

## Budget 2022-23

**Hon'ble Speaker Sir,**

I rise to present the Budget for the year 2022-23.

In last two years, COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected economies across the World. In this august house, I remember and express my deepest gratitude to one and all who have worked tirelessly in fighting COVID and saving lives.

Despite COVID-19 challenge, State Government has responded timely to minimize its adverse impact through multipronged strategy and has enabled the State GSDP to grow at an estimated rate of 12.16% during FY 2021-22. State GSDP is estimated to grow at about 13.28% in FY 2022-23 at constant prices. It is in this background, that I present next year's Budget to build Infrastructure and make Investment in welfare programmes to boost economic growth and usher in an era of all round development and shared prosperity for the people of the State.

### **Agriculture and Allied Sector:**

Sir,

1. The State Government procured 104 MT of paddy from 56,700 farmers by spending Rs. 192 Cr during the current year 2021-22. Rs. 133 Cr were transferred to bank accounts of 2.36 lakh farmers under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**. An amount of Rs. 22 Cr was sanctioned for solarization of 26 Grid connected agricultural pumps to bring more area under irrigation in coming years.

2. I propose to set up 2 new Agriculture Development Research cum Training Centres with IT facilities at Kumarghat and Amarpur at an investment of **Rs. 4.1 Cr** during the next financial year.

3. State Government has sanctioned an amount of **Rs. 15 Cr** for establishment of Veterinary Clinical Complex at R.K. Nagar during the current year. During 2022-23, I propose to cover 41,060 families under Animal Husbandry activities; and increase allocation under Heifer Rearing Scheme to Rs. 5.25 Cr to cover 270 families under DBT mode.

4. I propose to launch a new scheme for providing '**Interest Subvention**' for piggery activities in next financial year with an allocation of Rs. 5 Cr in the BE 2022-23.

5. It gives me immense pleasure to inform this august house that Tripura received the **award for Best State for Fisheries among the North Eastern and Hilly States of India on the occasion of World Fisheries Day on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021.**

6. During 2022-23, I propose to launch '**Mukhyamantri Nibir Matsyachash Prakalpa**' for establishment of biofloc units at an outlay of **Rs. 6 Cr** in BE 2022-23. I also propose to establish 3 Pisciculture Knowledge Centres and 3 Retail Fish Markets in the State next year.

7. The State Government launched **Chief Minister's Swanirbhar Paribar Yojana** in 2021 to generate additional income for each family in the State. An amount of Rs. 25 Cr was allocated and 4.6 lakh families have benefited in 2021-22 under the Scheme. During FY 2022-23, **Rs. 25 Cr** has been earmarked to

cover 4.6 lakh families through various income generating activities in Agri. and allied sectors.

8. The Government has identified Tripura State Co-operative Union and Tripura State Co-operative Bank (TSCB) for the modernization of their services and infrastructure for which **Rs. 3.24 Cr** has been utilized so far. During 2022-23, it is planned to link TSCB with existing 268 LAMPS/ PACS of our state to function as local outlets as per Bank Correspondence Model.

### **Education & Youth Affairs:**

Sir,

9. With an aim to impart quality education to children, “**Mission 100-Vidyajyoti Schools**” scheme was launched in Tripura by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on 4th January, 2022. Under ‘Vidyajyoti School Scheme’, 100, Government High and Higher Secondary Schools have been affiliated to CBSE covering about 1.20 lakh students; that is covering almost one sixth of the school going children in the State. Vidyajyoti Schools will be developed as “**Schools of Excellence**” in the State on three pillars, namely:

- (a) Augmenting Infrastructure;
- (b) Igniting Minds; and
- (c) Blooming Children;

with an investment of Rs. 500 Cr over next three years.

In the history of Tripura, State Government has never made such a huge investment in Education Sector to build bright future for our children. Keeping in mind the increasing demand for Vidyajyoti Schools, I propose to convert another 25 schools as ‘Vidyajyoti Schools’ during 2022-23.

10. I also propose to take up construction of 9 new **100 seated Girls Hostels** at a cost of **Rs. 52 Cr** during 2022-23 at Ambassa, Amtali, Kailashahar, Kalyanpur, Ompi, Rashyabari, South Paharpur, Champaknagar and Kadamtala locations to accommodate 900 girl students.

