BUDGET SPEECH
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Hon’ble Speaker Sir,
I rise to present the Budget for the year 2020-21.

1. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir**, our BJP-IPFT Government has been serving the State for last two years under the able leadership of our Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, with bounty of blessings and unstinted support of the people. We are on the definite growth path of developing Tripura as a ‘Model State’. In tune with vision of our Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, we are following the philosophy of “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikaas and Sabka Viswas” for development and welfare of every citizen of the State. We are also making sincere efforts to develop Tripura as a logistic hub for North East by holistic development of connectivity following the “HIRA” Model, namely, Highways, I-ways, Railways and Airways. Hon’ble Prime Minister outlined his vision of the Government in Parliament on 6th February, 2020 as “Greater investment, Better infrastructure, Higher value addition and more & more jobs”. The same vision is guiding principle for our State Government also.

2. The sincere efforts of State Government in different fields have been duly recognized by one and all. Government of India’s Good Governance Index has ranked Tripura first among North Eastern states on December 25, 2019. In the ‘State of the States’ survey carried out by India Today Magazine in November 2019, Tripura was also adjudged the ‘Most Improved Small State’ for the second year in a row as well as ‘Best performing and most improved Small State in agriculture’. The Union Ministry of Agriculture selected Tripura for the best
performing state award in the small states category for its outstanding performance in the field of agriculture and farmers’ welfare. The state also received cash prize of 5 (five) Cr. Govt. of India gave certificate for successfully achieving 100% target under Saubhagya on time. The State has bagged 13 (thirteen) nos. National awards for successful implementation of flagship schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development. In the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index of Niti Aayog, Tripura has been declared front runner in 5 (five) goals and performer in another 5 (five) goals. Aspirational district Dhalai received incentive of Rs. 10.00 Cr for being first in the country in improvement of delta ranking in July 2019. And there are several more which I am not mentioning.

3. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, our Government inherited very difficult financial position from the previous Government. During 2017-18, the State recorded Revenue Deficit of Rs. 289.00 Cr and Fiscal Deficit of Rs. 2,072.00 Cr, which was about 5% of the GSDP, much higher than permissible limit of 3% of GSDP. The total outstanding debt crossed Rs.12,900.00 Cr and there was huge outstanding liability in the form of incomplete projects worth more than Rs. 1645.00 Cr. Despite the difficult situation at hand, our Government has been able to meet the development needs of state through prudent financial management.

4. The measure of state’s progress, GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) is steadily rising. In 2019-20, it is expected to be Rs. 57,353.00 Cr as per quick estimates as compared to Rs. 50,544.00 Cr in 2018-19 and Rs. 44,161.00 Cr in 2017-18. GSDP is expected to grow at 13.5% during 2019-20 in nominal term. The State’s GSDP growth in real terms of about 10% is much higher than national average of 5% and global average of 3%. Similarly, per capita income is expected to rise to Rs. 1.27 lakh compared to Rs. 1.00 lakh in 2017-18. The Per Capita
NSDP is expected to grow at **12.14%** during 2019-20 which is quite remarkable, given the national and global scenario. This also substantiates the validity of Hon’ble Prime Minister’s statement in Assam on 8th February, 2020 that the North East was once considered a recipient state, but now it is an engine of growth.

5. Global growth is facing major challenge arising out of protectionism and fall out of pandemic **Corona virus** on trade and investment. This financial year is financially challenging for the state because of full year’s implication for 7th CPC and this also being the last year of Finance Commission which is always difficult. The annual additional financial burden on account of pay & pension revision as per 7th CPC is assessed to be over Rs. 1,460.00 Cr. However, the state has been able to manage the tough year in a diligent manner.

6. Despite these challenges, we strive to make Tripura - an Aspirational Tripura, a Progressing Tripura and an Achiever Tripura in which all sections of the society achieve better standards of living with access to health, education and quality jobs. Towards this goal, a novel initiative was taken in Tripura to fund infrastructure projects by setting up **Tripura Infrastructure and Investment Fund Board**. So far 78 Nos. projects worth Rs. 163.07 Cr have been sanctioned. The state has started work on **Infrastructure projects’ pipeline** of Rs. 30,000.00 Cr which is in different stages of implementation. This includes **12 EAPs** (External Aided Projects) worth **Rs. 18,488.00 Cr**. Moreover, Projects worth **Rs. 4,460.00 Cr** have been sent to **15th Finance Commission**.

**15th Finance Commission:**

7. 15th Finance Commission has given its recommendations for only one year i.e. 2020-21. The aggregate share of states out of divisible pool has been reduced
from 42% to 41% on account of enhanced devolution of 1% to Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir. Moreover, the divisible pool has itself shrunken in order to provide for higher allocation for defence and internal security which is of utmost importance. The changes of weights given to different parameters for horizontal devolution have led to minor gain for the state. The Commission proposes to recommend state specific grants only in final report which will come later during the year.

8. Now, I have pleasure to announce **19 major initiatives** and **new schemes** our Government proposes to take up during the year:

a) **Tripura State Planning Board to be re-vitalized and renamed as “Innovation and Transformation Aayog of Tripura” (ITAT):**

   It is felt that additional tasks may be assigned to new body called **Innovation and Transformation Aayog of Tripura** on the pattern of those being performed by NITI Aayog at the National level. The main functions of Aayog will include monitoring of Governance Action Plans, evaluating and monitoring through the use of new Information Technology/Data Analysis/Artificial Intelligence and other techniques of all Government schemes both Central and State, advising the areas of coordination and division of responsibilities, analyzing and suggesting improvements in the flow of credit and management of financial resources, guiding the State Government on development priorities and needs, coordinating and conducting techno-feasibility and viability studies as well as evaluation studies.
b) **Tripura Beti Bachao Beti Padao Abhiyan:**

Beti Bachao Beti Padao scheme is a multi-sector convergence awareness generation campaign for celebrating the girl child and enabling her education which is being now implemented in South Tripura District only. The scheme has positive result on improvement in the Sex ratio at Birth in the district. State Government proposed to extend the programme to all the districts of Tripura with own fund. The scheme will need Rs. 70.00 lakhs/year which will be provided from state budget.

