 2.84 lakh including 35,000 foreigners during last year.

118. State Government has taken a decision to appoint Shri Saurav Ganguly, Former Captain of Indian Cricket Team as **Brand Ambassador** of Tripura Tourism. This will give massive boost to tourism Industry in Tripura.

119. State Government has introduced multiple activities like Para-motoring, Paragliding, Water Scooter, Water Ski, Zorbing, Banana boat, Hot air balloon etc. for **Adventure Tourism** at Dumboor Lake, Chabimura and Jampui Hills.

120. Development of Infrastructure facilities have been undertaken in major tourist destinations namely Sepahijala, Udaipur, Chhabimura, Neermahal, Ujjayanta Palace, Dumboor Lake, Jampui Hills, and Unakoti under Swadesh Darshan-I with an outlay of Rs. 90 Cr. Total **31 Log huts** have been made operational and another **18 log huts** are in completion stage.

121. **A Light and Sound Show** based on the history of the Royal and contemporary history of Tripura has been made operational **at Ujjayanta Palace at a cost of Rs. 6 Cr.**



122. **Four Ropeway projects with total outlay of Rs. 692 Cr will be taken up at (i) Udaipur Railway Station to Matabari (ii) Maharani to Chabimura (iii) Surmacherra and (iv) Jampui Hills. One house boat will be deployed in Dumboor Lake to facilitate tourists.**

123. **During FY 2023-24, facilities for eco-tourism will be developed in Dumboor with an outlay of Rs. 5 Cr. A tea museum will be developed at Durgabari to attract the tourists with an outlay of Rs. 15 Cr. Mahadeb Dighi at Udaipur will be beautified to attract tourists in the temple city of Udaipur with an outlay of Rs. 8 Cr.**

#### **Information & Cultural Affairs:**

124. Electronic display boards have been installed at 15 locations throughout the state for wider publicity of Government programmes.

125. Tripura Film & Television Institute (TFTI) has been set up in collaboration with Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata and 1<sup>st</sup> Batch of the students have already got course completion certificate. **In this academic year, 5(five) new courses will be introduced to make them total 6(six) courses.**

126. **I propose to develop a Tourism and Cultural Promotional Hub at Gandhighat under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) with an outlay of Rs. 35 Cr.**

#### **Transport:**

127. State Government is committed for strengthening connectivity & logistics hub for transnational trade & communication. Letter of Award (LOA) for operation of International flights on Agartala-Chittagong-Agartala has already been issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to M/s Spice Jet Airlines on 12.09.2022, for which State Government has already sanctioned Rs. 15 Cr.

128. The State Cabinet has approved the **‘Tripura Electric Vehicle Policy, 2022’** for transition of state’s transportation sector towards electric based mobility, reduce air pollution and promote Tripura as eco-friendly tourist destination.

129. The State Government will bring new **‘Vehicle Scrapping Policy, 2023’** under which more than 15(fifteen) years old Government vehicles will be scrapped and replaced with environment friendly vehicles.

130. The State Government will set up a multimodal logistics park at Udaipur for development of Inland Water Transport in Tripura. In order to stop accident at unmanned railway crossing, Ministry of Railway, Government of India has sanctioned 23 (twenty three) Road Over Bridges (ROB) for the state. The work for 12 (twelve) such projects with an outlay of Rs. 117 Cr is in progress and DPR preparation for remaining 11 (eleven) ROB is under progress.

131. **I propose to construct new motor stands at Gandatwisa, Jirania, Melagarh and Jolaibari during this year with an outlay of Rs. 25 Cr.**

132. **I also propose to construct office building of the Transport Commissioner at Agartala and 4(four) District Transport Offices for South Tripura, Sepahijala, Khowai and Unakoti Districts with an outlay of Rs. 50 Cr.**

#### **Roads and Bridges:**

133. During FY 2022-23, the work of improvement of 231 KM of road length and maintenance of 224 KM of road length has been done and 5 RCC bridges have been completed. During FY 2022-23, 123 KM of PMGSY roads have been completed to provide all weather connectivity to 10 habitations. During the year 2022-23, 150 KM National Highways and 23 KM State Highways have been constructed.