11. In 2021-22, 4(four) more Degree Colleges got accreditation by NAAC, thus making total 21 out of 22 General Degree Colleges in our State, having received accreditation. Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation has been introduced in MBB University from 2021-22 academic session.

12. During FY 2022-23, I propose to set up **one English Medium College** in the State. I also propose to build a new campus for TIT Polytechnic at Narsingarh with an initial outlay of **Rs. 20 Cr**; and Construction of Group Head Quarters for NCC at an outlay of **Rs. 10 Cr**. State Government has also decided to establish one Sainik School with an initial investment of Rs. 10 Cr in BE 2022-23. An amount of **Rs. 15 Cr** has also been allocated for improvement of Science Building in MBB College.

13. I have allocated **Rs. 5 Cr** for **setting up of a Drone Club/Centre in Tripura Institute of Technology (TIT) Narsingarh** to give college students an opportunity to learn, research and train on Drone Technology, which is emerging at a very fast pace.

14. A new vista will be opened in the sphere of quality legal education with the establishment of **'National Law University'** in the state at a cost of **Rs. 50 Cr**. In this Budget Session, National Law University Bill will be placed in the Assembly. The Law University is expected to start functioning from the next academic session. I have allocated **Rs. 21 Cr** for this purpose during 2022-23. In

addition an amount of Rs. 48 Cr is allocated for development of infrastructure for judiciary during 2022-23.

15. A new Model Career Centre has been set up at District Employment Exchange, Kailashahar in 2021 under National Career Service Programme to provide vocational guidance programme on soft skills and spoken English to the youth.

16. To inculcate a habit of healthy life style and to promote sporting activities, I propose to launch a new scheme called '**Khelo Tripura Susto Tripura**' next year with an allocation of **Rs. 6.50 Cr** in BE 2022-23. In addition, I have made an allocation of **Rs. 20 Cr** for development of sports infrastructure in the State. A synthetic Football Turf ground will be constructed at a cost of **Rs. 20 Cr** during 2022-23 in the State. Further, 3 more synthetic Football Fields will be constructed at Khumulwng, Padmabil and Killa.

17. **Giving utmost importance to Education Sector, I have allocated Rs. 5010 Cr in BE 2022-23 which is 20.66% higher than the last year's allocation of Rs. 4152 Cr in BE 2021-22.**

### **Health & Welfare:**

Sir,

18. An Amount of **Rs. 190 Cr** has been sanctioned for establishment of 100 bedded super speciality unit for Mother and Children (MCH) at AGMC & GBP Hospital Complex during the current year. The State Government has also enhanced the number of Post Graduate Seats in AGMC from 25 to 79 to ensure availability of more number of specialist doctors in the State.

19. With focus on primary health care, a **Sub-Divisional Hospital at Gandatuisa** will be taken up during 2022-23 at a cost of **Rs. 3 Cr.** In addition, following new Health Infrastructure buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 12 Cr during next year 2022-23:

- (i) Uptakhali PHC
- (ii) Kamalnagar PHC
- (iii) Tulamura PHC
- (iv) Atharabhula PHC
- (v) Jagabandhupara PHC
- (vi) Khayerpur PHC
- (vii) Ranirbazar CHC; and
- (viii) Kathalia CHC.

20. State Government will install total 10 Incinerators one each in AGMC/ GBP Hospital, IGM Hospital, 6 District Hospitals and 2 Sub-Divisional Hospitals at a total cost of **Rs. 2 Cr** for disposal of medical waste.

21. I propose to establish one **Psychiatric Hospital in North Tripura District and one Psychiatric Consultation Centre in Agartala City** for which an amount of **Rs. 20 Cr** have been allocated in the BE 2022-23.

22. **Giving utmost importance to Health Sector, I have allocated Rs. 1,777 Cr in BE 2022-23 which is 23% higher than the last year's allocation of Rs. 1,443 Cr in BE 2021-22.**

#### **Social Sector:**

Sir,

23. **Rs. 63 Cr** has been spent under Chief Minister COVID Special Relief Package to ensure food security to poor. During 2022-23, I propose to distribute packaged fortified Atta through Public Distribution System in the State.

24. During FY 2022-23, State Government will cover 24,800 SC families under income generation activities; offer Post Matric Scholarship to 22,000 SC students with financial involvement of Rs. 55 Cr and provide One Time Financial Support to 270 SC students for pursuing professional courses. Financial assistance will also be given to 8,000 SC beneficiaries for animal husbandry and fishery activities under Chief Minister's Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana during 2022-23 at a cost of Rs. 1.10 Cr.