c) **Chief Minister’s Fasal Bima Yojana:**

The state government proposes to revamp and expand the existing Fasal Bima Yojana. During 2019-20, only 36,004 Nos. farmers availed insurance cover with insured area of 6194.5 Ha indicating very limited coverage of 2.3% of gross cropped area. The central government has made some changes in the scheme. The state government proposes to launch a new scheme ‘Chief Minister’s Fasal Bima Yojana’ to fund part of farmers’ share of premium apart from the premium subsidy of the Scheme to increase the coverage. Details will be announced later.

d) **Chief Minister’s Assured Irrigation Programme:**

A mega program, **Chief Minister’s Assured Irrigation Program** will be launched soon to harness the irrigation potential during next 5 years. Out of the 2,55,241 Ha cultivable land in the State, 1.17 lakh Ha has been brought under irrigation so far despite abundance of rain, surface and ground water. It shall be the target of the state government to bring **56,000 Ha additional area under irrigation in the next 5 years** so that irrigation potential of the state is fully utilized to cover 1.73 lakh Ha of cultivable land. This shall be achieved through
optimum usage of existing sources as well as new surface and ground water schemes. Financial resources for this purpose will be pooled from various sources i.e. PMKSY, state resources, RIDF and Externally Aided Project (EAP) etc. State Government has already formed a State Irrigation Council to draw action plan for irrigation in next 5 years.

e) **Project Preparation Fund:**

Project Preparation Fund (PPF) will be set up for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under Tripura Infrastructure and Investment Fund Board. This will enable the State to speedily pose projects to various multilateral and domestic financial institutions and to the Government of India for financing. The enhanced state of readiness of the state to implement large infrastructure projects will improve sanction and implementation of projects. Fund of **Rs. 5.00 Cr** will be created in Tripura Infrastructure and Investment Fund Board for the Project Preparation Fund during 2020-21.

f) **Centre for Good Governance in SIPARD:**

It is proposed to set up a Centre for Good Governance in SIPARD to improve the standard of governance and to undertake governance reforms in Tripura by bringing together knowledge, soft skills, technology and people. The objectives of the Centre will include to study and assimilate good governance knowledge and practices in other states and countries, to improve mechanisms for promoting citizen centric governance through capacity building; to function as a state repository on information on best practices, initiatives and methodologies that promote good governance, e-governance, innovation & change management within the government; to organize seminars, conferences, workshops and trainings on good governance etc.
g) **Chief Minister’s Model Village Scheme (CMMVS):**

State Government proposes to introduce a new scheme namely, **Chief Minister’s Model Village Scheme (CMMVS)** on the line of the “Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana” commencing from the year 2020-21. The objective will be to trigger processes leading towards holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayats/Village Councils/Wards (ULB), improving the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population and thereby inspiring neighboring areas to learn and adapt. Each MLA will identify a suitable Gram Panchayat/ADC Village Council/Ward (ULB) for being developed as Model Village/Ward in the constituency from which he/she is elected. The Scheme will be implemented in convergence mode with funds available under existing central and state scheme, including BEUP. The critical gap fund from State’s own resource upto a total of Rs. 5.00 Cr per year for 60(sixty) Model Villages/Wards (ULB) for next three years (2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) will be provided.

h) **Kamdhenu Part II-Scheme for sex sorted semen for cows:**

Sex sorted semen is the latest technology used in the breeding of cows through the process of artificial insemination. In this technology, the chromosomes responsible for production of female animals are retained in the semen. After insemination with the semen, maximum 90% female calf is born. As a result with the increased number of cows more milk will be produced. Department of Animal Resources Development has taken initiatives to procure 3,12,000 doses of sex sorted semen through the process of e-tender which will be launched during 2020-21 and implemented over a period of next three years.
i) **Chief Minister’s Poshan Abhiyan:**

In order to address the problem of malnutrition, Government has formulated a focused strategy as follows for 2020-21 with following components:

1) **Strategy for all children:**

   Enriching the breakfast menu by adding additional supply of egg would go a long way in enriching the diet as well as improving attendance. Accordingly it is proposed to provide 1 (one) additional egg per week to each child in addition to 2 (two) nos. eggs per week given at present. This will require about fund of Rs.11.00 Cr.

2) **Strategy for SAM (Severely Acute Malnourished) children**

   SAM children identified by the Anganwadi workers will be given additional nutritional support:
   - Extra eggs - At present the SAM children are given 4 nos. eggs in a week. The Government proposes to increase that to 6 nos. eggs a week
   - 20 gm Jaggery to SAM children for 6 days a week is proposed
   - Milk to all SAM @ 200 ml per day for 6 days in a week.

   The expenditure on SAM Children will be Rs. 23.20 lakh per annum.

3) **Special Ration Card for families having severely / moderately acute malnourished children:**

   Under this component, Government will provide Special Ration Free of Cost for families having severely / moderately malnourished children w.e.f. 2020-21 for a period of 3 (three) years. Presently there are 464
nos. families having severely malnourished children and 34,000 nos. families having moderately malnourished children. These families (34,464 nos.) will be entitled to additional ration every month free of cost consisting of 10 Kg Rice/month, 2 Kg Atta/month, 1 Kg Iodized Salt/ month and 1 Kg Masoor dal/month. Expenditure per year will be Rs. 8.60 Cr.

(j) **Pilot project for transportation support of horticulture produce from Agartala to Kolkata & Delhi through refrigerated parcel Van:**

It is proposed to attach one refrigerated van each week on a fixed day with Kanchanjunga & Tripureswari Express for Sealdah and Delhi respectively by paying the required charges to the Railways and then hire a logistics provider/aggregator through transparent bidding process to book the cargo and transport to Delhi and Kolkata. The difference between the price quoted by logistic provider and the rent charged by Railways will be borne by the Government as viability gap. It is expected that there will be significant increase in the price realization by the farmers for their pineapples and scented lemons and large quantity of Tripura pineapples can reach consumer markets of Delhi, Kolkata and beyond.

(k) **Tripura State Award scheme:**

Many states give award on the pattern of Central Government to their residents for their outstanding contribution. Following State Civil Awards for extra ordinary contribution in the society are proposed:-

- **Tripura Bibhusan Samman** for all fields
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- **SD Burman Memorial Samman** for music, art and culture
• **Maharani Kanchanprava Devi Memorial Samman** for women achievers

• **State Award for Scientific and Environmental Activities.**
  The award may include cash award along with a citation, memento and shawl.
  The above Awards may be conferred on the State Hood Day (21st January) every year.