134. **During the FY 2023-24, about 280 KM of roads will be improved, 2,388 KM road will be repaired and 10 new RCC bridges will be constructed. Moreover, 340 KM PMGSY roads will be constructed to connect 38 habitations by all-weather roads. About 76 KM National Highways, 85 KM State Highways & 3 ROB will also be constructed in the State.**

135. **I also propose to construct 64 Type-III and 64 Type-II quarters at Kunjaban with an outlay of Rs. 62 Cr for employees' accommodation.**

136. I have provided an outlay of about **Rs. 1360 Cr** for Road Sector.

**Water Resources:**

137. During the year 2022-23, the Department has taken up work for construction of 846 Small Bore Tube Wells and 234 Deep Tube Wells to bring 4,713 ha agriculture land under Irrigation. Out of which 400 Small Bore Tube Wells and 4 Deep Tube Wells have been completed and commissioned to bring 1,006 ha agriculture land under Assured Irrigation. Besides these 446 Small Bore Tube Well and 102 Deep Tube Wells are completed. This will bring total 3,043 ha agriculture under Assured Irrigation. Work of remaining 128 Deep Tube Wells is in progress.

138. In flood management sector, anti-erosion work of 3,411 meter at 24 locations have been taken up. Out of which 680 meter anti-erosion work have been completed and remaining 2,731 meter anti erosion work is in progress.

139. **I propose to construct 7 new Lift Irrigation (L.I) Schemes and restore 20 Lift Irrigation Schemes with an outlay of Rs. 7 Cr and 8 Minor Irrigation Storage with an outlay of Rs. 65 Cr under different Blocks in the State.**

140. I have kept total budget allocation of **Rs. 249 Cr** for Irrigation and Flood Management.

**Power:**

141. The Project agreement for Asian Development Bank assisted (Rs. 2275 Cr) **'Tripura Power Distribution Strengthening and Generation Efficiency Improvement Project'** was signed with DEA and ADB in Dec 2022. This is the largest ever project investment in the power sector in Tripura, a historic moment for the State.

142. State is implementing ‘**Revamped reformed based result-linked Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)**’ with an outlay of over Rs. 800 Cr to improve operational and financial viability of the Existing electricity network system of TSECL.

143. A new company ‘**Tripura Power Transmission Ltd. (TPTL)**’ has been formed to strengthen transmission infrastructure in the State.

144. MoU was signed with the renewal energy division of NTPC towards setting up 130 MW floating Solar Power plant with an investment of about Rs. 700 Cr in Tripura. A feasibility study will be conducted to study the possibility of establishing small hydro power plants in Tripura.

145. The Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency (TREDA) has earned nationwide fame by providing renewable energy to the far flung areas of the state which has impacted the life of the people of the remotest corner of the state.

146. Last year Hon’ble Prime Minister Sri. Narendra Bhai Modiji while interacting with beneficiaries appreciated the work.

147. Under ‘Grameen Bazaar Alok Jyoti Project’ a total of 1,291 rural and remote markets are being illuminated by installing 15,000 Solar Street Lighting Systems with cost of Rs. 33 Cr.

148. Under PM KUSUM scheme, TREDA will install 4020 solar pumps in non-grid areas at the project cost of Rs. 121 Cr. Out of which, 2600 pumps have already been installed.

149. I am happy to inform this august house that Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 81 Cr. for setting up of **Solar Micro Grids** in Tripura under **PM-DevINE** scheme and 274 remote habitations will be covered through such solar micro grids.

#### **Urban Development:**

150. I am happy to inform this august house that Tripura has been awarded as **the best performing state** in the category of North-Eastern States for PMAY (Urban) Housing during FY 2022-23.