25. During 2022-23, Government will construct **150 seated Boys Hostel** and **150 seated Girls Hostel** in Dharmanagar; and **200 seated Girls Hostel** and other infrastructure at Hapania for OBC students at an estimated cost of **Rs. 25 Cr.**

26. State Government intends to execute 132 new projects with an outlay of **Rs. 120 Cr** under '**Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram**' during FY 2022-23 for which Department has already sent a proposal to Ministry of Minority Welfare for sanction.

27. State Government gives top most priority to the welfare of the labourers. During 2021-22, State Government has notified Variable Dearness Allowance for 21 scheduled employments which will benefit 1.5 lakh workers in the organised and unorganized sectors of our state.

28. For a long time the tea garden workers of the state had no access to proper education and health facilities. State Government has launched a comprehensive scheme named "**Mukhyamantri Cha Shramik Kalyan Prakalpa**" for the socio economic upliftment of tea garden workers in the state with an outlay of Rs. 206 Cr to cover 7,230 tea worker families. I have earmarked **Rs. 50 Cr** in BE 2022-23 for implementation of this scheme to

provide benefits such as land for housing, drinking water facility, gas connection, road connectivity etc. to the families of tea garden workers.

29. State Government has enacted the '**Tripura Agricultural Land Leasing Act**' in 2021 to enable the Lessee cultivators to access loans, insurance, disaster relief and other support services from the Government. I propose to cover one lakh **Bargadar** with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and various Insurance Schemes by March, 2023 to facilitate them in taking up Agri and Allied sector income generating activities.

30. **Respect, Care and Safety** of Women is the topmost priority of the State Government. Accordingly, the State Government has rolled out '**Mahila Shashaktikaran Abhiyan**' for social, educational, economic and political empowerment of women in Tripura. Under this Abhiyan, State Government will provide 3% interest subvention for women entrepreneurs and earmark 50% funds for women in venture capital funds being set up by the State Government. I am earmarking **Rs. 50 Cr** in BE 2022-23 to fulfill objectives of 'Mahila Shashaktikaran Abhiyan'.

31. In line with our policy of women empowerment, Finance Department has decided to publish a separate booklet on '**Gender Budget**' as part of Budget Documents from this year, instead of only a statement in 'Budget at a Glance'.

32. In addition, State Government will take following measures in phased manner to meet the objectives of Mahila Shashaktikaran Abhiyan: -

- (i) Set up 13 **Women Health & Wellness Centres (WHWCs)** with integrated One Stop Centres (OSCs) at a cost of **Rs. 10 Cr.**
- (ii) Establish 100 Bedded **Drug Dependence Treatment Hospitals** with an amount of **Rs. 90 Cr.**

(iii) Set up 2 Fifty Bedded **Psychiatric Hospitals** exclusively for women with an estimated cost of **Rs. 45 Cr.**

(iv) Set up 4 new **Working Women Hostels** at an estimated cost of **Rs. 15 Cr.**

33. Over 22,000 ID cards have been issued to Persons with Disabilities; and Appliances were provided to 1,800 PWDs. Under **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan**, it is proposed to make various Government buildings, websites, and public transport fully accessible to Persons with Disabilities in 2022-23. In addition Government is in the process of appointing 200 Special Educators for meeting educational needs of 'Children with Special Needs'.

34. At present the State Government is providing Social Pension to 3.81 lakh pensioners under different Social Pension Schemes with an annual outlay of Rs. 415 Cr. In the **Vision Document** of this Government released in 2018, we had promised to explore increasing monthly social pension to Rs. 2000 per pensioner.

35. Today, I stand before this august house to **WALK the TALK** and to see smiles on the faces of lakhs of social pensioners. I propose to increase the **monthly social pension to Rs. 2000**, for which I have increased Social Pension Budget to Rs. 645 Cr in BE 2022-23. State Government will set up a committee headed by the Chief Secretary to decide on modalities, timing and other measures for providing monthly pension of Rs. 2000/- per pensioner by 'Durga Puja Festival' to 3.81 lakh social pensioners.