(l) **100% Solid waste management programme in urban areas:**
  Following steps will be taken for ensuring complete solid waste management in urban areas from end to end within 2020-21:
  • 100% Door to Door collection of Municipal Solid Waste
  • 100% Source Segregation of Municipal Solid Waste
  • 100% Municipal Solid Waste Processing
  • 100% Legacy Waste Management
  • In Situ Remediation of all drains leading to the following 6 (six) polluted rivers stretches of Burigaon, Gumti, Haora, Juri, Khowai, and Manu.

(m) **Mritak Samman Yojana:**
  Electric cremation facility will be set up in Agartala, Dharmanagar and Udaipur. The scheme will cost about Rs. 3.00 Cr.

(n) **Tripura Menstrual Hygiene Scheme:**
  New State Scheme is proposed for providing free sanitary napkin to all school going adolescent girls (Class-VI to XII). At present, under **Rastriya Kishore Syastha Kariakram (RKS)K** of NHM for adolescent girls in the age group from 10 to 19 years, in rural areas since 2014-2015. In Tripura 20% of rural adolescent girls are covered under this scheme in Social Marketing Style
i.e. the beneficiary (the rural adolescent girls) gets to buy a pack containing 6 nos. sanitary napkins at subsidised rate of Rs. 6.00 instead of the original rates of Rs. 23.00 per pack, through ASHA workers. For expansion of coverage of the same, the State Government will take up the programme for free distribution of sanitary napkin throughout the State, aiming for universal coverage of school going adolescent girls from Class- VI to XII. State Government will bear Rs. 4.10 Cr to cover 1,48,824 nos. school going adolescent girls.

(o) “Mukhyamantri Matrupushti Uphar” - Special Nutritional Kit to Pregnant Mothers:

To improve the nutritional support to pregnant mothers, a poshan kit consisting of the following ingredients can be given to pregnant mothers 4 times in the PHC during 4 (four) antenatal check up. The kit shall include Ground Nut, Roasted Bengal gram, Soybean, Mixed Dal, Jaggery, Ghee, Cashew Nut and Raisin. The Kit will cost Rs. 500.00 each and it will be given after each visit at the PHC. Considering nearly 40,000 nos. women to be provided the benefit, the amount involved would be Rs. 8.00 Cr per year.

(p) Scheme of supply of bamboo sapling at Re. 1/- to individuals for plantation:

Government has decided to supply forestry saplings from Forests Nursery at subsidized rate at Re.1/- per sapling for plantation in homestead private and any other non-Govt. land. This will help in increasing tree cover while improving Biodiversity as well as income to the land owner. The scheduled rate of bamboo sapling is more than Rs. 10/- each which will be given at Re. 1/-.
(q) **Tripura Road Safety Mission:**

In order to further improve State’s performance in road safety and to reduce avoidable loss of life, injury and damage to property, the Government will launch the **Tripura Road Safety Mission**, to co-ordinate the efforts of different departments and agencies to achieve the goal of ‘**Road accident-free Tripura**’. Awareness programmes, educating driver, law enforcement, engineering solutions to reduce accidents and efforts to save post accident lives will be taken up in a co-ordinated manner. The **Tripura Road Safety Fund** and other available funds will be dovetailed. Road safety cells will be created in each district.

(r) **Chief Minister’s Village Sanitation Abhivan:**

Hon’ble Chief Minister has embarked upon a unique initiative to provide dustbins at one village market in every Panchayat. The project is being funded by CSR from ONGC as well as personal contribution from salary of Hon’ble Chief Minister.

(s) **Block-wise prioritization of economic activities:**

The State Government is proposing to initiate a new approach of development in the state on the lines of **One District One Product** initiative announced in Union Budget. For each block, two priority economic activities, like agriculture, horticulture, ARDD, fisheries or industries, are proposed to be identified keeping in view natural advantage, potential of the area and potential for future expansion. For identified activities, necessary infrastructure, backward and forward linkages, upgradation of skills etc. proposed to be taken up for scaling up the production.
9. Now I will briefly explain the major achievements and plans of different Departments of the Government.

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:

10. With a view to achieving the target of “Doubling Farmers Income” by 2022, our Government has taken different strategies like expansion of SRI with Hybrids and HYVs, organic cultivation and its marketing, 100% coverage of farmers with Soil Health Cards, production of HYV seeds, pulses and oilseeds, Farm mechanization etc. The food grain production target for 2020-21 has been fixed at 9.62 lakh MT as against the achievement of 8.36 lakh MT in 2018-19. A target of 34,775 Ha and 25,000 Ha has been taken for pulses and oilseeds for 2020-21. 100% percent soil testing will be taken up for all farmers' field in selected 58 GP/VC of each R.D Block. 14 (fourteen) "Krishak Bandhu Kendra" have already started functioning to provide technical guidance and training for Agri-entrepreneurship.

11. Under KCC Saturation drive, additional 1,12,958 nos. KCC were issued and Rs. 150.66 Cr disbursed during 2019-20 as crop loan in 2019-20 alone. Under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER), different niche crops like Ginger, Turmeric, Scented Rice, Pine apple etc. have been covered in 6000 Ha area among 341 clusters involving 9000 farmers. Organic Certification has already been received for an area of 2,000 Ha and Certification process is in progress for another 4,000 Ha area. Members will be happy to know that Rs. 138.03 Cr has been transferred to 1,97,537 nos. Bank accounts of small and marginal farmers in the State under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
Horticulture & Soil Conservation:

12. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, The Department facilitated export of 3500 MT Kew & Queen variety of Pineapple & 4000 number of Scented Lemon outside the state including 17 MT of Kew variety of pineapple to Dubai. To support Pineapple exports, three solar based cool chambers have been established in the state. An area of 500 Ha has been brought under induced flowering in staggered manner in order to make pineapple available in the market round the year.

13. Government has helped the farmers by distributing of seeds, hi-tech vegetable seedlings, potato tuberlets, other planting materials etc. at subsidized rate. 3,000 Ha has been brought under cultivation of hybrid vegetables assisting nearly 15,000 nos. vegetable growers financially. 2 lakh of high quality plugged vegetable seedlings have been distributed among the vegetable growers. For facilitating commercial floriculture, 215 unit protected structure under controlled condition has been created in the farmers' field for production of exotic flower. During the financial year of 2019-20, an area of 1200 Ha has been brought under cultivation of fruits and plantation crops. The 2nd Centre for Excellence in vegetable farming is coming up in South Tripura and an integrated pack house involving Rs.3.00 Cr is being set up.