151. HE Smt. Droupadi Murmu, President of India, conferred Award for **Most Clean State in India (Small States Category) on Tripura under Swachh Sarvekshan Survey, 2022**. Agartala Municipal Corporation has been awarded under **‘SPECIAL MENTIONS 3 LAKHS - 10 LAKHS CATEGORY’** under Indian Swachhata League.

152. **To meet the ever increasing demand of urbanization, I propose to launch a new scheme called ‘Mukhyamantri Satellite Town Development Scheme’ to develop new satellite towns at Agartala, Udaipur and Dharmanagar with an investment of over Rs. 500 Cr in next five years. I have kept a token amount of Rs. 10 Cr in Budget to start preliminary work for the same during FY 2023-24.**

153. An outlay of Rs. 50 Cr has been kept for Sewage Treatment Plants in Agartala City and other towns in the State. Commercial facilities and amenities will be developed at Kailashahar with an outlay of Rs. 10 Cr to attract tourists and increase business activities. Solar High Mast lighting system will be installed in 19 Urban Local Bodies with an outlay of Rs. 8.45 Cr.

154. **I am happy to propose a new scheme namely ‘Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prakalpa’ for investment in urban infrastructure across the State with an outlay of Rs. 1500 Cr over next 5(five) years by merging TUEP. This year I have kept a provision of Rs. 120 Cr in Budget Estimates.**

155. **A new office building will be constructed for Kamalpur Nagar Panchayat with an outlay of Rs. 3.50 Cr.**

**Hon’ble Speaker**

**Handloom, Handicraft & Sericulture:**

156. During 2022-23, 41 artisans have been given skill up-gradation training and 238 artisans were provided with improved tool and kits set for making handicrafts items.

157. **Four new Handloom Clusters will be formed in FY 2023-24 in the weavers’ concentrated areas for providing livelihood supports to weavers. Fifty tribal weavers will be engaged with various livelihood schemes.**

158. **Over 690 weavers will be imparted skill up-gradation training with improved looms. Four Gandhi Shilpa Bazaars and 2(two) Exhibitions will be organised to promote sale of handicraft products within & outside the state.**

**Co-operation:**

159. **With a view to promote the Co-operative development, 268 credit Co-operative Societies (LAMPS / PACS) will be computerized for bringing efficiency in the working ecosystem under ‘PACS Computerization Project’.**

160. **For giving more emphasis for development of co-operatives, 160 new Co-operative Societies will be formed and financial assistance in the form of Share Capital will be given.**

161. **State Government will infuse Rs. 1.5 Cr of Capital to bring vibrancy in Agartala Co-operative Urban Development Bank.**

**Law:**

162. Tripura Judicial Academy has been inaugurated and started functioning. Foundation stone of the National Law University at Narsingarh, has been laid in October 2022.

163. Ongoing construction of Court buildings at Kamalpur & Mohanpur and vertical extension of Court Buildings at Khowai & Dharmanagar are in rapid progress and expected to be completed within the stipulated time.

164. Constructions of Court building at Kailashahar & Bishramganj will be started this year. Construction of residential quarters for Judicial Officers at Bisramganj, Khowai and Kailashahar will be started this year.

165. **In FY 2022-23, total 9(nine) Lok Adalat were organised in which over 58,000 cases were taken up (including National Lok Adalat, Special Lok Adalat, Traditional Lok Adalat, Maha Lok Adalat, Mobile Lok Adalat and continuous Lok Adalat), out of which 6,700 cases were disposed off. Total 1,024 Legal Awareness Camps were**



organised throughout the State in which 1,11,162 persons attended, 1,623 beneficiaries were given free Legal Aid and 12,094 beneficiaries were provided with legal advice/counselling.