### **ST Welfare:**

Sir,

36. Welfare of scheduled tribes and their socio economic development is the priority area of the State Government. The State Government has already

secured a World Bank Project of **Rs. 1300 Cr** sanctioned during the visit of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in September, 2021. I will remain thankful to Smt. Nirmala Sitharamanji for this great gesture towards the people of the State. The Project will improve quality of life of tribal communities by providing access to quality education, livelihood support and road connectivity to **4.10 lakh families**. This Project is our attempt to change the **face of development** in tribal areas in Tripura in next 5 years.

37. State had only **four** Eklavya Model Residential Schools prior to year 2017-18. But to ensure quality education to ST students, **16 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools and one Eklavya Model Day Boarding School** are being set up in different tribal areas of the state with a financial involvement of **Rs. 374 Cr**. This will help in providing quality education to nearly 8,000 poor ST students.

38. I have allocated **Rs. 30 Cr** in BE 2022-23 to take up reconstruction and renovation of seven ST Boarding Houses next year so that students can study in good living conditions. I have also allocated **Rs. 5 Cr** in BE 2022-23 to augment **IT infrastructure in SC/ST Hostels** to benefit over 10,000 students.

39. In addition, State Government has already sanctioned additional amount of **Rs. 30 Cr** for up-gradation of health infrastructure of **Kherengbari PHC** during the current year. This will cater to the health needs of the people living in ADC areas.

40. With a holistic approach towards achieving '**Nesha Mukta Tripura**', a Drug Rehabilitation Centre will be established at **Khumulwng** at a cost of **Rs. 1 Cr**.

## **Social and Economic Development:**

Sir,

41. In comparison to the year 2017-18 when there were only 4,140 SHGs, 768 Village Federation and 9 Cluster Level Federation in Tripura, the present Government has mobilized around 3 lakh women from poor rural families into 32,820 Self Help Groups, 1,462 Village Federation and 37 Cluster Level Federation for taking up livelihood activities and for women empowerment.

42. The **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2021** is a **historic moment** for Tripura, when State Government released an amount of **Rs. 716.38 Cr to 1.49 lakhs households** for constructing houses of their dreams under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin)**. Additional 23,000 houses over and above already sanctioned 1.69 lakh houses will be taken up during the next year under PMAY-G to fulfil our commitment of housing for all. **Under PMAY (Urban)**, 47,970 houses out of a total 85,386 sanctioned houses have been completed till date.

43. The State Government has covered 3.4 lakh rural households with tap water connection for drinking purpose, constituting about 44% of rural households under Jal Jeevan Mission. Remaining households will also be covered with tapped water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission.

44. State Government has decided to establish '**Tripura Jal Board**' for managing drinking water supply in AMC areas. I have made a separate allocation of **Rs. 22 Cr in BE 2022-23** for Jal Board to ensure Har Ghar Nal Se Jal in AMC area.

45. With an aim to permanently ensure uninterrupted quality potable drinking water supply to Agartala Municipal Area (AMC), the State

Government will take up construction of two dams over Howrah river near Champaknagar and Champaicherra near Champaibari with total project cost of **Rs. 130 Cr.** The work will be completed by March, 2025 to provide surface water source for drinking as well as irrigation purpose.

46. About 290 KM of plantation along the National Highway has been completed. Afforestation was done over degraded forest area of 8,824 Ha and 1,155 Ha of forest land was reclaimed during 2021-22.

47. I have allocated an amount of **Rs. 25 Cr** for modernization of Sepahijala Zoo in BE 2022-23. An amount of **Rs. 84 Cr** is allocated in BE 2022-23 for Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation works under JICA Phase-II and IGDC Phase-II in respective project areas. An allocation of **Rs. 63 Cr** is kept in BE 2022-23 under CAMPA fund for forest activities.

48. Well-functioning Gram Panchayats are critical for preparation of village plan and resource mapping. To achieve this objective, the State Government has created 1,178 new posts of Panchayat Executive Officers to be posted in Panchayat Offices.

49. State Government has launched '**Mukhayamantri Tripura Gram Samridhhi Yojana (MTGSY)**' to saturate all villages with remaining development needs. I have earmarked an amount of **Rs. 100 Cr** for this purpose in BE 2022-23. Those villages which make 100% achievement will be suitably awarded under the scheme.