Animal Resource Development:

14. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, the Mini Dairy Scheme announced last year has yielded good results and it has enabled 323 nos. women farmers to start mini dairies with the help of loans from NABARD and 100% interest subvention by State Government. The target for next year is fixed for 1000 nos. women farmers. In addition, 24,000 nos. ducklings were distributed among 1000 nos. beneficiaries under backyard duck farming scheme. 178 nos. medium goat farms were helped.
Small 69 nos. goatery units were set up. 87 (eighty seven) medium and 55 (fifty five) small piggery units have been set up. We shall also ensure 100% Cattle, Pig, Goat and Sheep population are covered with Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination. **Kamdhenu**, an ambitious milk production scheme for self sufficiency has been launched to benefit 3000 nos. families.

**Fisheries:**

15. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir,** The Department has started a new program “**Matsya Mitras**” who would act as an extension worker in a village after receiving necessary training. Presently, the fish production in the State is **72,273 tons** with a productivity of **2665 kg/ha.** Per capita availability of fish is approximately **24.96 Kg.** The state produces **42 Cr** fish fingerlings which is **surplus in production.** In the current year 12965 fish farmers, 330 Self Help Groups and Co-operative societies were benefitted under various Departmental programs. 12,999 nos. **Pond Health Cards** have been distributed to the fish farmers so far.

16. Necessary steps have been taken for starting **organic fish farming** on pilot scale, installation of cages for fish farming at large scale in Dumbur reservoir and other large water bodies and increasing pabda seed production at Departmental hatcheries. Two new Pabda hatcheries are going to be made functional at Ganganagar and Amarpur during the ensuing year 2020-21. 2(two) **IMC hatcheries** will soon be made functional. For the first time, the **State Level Fish Festival 2019** was held in collaboration with NFDB, Hyderabad in which an Investors’ meet was also conducted.
Handloom, Handicraft and Sericulture:

17. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, we have a rich tradition of Handloom and Handicrafts. We have been supporting our weavers through skill upgradation, access to latest design inputs, worksheds, marketing opportunities, working capital inside and outside the state. We are also promoting new mulberry plantations and silk production. Under the ‘Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project’ (IBSDP) of the GOI an amount of Rs.31.11 Cr has been allocated for Sepahijala District. Total 1100 nos. beneficiaries from 4 (four) block areas will be benefited.

Industries & Commerce and Bamboo Mission:

18. To make Tripura a preferred destination for investment and boost exports, commerce & industry, Government is setting up Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and ICP is coming up at Sabroom. The "Tripura Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2018" has been notified for improving the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) index in the State. A single window portal for the State is being developed to facilitate clearance of industrial permissions within 30 days. To promote the tea sector; the Tripura Tea Logo and "Tripureshwari Tea” Brand has been launched. Tripura Tea is now being distributed through Public Distribution System.

19. Two more Border Haats are being set up at Raghna (North Tripura) and Kamalpur (Dhalai) and similar proposals for Belonia and Khowai are in the pipeline. Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), 961 nos. projects were sanctioned while under Swabalamban, 2535 nos. projects were sanctioned during 2018-19. Last two years witnessed increase of 2649 units of small scale industries while 49 units of medium to large industries were given
land/sheds by TIDC having Rs. 191.00 Cr investment and employment potential of 2730 persons.

20. **An Externally Aided Project** of Infrastructure Development of Industrial Estate under TIDC Ltd. for Rs. 406.70 Cr from Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been submitted.

**Skill Development:**
21. Our Government is giving utmost importance to Skill development among youth to enable them to seek better job opportunities. The Skill Development Programme ensures that year on year more than 10,000 nos. candidates are given training either under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Yojana or other schemes. Under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded scheme SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Programme), we are taking up capacity building & Entrepreneurship Development programmes for the youth.

**Tourism:**
22. Our government has announced the **New Tourism Policy 2020-25** for harnessing the tourism potential of the state. Conducted tours to Chabimura, Jampui Hills & Unakoti and similar other innovative packaged tours are promoting flow of tourists to these destinations. **Rs.65.00 Cr** shall be invested for upgrading of tourist amenities under **Swadesh Darshan Project-II** sanctioned recently by Govt. of India. A comprehensive **Master plan for development of Matabari** is being taken up and replicas of 51 Shakti Piths would be constructed at Udaipur. To promote **Tea Tourism**, the state government has proposes to
allow upto 5% of tea garden land subject to limit of 20 acres to be used for creation of tourism facilities.

23.  Project Readiness funding for Development of Tourism Infrastructure and Improvement of road connectivity to different Tourist destination in the State of Tripura through Asian Development Bank has been tied up with project cost of Rs. 500.00 Cr.

**Forest:**

24.  The JICA funded Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management in Tripura (SCATFORM), has been launched with allocation of around Rs. 1,000.00 Cr. *Project for Climate Resilience of Forest Landscape* is soon going to be launched in Dhalai & part of North District. Rs. 245.00 Cr shall be funded through Indo German Development Cooperation (IGDC). Afforestation including bamboo and other varieties was taken up for 3,818 Ha degraded forest area generating 10 lakh mandays. More than 1 (one) Cr bamboo seedlings were raised. 33680 ornamental and fruit bearing saplings were planted over 97 km on the national highways under the Roadside Beautification and Plantation of Tripura (RBPT) Scheme.

25.  To give the required boost to Eco Tourism, destinations like Sepahijala Zoological Park and Butterfly Park in Trishna are being upgraded with added infrastructure. Moreover, Elephant Conservation Reserve in Atharamura, Conservation Breeding Programme for resident White Rumped Vulture & Himalayan Vulture in and around Khowai District is being given impetus. The *Hornbill Festival* was celebrated in Tripura for the first time with the objective of conservation of Hornbills and increasing awareness.
26. Scheme for Augmentation of Returns through High Value Products and Key Interventions in Forests (Mission ‘SARTHAK’) with external funding has been submitted to Govt. of India for Rs. 1,630.50 Cr.

**Public Works (Water Resource):**

27. Anti-erosion work of 10.480 Km for an amount Rs.67.49 Cr has been taken up out of which 3.425 km work has already been completed and 7.055 Km work is in progress.