**166. I propose to construct new court buildings at Agartala, Jampuijala, Karbook and Santirbazar.**

**167. I also propose to construct residential quarters for judicial officers at Jampuijala, Karbook, Santirbazar and Belonia and 6 Type III and 6 Type IV quarters for officers and staff of High Court of Tripura at Agartala.**

**Finance:**

168. The National Pension Scheme has come to effect in Tripura since 01.07.2018. Keeping in mind, the interest of new employees, I propose to enhance State Government's contribution to NPS from existing rate of 10% of Basic to 14 % of Basic plus DA for the employees under NPS.

169. State Government has started a portal for submission of Pension proposal to Office of the AG (A&E) for minimising the time for finalization of pension. A separate Grievance portal has also been launched for online submission of pensioners' grievances to the State Government. This will immensely help pensioners in addressing their grievances.

**170. State Government will launch e-Service Books from the current year for all the permanent employees under the State Government to facilitate easy access of their service records.**

171. I propose to set up a new Directorate of Good Governance. The Directorate will collaborate with National Institutions and International Agencies to promote Susashan, increase departmental productivity and reduce compliance burden on people thereby lead to 'Ease of Living'.

172. Hon'ble members of this august house must have heard about use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for good governance. Therefore, I propose to set up a Centre of

Excellence in AI under IT Department in collaboration with Tripura Institute of Technology and Other National Institutions working in this field. The Centre of Excellence will assist the State Government in use of AI for effective implementation of policies and providing services in areas such as health, education, energy, agriculture and urban affairs in the State. The Centre will be set up with an investment of Rs. 5 Cr.

173. The State Government is keen to support meritorious students who are unable to pursue higher education due to financial constraints. I am happy to announce a new scheme namely **CM-SATH (Chief Minister's Scholarship for Achievers Towards Higher Learning)** with an outlay of Rs. 3 Cr. The State Government will provide monthly scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- to 100 students each in 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> standard, to be selected through a competitive examination.

**Respected Speaker Sir,**

174. **The State Government is very sensitive to medical needs of the people of Tripura. People have to spend lakhs of rupees for treatment purpose, in and outside the State. Therefore, I propose to introduce 'CM- Jana Arogya Yojana, 2023 (CM-JAY, 2023)', a universal health insurance scheme on the pattern of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY of Central Government.**

175. **The CM-JAY scheme will cover remaining 4.75 lakh families in the State and provide insurance benefit upto Rs. 5 lakh per annum per family. State Government employees will also be covered. State Government will spend about Rs. 59 Cr per annum on this scheme.**

176. **These families will have access to 26,000-plus hospitals empanelled across the country, including 133 hospitals (130 Public + 3 Private) empanelled in Tripura under Ayushman Bharat. The scheme will provide cashless treatment benefits for admitted patients (IP patients) across all specialities and super specialities.**

177. The total Budget Allocation in FY 2023-24 is Rs. 27654.40 Crore which is an increase of 9.87% over the RE 2022-23. The Capital Expenditure is projected at Rs. 5358.70 Crore with an increase of 22.28% over the RE 2022-23.. The summary of Receipt and Expenditure is given in below table.

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Sl. No.	Items	Amount	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>Revenue Account</b>		
	1	Receipts	22307.5
	2	Expenditure	22295.7
	3	Surplus (A1-A2)	11.8
<b>(B)</b>	<b>Capital Account</b>		
	1	Receipts from Loans & Others (including Public Account and Opening Balance)	4735.6
	2	Expenditure	5358.7
	3	Deficit (B1-B2)	-623.1
<b>(C)</b>	<b>Total Receipts (A1+B1)</b>	27043.1	
<b>(D)</b>	<b>Total Expenditure (A2+B2)</b>	27654.4	
Budget Deficit (C-D)		-611.3	

**Respected Speaker Sir,**

**This budget is a blue print for things to come in future and make Tripura a Developed State. I hope that this budget will play a very important role for overall welfare of the people of the State and for implementation of the same, I expect cooperation from all sections of people. I extend by sincere thanks to all.**

**Namaskar!**