#### **Governance and Administration:**

Sir,

50. State is implementing Direct Benefit Transfer in State Schemes. The State Government has developed **Beneficiary Management System (BMS)** for

end to end digitalization to empower people. BMS will be used by 62 State schemes, along with Aadhaar authentication to provide DBT. BMS will remove pilferage and ensure that right person gets the right benefit.

51. At present, Group-C & Group-D employees of the State Government receive Medical Allowance at a rate of Rs. 500 per month. Understanding their medical needs to protect Government employees and their family members, I propose to introduce a new scheme called '**Tripura Government Health Scheme (TGHS)**' during the Year 2022-23 to cover about one lakh permanent Government employees and their dependents. The TGHS will be implemented on the pattern of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) on voluntary enrolment basis, with small contribution from each employee. Scheme details will be worked out by the Health Department. I have kept an outlay of **Rs. 20 Cr in BE 2022-23** for implementation of TGHS.

52. The recruitment process of 1,345 Riflemen (GD) and 98 Riflemen (Tradesmen) for raising of 2(two) new IR Battalion of TSR has been completed. 1,260 SPOs have been appointed during this year.

53. TSR has always been at the forefront of handling insurgency and assisting police in maintaining law and order in the State. Recognising their invaluable contribution, I have provided followings in Budget Estimates 2022-23:

- (a) Rs. 6 Cr for repair and maintenance of interior TSR camps;
- (b) Enhancing Ration Money from Rs. 800/- to Rs. 1,000/- per person per month upto the rank of Subedar, to provide them quality living environment; and
- (c) To increase the retirement age of TSR Jawans from presently 57 years to 60 years.

54. One new Fire Station has been opened at Kanchanbari in Fatikroy during 2021-22. During FY 2022-23, I propose to upgrade the Kunjaban Fire Station as 'Ultra-Modern Fire Station' and to establish a new Fire Station at '**Anandanagar, West Tripura**'. **New Fire Stations** will be constructed at Damcherra, Ompi, Sabroom, Rashyabari and Chawmanu with an amount of **Rs. 9.43 Cr.**

55. For the first time, State Government will be providing **Kit Allowance** to Firemen from next year 2022-23 for which I have provided **Rs. 1.32 Cr** in the Budget.

56. An amount of Rs. 13.50 Cr has been allocated in 2022-23 for construction and renovation of Jails. Further, the unskilled, semi-skilled & skilled wage rates of convicts has been enhanced by 50%.

57. An amount of **Rs. 39 Cr** is allocated for renovation/re-construction of **Tehsil Offices** during 2022-23 to strengthen land record management in the State.

58. In year 2022-23, retrofitting of around 200 old Government buildings will be done so as to strengthen them against earthquake under **National Seismic Risk Mitigation Programme**. It is also planned to install one Earthquake Early Warning System in our state during 2022-23.

59. One Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station with two display units at Agartala has been set up for real time assessment of air quality.

60. During the year 2022-23, I propose to develop 4 more Bio-Villages and set up a **Real Time Noise Level Monitoring Station** at Agartala City. **Vigyan Gram** will be dedicated to public next financial year.

## Industry & Commerce:

Sir,

61. In order to promote investment in the State, **DESTINATION TRIPURA - Investment Summit 2021** was organized during **9-10 December, 2021 in Agartala**. More than 100 industrialists and stakeholders from other parts of the country and from Bangladesh participated in the summit. They signed **81 MoUs** worth **Rs. 2869 Cr** for investment. This shows Investor's deep interest for doing business in Tripura.

62. Next year, State Government intends to introduce a comprehensive scheme titled "**Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Incentive Scheme**" with an outlay of **Rs. 100 Cr** over the period of 5 years for industrial investment and development in the State.

63. The State Government will spend **Rs. 400 Cr** with ADB assistance for development of industrial estates to boost investment in Tripura. In addition, I propose to set up one Border Haat at Dharmanagar to boost trade across the border at a cost of **Rs. 5.5 Cr** in BE 2022-23.

64. I have earmarked **Rs. 15 Cr** in BE 2022-23 for setting up '**Agar Trade Centre**' to facilitate marketing of Agarwood and Agar oil, which has a potential to generate about Rs. 2,000 Cr of 'Agar Economy' and generate thousands of employment opportunities to youth in Tripura.

65. I propose to launch a new Mission called "**Rubber Mini Mission**" with a provision of **Rs. 5 Cr** in BE 2022-23. The Mini Mission will benefit 10,000 rubber growers in developing Processing Industry of rubber wood and sheets over next three years.