28. Project proposal for an amount of Rs. 1,405.70 Cr has been submitted for ADB funding for the work of 47.03 Km new embankment, 154.41 Km raising and strengthening of existing embankment, 14.62 Km flood protection/ anti erosion work at vulnerable locations along the bank of different rivers and streams of Tripura.

**Public Works (Drinking Water & Sanitation)**

29. Members are aware that an ambitious programme ‘Atal Jaldhara Mission’ was launched in November, 2018 to provide free tap connections to every household. During current year 58,136 nos. (Rural 53,330 nos. and Urban 4806 nos.) domestic connections have been extended under the scheme which indicates achievement of 85% of the target. 1,44,697 nos. uncovered households which were left out in the base line survey of 2012, are also being provided toilets. During the financial year 2020-21, work will be taken up for sustainability of ODF GP/VCs and Solid & Liquid Waste Management. 200 nos. new community Sanitary Complex will also be taken up.
30. The External Aided Project of Rural Drinking Water Supply in Tripura for Rs. 1,519.55 Cr is in the process of sanction by Govt. of India.

**Public Works (Roads & Bridges):**

31. Members will be happy to know that 7438 nos. unconnected habitations have already connected out of 8132 nos. upto December 2019 and works are also in progress for 308 nos. more. Historical length of several hundred KM National Highways has been taken up for development costing Rs. 8,203.00 Cr. I am pleased to inform that, works for up-gradation of existing roads for 307 Km have been taken up already and DPRs are under preparation for 775 Km roads under PMGSY-II and III respectively.

32. Project Readiness Financing for Improvement and widening of State Highways in Tripura with external funding has already been posed to Govt. of India.

**Power:**

33. Significant steps have been taken for up-gradation of power infrastructure in the State. The World Bank funded North Eastern Regional Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) at a cost of Rs. 1,372.20 Cr, IPDS at a cost of Rs. 316.22 Cr, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJU) with project value of Rs. 74.12 Cr., Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) for Rs. 417.53 Cr and DDUGJY (Ph-2) for Rs. 358.64 Cr etc. are in progress.
34. An ADB funded project “Tripura Power Generation Up-gradation & Distribution Reliability Improvement Project” with a total Project Cost of Rs. 1,925.68 Cr has been undertaken. Smart prepaid meters are being installed for efficient operation.

**Transport:**

35. Respected Speaker Sir, Air connectivity has improved significantly over the last 2 years. At present, 19(nineteen) daily flights connect Agartala with the different cities of the country. 2(two) DEMU train services were also introduced during 2019-20. During 2019-20, City Bus Services in 3(three) routes have been introduced. In the coming days, the State Government is going to set up a Bus-Port at Rajarbagh, Udaipur, Gomati and a Heliport at Narikelkunja to promote tourism. Connectivity of the state is improving vastly and swiftly. SoP has been signed for use of Chittagong and Mongla Port. Bridge over Feni River is going on in full swing. Agatala Akhaura rail link construction is on time. New Airport terminal is about to be completed.

**Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs:**

36. In Rabi season this year alone, a total 16,870 MT paddy was procured from 8,623 nos. farmers resulting in Rs. 48.00 Cr financial benefit to our farmers. Paddy procurement programme for Kharif season is under process with a minimum target of 30,000 MT. Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), LPG connections have been provided to 8.30 lakh out of 9.15 lakh house-holds which is 91% achievement. Aadhaar authenticated in PDS sales reached more than 95%
during December, 2019. **Intra-State portability** for drawal of ration from any FP Shop has been introduced taking step towards “**One Nation–One Card**”.

**Health & Family Welfare:**

37. Members will be happy to know that New Super Specialty Departments including Super specialists of Urology, Plastic Surgery and Neuro Surgery will now be available in AGMC & GBP Hospital. Cath Lab Facilities including CTVS (Cardio Thoracic Vascular Surgery) Consultants are now available. The Linac Block of ABV Regional Cancer Centre, Trauma care facilities (Level-III) at various District Hospitals shall soon become functional. The New Teaching Hospital-Block-II at AGMC & G.B.Pant Hospital and the State Cancer Institute has been commissioned. State Government has appointed Neuro Surgeon for the first time in the State and 159 nos. surgical operations have been carried out within last few months. PG seats in Agartala Govt. Medical College have been increased by 38 (thirty eight) nos. seats this year (2019-20) making a total of 63 (sixty three) nos. seats in AGMC. 25 (twenty five) nos. additional seats have been given to AGMC for MBBS course.

38. In Primary Health Care sector, the State Government has constructed a 10 bedded PHC at Champahour under Khowai District. Upgradation of 3(three) Community Health Centres into Sub-Divisional Hospitals at Kumarghat, Panisagar and Karbook are in progress. Construction works of 100 bedded Sub Divisional Hospital at Sabroom will be completed shortly. All Sub centres and PHCs will be converted to Health and wellness Centres in 2020-21. 20.56 lakh people will benefit from Ayushman Bharat for free treatment upto Rs. 5.00 lakh and 9.12 lakh e-cards already distributed.
Rural Development:

39. Under MGNREGA, has 3.16 Cr person-days @ 56.20 average person days with expenditure of Rs. 747.52 Cr has been achieved till 11.3.2020 which is 74% higher than 2017-18. Dhalai, Aspirational district has generated 66.83 lakh Person days @ 82.59 APDs during 2019-20. GOI has ranked our State **FIRST among the Hilly states in the Implementation of Good Governance Category** for the year 2018-19.

40. Under the **PMA Y (Gramin) Scheme**, the cumulative target for F.Y 2016-19 was 24,989 nos. houses whereas for FY 2019-20 alone, 28,838 nos. houses have been allocated on saturation basis. Tripura secured **FIRST rank in the category of number of houses completed** in hilly states for the year 2018-19. A new scheme **Transformation of Aspirational Block Programme (TABP)** has been launched. Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission received the **outstanding contribution award** in implementation of Institution Building Capacity Building (IBCB) for the FY 2018-19. Tripura secured **2nd position** as **Best Performing State under NE & hilly states category** in implementation of DDU-GKY for the Year 2018-19.