66. Last year Tripura become the First State in the North East to introduce a **‘Data Centre Policy 2021’** to encourage investment in the IT and IT Enabled Services and create large scale employment opportunities. There is an allocation of **Rs. 66 Cr** in Budget under various heads for implementing this policy. The State Government has also launched **‘Start-up Schemes’** in IT Sector. Eight Start-ups have been approved with an incentive of Rs. 77 lakh so far.

67. I propose to constitute a Venture Capital Fund to be known as **“Tripura Start-up Fund” with an outlay of Rs. 50 Cr** to invest in scalable business ventures including innovative business model, new product & technologies in Start-ups, early and growth stage companies primarily in MSMEs based in Tripura. I propose to allocate **Rs. 15 Cr** as State Government contribution in **BE 2022-23** for Venture Capital Fund. The Fund will strengthen the Start-up culture and eco-system and create more job opportunities for the youth.

68. State Government has taken various initiatives to make Tripura as an ideal tourist destination. A Helipad in Dumboor has been inaugurated last year to attract more tourists to Narikelkunja. Total 33 Log Huts are being constructed at Narikelkunja, Chabimura and Jampui Hills. An amount of **Rs. 6 Cr** have been allocated to promote water sports and adventure activities at Dumboor lake during this year.

69. Pushpabanta palace, erstwhile Governor House will be developed as Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya Museum and Cultural Centre with a project cost of **Rs. 40 Cr**. It will have combination of both physical and digital components, thus making it one of the first digital museums in the country.

70. It gives me immense pride to inform this august house that the State Government will set up **Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute** in the State at a cost of **Rs. 5.76 Cr** in BE 2022-23. This institute will offer professional courses in cinematic studies and create employment opportunities for the youth in the media and entertainment sector.

71. With an aim to promote Eco-tourism, I propose to set up a new company “**Tripura Eco-Tourism Corporation (TETCO)**” by the next year for which a provision of **Rs. 10 Cr** have been earmarked in BE 2022-23.

### **Infrastructure Investment:**

Sir,

72. I congratulate people of the state for inauguration of New Integrated Terminal Building at MBB Airport on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 by the Hon’ble Prime Minister. State Government has taken steps for introducing International Flight on Agartala-Dhaka, Agartala-Chittagong and Agartala-Guwahati-Bangkok routes.

73. During 2022-23, I propose to take up construction of the Modern Motor Stands one each at ‘**Nagerjala Bus Terminal, Agartala**’ and ‘**Rajarbag, Udaipur**’ at a cost of **Rs. 10 Cr** each. I also propose to construct Motor Stands at **Teliamura, Gandatuisa** and **Jirania** at the cost of **Rs. 5 Cr** each. I propose to open Driving Training Centres in all districts for upgrading the skills of drivers during Financial Year 2022-23.

74. State Government will implement “**Tripura Power Generation Upgradation and Distribution Reliability Improvement Project**” with an

outlay of **Rs. 1,920 Cr** with ADB assistance; and invest **Rs. 740 Cr** under “**Revamped Reforms-Linked Results-Based Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)**” launched by Government of India. Both these projects with a total investment of **Rs. 2,660 Cr** will make improvement in the quality, reliability and affordability of power supply to consumers through generation, distribution Automation, Smart Metering and reduction in AT&C Losses.

75. In last two years, State Government has distributed approximately 3 lakh solar study lamps at a cost of **Rs. 12.5 Cr** to help students study well. Government has also installed 16,000 SPV Street lighting System to lighten Markets and Streets at a cost of **Rs. 36 Cr** over this period. I propose to install another **20,000 SPV Street lighting System** at an investment of **Rs. 37 Cr** to ensure market and street lighting in various places especially in tribal areas next year.

76. With an aim to create urban infrastructure and facilities in all the municipal areas of the state, Government has secured the sanction of **Rs. 38 Cr** from ADB for capacity building and preparation of DPR for investment and development of roads and sewerage in 20 different urban areas. State Government will be investing **Rs. 522 Cr** through a loan, signed with ADB to create urban infrastructure in Agartala.