Panchayat:

41. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir**, it is an honour for the state that Paschim Tripura Zilla Parishad, Kadamtala Panchayat Samiti, Noabari and Atharobhola VC under Killa RD Block were awarded the **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puruskar (DDUPSP)-2019** in Delhi. Apart from the above, Madhya Singicherra GP of Khowai RD Block has been awarded under **Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar (NDRGGSP)-2019** and Chandrapur Village GP
of Matabari RD Block has been awarded the Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award (CFGPA)-2019.

42. An amount of Rs. 45.27 Cr under PDF and Rs. 90.63 Cr as 14th FC Basic Grants have so far been transferred to the rural local bodies during this year for providing basic services and implementation of development projects. 7,90,810 mandays have been generated during this Financial Year.

**Urban Development:**

43. Tripura has been taking lead in the country in implementation of PMAY(Urban) and was awarded as Best performing state in the category of North-Eastern and Hilly States in India and second best performing state in overall country after Tamil Nadu. 1000 nos. flats are being constructed under the Light House Project near ICP, Gol Chakkar Agartala. TUDA has also taken up development of 3 (three) Townships at Nandanagar, Kunjabani and near Kaman Chowmuhani.

44. Work for construction of drinking water treatment plants at Panchamukh and Ushabazar is going on under AMRUT Scheme with a project cost of Rs.137.59 Cr. Most of the works of Smart City Project having project cost of Rs. 2000.00 Cr which has an external funding component of Rs. 500.00 Cr have been tendered out and are in different stages of implementation.

45. The Project Readiness Funding for Rs. 1,650.84 lakh Infrastructure Development project for 7 (Seven) Districts HQs has already been tied up and work is in progress.
46. Another external aided project for Infrastructure Development of Agartala Municipal Corporation area for **Rs. 1,342.64 Cr** has already been approved for funding.

**Welfare for ST/SC/OBC/Minorities:**

47. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir,** access to Free Boarding House facilities, Stipend and Scholarships, free text books and Merit Awards etc. have gone a long way to ensure students do not drop out of the education system. Students are being sponsored for pursuing professional courses like GNM, Paramedical, B.Ed. and D.El.Ed and also for coaching for UPSC examination. A **new scheme** has already been announced to assist SC/ST/OBC meritorious students with Rs. 1.00 lakh for pursuing higher studies. Families belonging to SC/ST including PTGs/Minority and OBC communities are also being assisted for taking up different income generating schemes.

**Welfare of STs:**

48. **Hon’ble Chief Minister,** launched the **Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana** in Tripura on 11th January, 2020 with the aim of promoting entrepreneurship among Minor Forest Produce (MFP) gatherers and artisans. A new Eklavya Model Day Boarding school has been started in Dasharath Deb Memorial English Medium High School, Killa. Construction work of the said school and 6 other Residential schools will be started shortly. Initiative has been taken to set up a 100 seated ST Boy’s hostel at Shillong for the student pursuing higher studies. 3(three) ST Boys’ and Girls’ College hostel will be set up at Gandacherra, Fatikroy and Women’s College, Agartala.
49. Proposal has been sent to the Government of India for further modification of the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Amendment) Bill related to Sixth Schedule Area keeping in view the long standing demand for strengthening the ADC area such as: (i) Increasing the number of seats to 50 (ii) Introducing Block Councils for a group of villages (iii) Extending additional powers to the Council to make laws (iv) Extending power to transfer of land and property. The long standing demand for devolution of Finance Commission grants to ADC areas has finally been agreed to as per the interim recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission.

50. A proposal containing 59 nos. projects for an amount of Rs.8802.74 Cr has been sent for consideration by the High level Committee constituted to address socio economic, cultural, linguistic and other development issues of indigenous population in Tripura especially in the ADC areas. Agartala airport renamed after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur and holiday declared on his birthday, Additional Holiday declared for Gariya Puja are also important initiatives taken. It is heartening to see Risha being widely used at all government programmes and auspicious occasions giving it pride of place in the public life.

**Tribal Research and Kok-borok Directorate:**

51. It is proposed to construct a New Complex of TR&CI with Museum, a musical instrument gallery and food court in Lembucherra. Several research projects and evaluation studies have been taken up by the TR&CI and executed by the scholars during the year 2019-20. TRI also sponsored documentary films on life and works of prominent Tribal artists/performers/personalities of Tripura and traditional food and cultural practices of different tribes in Tripura. For safeguarding the interests of the linguistic minorities in the state, State and
district level Safeguards implementation Committee for the linguistic minorities has been set up.

**Welfare of SCs:**
52. During 2019-20 ICT (Computer Labs) are being set up in 53 nos. Schools at a cost of Rs. 466.40 lakhs. 30 nos. villages have been identified where Rs. 12.00 Cr from central grant and other departmental schemes will be implemented on convergence mode during 2019-20 and 2020-21 for overall development of the villages.

**Welfare of Minorities:**
53. Under Pradhan Mantri Jana Vikas Karyakram, several infrastructure projects have been taken up in minorities dominated villages. A proposal for Rs. 48.4850 Cr against 662 nos. of projects has been submitted to the Ministry. During 2019-20, 106 nos. Pilgrims completed the holy Haj yatra out of which, 37 were women.

**Social Welfare & Social Education:**
54. To combat the challenges posed by under-nutrition, wasting and stunting and anemia in women and children, pro-active steps have been taken to implement the POSHAN Abhiyan. Digital monitoring will be started to implement the POSHAN Abhiyan covering all 9911 nos. AWCs by Using CAS software. More than 45,000 nos. pregnant and nursing mothers have been provided financial support under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) to ensure partial compensation for wage loss and nutrition. Under Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme, 1200 nos. women volunteers are being engaged in Dhalai district.
**Education:**

55. A gamut of *educational reforms* with more than 24 nos. in count like adoption of NCERT Curriculum, conduct of state wide Parent Teachers Meeting, introduction of centralised examination system for all classes, Amendment to RTE to remove the ‘No Detention Policy’, uniformity in school timings, bringing schools under CBSE affiliation, NAAC accreditation for Colleges, pre-school education, vocational Education, support to Madrasa schools and many more, are already showing far reaching impact on the quality of education imparted in the government schools. For real time and online monitoring of student learning levels, exam results, teacher attendance and grievances etc, a School Managements System called **Shiksha Darpan** shall be launched soon.

56. Under Nutan Disha 1,80,000 nos. children with years of foundational learning gaps are being taught using specialized pedagogy and use of teaching material to bring them to grade appropriate level. **92 nos. meritorious students were awarded Apple i-pads** by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 25th October, 2019 for academic excellence. Under the new **Super 30 program** top performers of Class XII will be sponsored to renowned coaching centres for preparation of JEE/NEET etc. examination. A new scheme namely **'Lakshya'** has been launched with an objective to provide an assistance of Rs. 1.30 lakhs to candidates aspiring to qualify in the Civil Services Examination. There has been significant improvement in education loan sanction because of concerted effort of the government.

**Youth Affairs & Sports:**

57. In the 65th National School Games 2019-20, our children took the state’s medals tally to **5 nos. Golds, 5 nos. Silvers and 6 nos. Bronze in** Gymnastics, Judo and Athletics. Also in Under-17 Boys Football category, our boys secured
the gold medal. In the International Yoga competition held at Karnal, Haryana, Tripura bagged 2 nos. gold and 2 nos. silver medals.

58. Miss. Arshiya Das, a Chess Prodigy of the State, bagged a gold and a silver medal in the Asian School Chess Championship held in June, 2019 at Uzbekistan as well as a gold medal in National Chess Championship in Raipur. Priyanka Dasgupta secured 4 nos. gold medals in Gymnastics and Asmita Dey secured 1 no. silver medal in Judo in Khelo India Youth games held at Guwahati. The year 2019-20 saw a lot of improvement in sports infrastructure like 3 nos. Synthetic Tennis Courts at DDSSC Badharghat, Synthetic Football turf in Udaipur, 'Open Gyms' for general public and Sports Hostels/Yuva Abas. Sports kit worth Rs. 7,000/- each were distributed among 1,134 nos. clubs for promotion of sports in the state.

Information Technology:

59. The Government has embarked upon extensive use of Information Technology through applications like e-Office, CM Dashboard, Sparrow, Task Management System, e-Dak, Panchayat Monitoring System, E-stamping etc. substantially. **Panchayat Monitoring System** is a unique platform, one of its kind in the country, to seek feedback from Panchayat level and monitor the action on issues raised from grass-root level. The Digital Seva (e-District) online service delivery platform offers 24 nos. services of various departments to the citizen is being expanded by on-boarding more services and launch a citizen centric “**Digi-T App**”. I am glad to inform this august house that the new IT/ITeS Start-up Scheme 2019-24 has been launched with the objective of nurturing a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship and promoting the Start-up ecosystem. Under
North East BPO Scheme of GoI, a 101 seated BPO unit would be setup at Agartala soon.

Science, Technology & Environment:
60. Members will be happy to know that Tripura Space Applications Centre (TSAC) has prepared the Ground Water Prospect and Quality map for the State in collaboration with Department of Space, Govt. of India for judicious exploration of Ground Water resources. A Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur is going to be inaugurated shortly. Women Technology Parks are proposed to be set up in the State which will go a long way in socio economic empowerment of women in the State. A Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) has recently been set up at Agartala to monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI) of Agartala on real time basis. The AQI display screens are being installed at Sukanta Academy and Radhanagar Bus Stand.

Law:
61. Under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, an exclusive Special Court has been set up at Agartala. 2 (two) nos. new Fast Track Special Courts were set up in Agartala and Kailashahar for speedy disposal of cases related to crime against women and children. Separate Family Courts were set up for Sonamura, Dhalai and Khowai Districts. Besides construction of several new court building, the construction work for Tripura Judicial Academy is expected to commence in the coming financial year at Narsingarh at a cost of Rs. 23.33 Cr.
Home:

62. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, a multi-stakeholder Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) scheme has been inaugurated by Hon’ble CM which includes a state-of-the-art control room, toll-free helpline number 112 and GPS fitted vehicles. Towards making Tripura ‘Drug free’ or Nesha Mukta, several enforcement drives are being continuously taken. A record number (794) of NDPS cases have been registered and 1353 persons arrested. A fully-equipped Cyber Forensic Training Lab is being set up and this is expected to be a pioneer Cyber Forensic Training Lab in entire North-East. The process of recruitment for two India Reserve Battalions has been finalised which will include 1350 Riflemen (General Duty) and 138 Riflemen(tradesmen). As some battalions have started getting deployed outside the state, more opportunities will be created in raising more IR battalions in the state. The beat constable system with mobility support of Motor Cycles has already started paying rich dividend in controlling crime.

63. Up-gradation of Fire Service Training School at Badharghat with modern equipment and construction of permanent buildings for Ambassa and Manughat Fire Stations has been taken up.

Planning & Co-ordination:

64. A Strategy document for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, a 3 Year Action Plan and development plan for 2030 have been prepared. Recently, a 3 year governance action plan has been prepared by setting targets and strategy for next 3 years of this government. Under the "Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakalpa" (BEUP), the entitled amount has been enhanced from Rs. 0.35 Cr to Rs. 0.50 Cr per annum per Assembly constituency from 2019-20. Ministry of DoNER
has sanctioned 3(three) projects during the year 2019-20 under NESIDS for Rs.164.83 Cr. **Under NITI Forum**, 5 (five) priority sectors have been identified; Tea, Bamboo, Tourism, Dairy and Fishery. 5 years plan for Fisheries sector has already been submitted to Govt. of India. Similar plans are under preparation for other sectors.

**Information & Cultural Affairs:**

65. Recent decisions for setting up the Lalit Kala Academy as well as an Extension campus of Satyajit Ray Film Institute, a Multi-storied Cultural Hub housing Sangeet Natak Academy, Sahitya Academy, National School of Drama all under one roof in Agartala shall translate the dream of excellence in art and culture. Last year the ICA department facilitated conduct of 646 nos. cultural programme and 90 nos. cultural workshops including District Level and State Level Book Fairs, Painting Workshops and Exhibitions etc. **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi** was celebrated in collaboration with Education Department throughout the State in a befitting manner.

**Revenue:**

66. Through a historic agreement signed with representatives of Reang (Bru) Organisations, the long standing humanitarian logjam on Reang (Bru) Displaced people has been resolved and they will now be resettled in Tripura. The different processes laid down in agreement are in progress. Sub-Registry offices have been opened at Panisagar, Jampuijala and Karbook. Online payment facility of registration fee has been introduced. Under **“Aapda Mitra”** programme of Disaster Management, emergency kits were provided to 200 volunteers. 80 nos. new motor boats have been procured to meet flood situations effectively.
Labour Directorate:

67. Under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) for old age protection and social security of unorganized workers, more than 22458 nos. unorganized workers have been enrolled. It gives me pleasure to inform the house that the State Government achieved 1st position in North Eastern Region and 4th position in the country in implementing this scheme. 358 nos. beneficiaries were enrolled under the National Pension Scheme for Traders & Self Employed (NPS-Traders) scheme. In order to extend free health services to the workers, 4(four) more ESI dispensaries shall be established in Dharmanagar, Ambasa, Bisramganj and Udaipur. Moreover, ESI Act shall be extended within 2021-22 to Unakoti, Khowai and South. The State Government has introduced the Ease of compliance to maintain registers through rationalization of Forms from 36 nos. to 12 nos. and reports under various labour laws. As new initiative, single window system is being introduced for Ease of doing business in the State. Online registration against six Labour Acts has already been introduced and initiative is being taken for streamlining the others. State Government has undertaken initiatives for amendments to the Tripura Shops & Establishments Act, 1970. The era of Inspector Raj is a matter of past.

Co-operation:

68. Co-operation Department is committed to form at least one Co-operative Society in each of the Gram Panchayats and ADC Villages within 31st March, 2020. As a result, so far, 848 (Eight hundred & forty eight) nos. new Co-operatives including 217 nos. fishery and 213 nos. Dairy Cooperatives have been formed during the financial year 2019-20. An online registration system will be launched that will further facilitate formation of new cooperatives. Under Integrated Co-
operative Development Project (ICDP) running in 03(three) Districts of North, Unakoti & Dhalai, 494 nos. Co-operative Societies have been helped through infrastructure development and providing margin money will be used for the planned expansion. National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) has selected five co-operative societies of the state for regional award for their outstanding performance.

Employment & Manpower:
69. Our Government also facilitates getting employment in Private Sectors. During 2019-20, 19 Job Fairs were organised in which more than 7000 candidates participated and it helped large number of candidates garner job offers. More than 100 nos. career counselling and 28 nos. career exhibition programmes were organized. During 2020-21, it is expected that 16 nos. such Job fairs will be organized covering all the 8 districts of the State. The state government has taken steps for appointment and engagement of more than 9,000 persons in the government during 2018-19 and 2019-20 which are under process. Moreover, substantial job opportunities have been created under self-employment schemes, bank loan and business sector.

Finance:
70. The HRMS (Human Resource Management System) has been integrated with the Treasury Payment System (CTOS) as well as NSDL. We have also integrated the treasury system with National Scholarship Portal (NSP) thereby ensuring timely disbursement of Scholarships to students through DBT. We propose to launch Digital Bills enabling our treasuries to become truely online. The Electronic "Service Book Register" will also be introduced this year.
Public procurement through e-tenders or GeM (Government e-Market Place) has made significant progress. Under e-Procurement, 8,334 nos. tenders with Tender value of Rs. 10,085.75 Cr. have been floated in the portal.

**Institutional Finance:**

71. The Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) of the State stands at 56% as on December, 2019 which was 48% during 2017-18. Mudra scheme is enhancing the confidence of young entrepreneurs. 1,87,802 nos. Mudra loans have been disbursed to the un-employed persons amounting to Rs.826.15 Cr.

**Taxes & Excise:**

72. It is a matter of great satisfaction that state has been able to achieve a consistent annual growth rate of 23% for 2 years in a row. Series of measures like widening of the GST tax base by almost 50%, setting up of Tax Intelligence Unit for detecting evasion and better enforcement, Facilitation measures like handholding support for filing of returns, awareness programme etc. have been taken. The Government has also rationalized VAT rates on Petroleum Products and Alcohol and introduced Tripura Road Development Cess & Tripura Electricity Duty.

73. With regard to **Profession Tax**, an Online Portal for enrolment and payment has been made functional, resulting in 16% growth for employees other than Government employees. In case of Excise Duty, first point taxation, Advalorem Excise Duty based on MRP, new Country Liquor Policy, rationalization of shops etc. have been taken up. To facilitate payment of taxes,
online payment through e-GRAS has been made functional for payment of Excise Duty, Professional Tax, Cess, etc.

**Budget Estimates for 2020-21:**

74. However, in the Budget Estimates for 2020-21, no new tax measures are proposed. The increase in tax revenues in 2020-21 shall be achieved largely through better tax administration.

75. Now, I would like to highlight the Receipts and Expenditure projected in Budget Estimates of 2020-21. The collection of State’s Own Tax Revenue is projected Rs. 2,439.00 Cr in Budget Estimates of 2020-21 with a growth rate of 11.61% over the Revised Estimates of 2019-20. The collection of States Own Non-Tax Revenue is projected Rs. 302.00 Cr in Budget Estimates of 2020-21. The Total Receipts from the Centre (including Share of Central Taxes and Deficit Grant) have been projected at Rs. 14,270.19 Cr in Budget Estimates as against Rs. 11,256.83 Cr in the Revised Estimates for 2019-20. The Total Gross Borrowings for the year 2020-21 are estimated at about Rs. 2,567.00 Cr.

76. The overall Total Receipts including adjustment of Opening Balance in Budget Estimate 2020-21 are estimated to be about Rs. 19,380.19 Cr. The Total Expenditure in the Budget Estimates for 2020-21 is projected at Rs. 19,891.60 Cr. This includes Revenue Expenditure of Rs. 17,252.12 Cr and Capital Expenditure of Rs. 2,639.48 Cr.

77. With this Budget, we are making a new beginning. We are presenting separate account for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes sectoral budget. We had also invited suggestions from citizens through My Gov Tripura which were quite useful.
78. The overall position is summarised below:

(Rs. in Crore)

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79. The allocations of major Departments for BE 2020-21 are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakh)

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80. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the Year 2022 is a landmark year for both the State of Tripura and for the country. Year 2022 shall mark 50 years of the Statehood of Tripura and 75 years of independent India. **Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji** has outlined his Vision for **New India** for 2022 and has been championing several initiatives to achieve his Vision. Our **Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb's** vision of Transforming Tripura aims towards building a **Model State**. Our Government is committed towards fulfilling his vision of ‘*Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura*’. In fine, I must say that our mantra for development remains, “**Perform, Reform and Transform**”.

81. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, with these words, I commend the Budget Proposals for 2020-21 for consideration and approval of this August House.

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