77. State Government is working towards connecting all habitations in the State through all weather roads. I propose to **connect all Sub-Divisional Headquarters through National Highways with double lane roads** by March, 2025. Accordingly, I have made a provision of **Rs. 20 Cr** in the Budget Estimates for conducting surveys and preparation of DPRs.

78. State Government has secured **USD 1.49 million (Rs. 11.2 Cr)** of Project Readiness Finance from Asian Development Bank for **“Improvement and Widening of State Highways of Tripura”** to double lane with paved shoulder. The project once developed will target improvement of 700 KM road network in the State. In addition, I propose to complete construction of 25 Bridges and improvement of 200 KM road during 2022-23 using state resources.

79. Tripura is celebrating 50 years of its Statehood this year. On this occasion, the State Government released the document **‘Lakshya-2047’** as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav which contains aims and aspirations of every citizen of Tripura. To give wings to people’s aspiration, I propose to announce a new funding source called **‘Suvarna Jayanti Tripura Nirman Yojana’** under which State Government will sanction various Infrastructure and Development Projects with an outlay of **Rs. 1000 Cr during next financial year i.e. FY 2022-23.**

80. It is for the first time in the history of Tripura, that such huge amount will be spent by the State Government on creation of social and economic infrastructure. A list of projects to be taken up under the Scheme are given in the **‘Annexure’** to the Budget Speech. These projects will include some critical rural roads to far flung areas namely -

- (a) Road from Burighat to Shermum to Kangarai - Rs. 50 Cr.
- (b) Road from Chechua (Ompi) to Nityabazar via Nagrai under Ompi RD Block - Rs. 25 Cr.
- (c) Road from Ghurakappa to Kaptali BOP under Silachari RD Block - Rs. 10 Cr.

81. To make large scale investment in infrastructure, I have doubled the Capital Expenditure to **Rs. 5285 Cr** in Budget Estimates of 2022-23 from Rs. 2651 Cr in BE of 2021-22. It is through this Capital Expenditure, Tripura Economy will grow at a very high rate of 13.28% in next financial year, which I mentioned at the very beginning of my Budget Speech.

**Finance:**

Sir,

82. I have not proposed any new taxes in the BE 2022-23.

83. The summary of Receipt and Expenditure is given in below table. The total Budget allocation in 2022-23 is Rs. 26,892.67 Cr, which is an increase of 18.34% over the BE 2021-22.

**(Amount in Rs. Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>(A)</b>	<b>Revenue Account</b>	
1	Receipts	21047.15
2	Expenditure	21606.89
3	Deficit (A1-A2)	(-)559.74
<b>(B)</b>	<b>Capital Account</b>	
1	Receipts from Loans & Others (including Public Account and Opening Balance)	5276.00
2	Expenditure	5285.78
3	Deficit (B1-B2)	(-) 9.78
<b>(C)</b>	<b>Total Receipts (A1+B1)</b>	26323.15
<b>(D)</b>	<b>Total Expenditure (A2+B2)</b>	26892.67
	<b>Budget Deficit (C-D)</b>	<b>(-) 569.52</b>

**Annexure**

<b>Projects taken up under ‘Suvarna Jayanti Tripura Nirman Yojana’</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Item/ Project</b>	<b>Amount Allocated (in Rs Cr)</b>
1	Total Road Sector:  (a) Road from Burighat to Shermum to Kangarai – Rs. 50 Cr (b) Road from Chechua (Ompi) to Nityabazar via Nagrai under Ompi RD Block - Rs. 25 Cr (c) Road from Ghurakappa to Kaptali BOP under Silachari RD Block - Rs. 10 Cr (d) Other Roads – Rs. 65 Cr	150
2	Establishment of one Sainik School	15
3	Establishment of NCC HQ	10
4	National Law University	21
5	TIT Polytechnic at Narsingarh	20
6	Drone Club/Centre in TIT Narsingarh	5
7	Projects under Mahila Shashaktikaran Abhiyan	50
8	Projects under Mukhyamantri Chai Shramik Yojana	50
9	Infrastructure Projects under Mukhyamantri Tripura Gram Samridhhi Yojana	100
10	Two Agriculture Development Research-cum-Training Centres	4
11	Sports Infrastructure in the State	20
12	Agar Trade Centre	15
13	Capital Equity for Tripura Eco-Tourism Corporation	10
14	Mental Hospital at Dharmanagar and Psychiatric Hospital at Agartala	20
15	Infrastructure for Champaknagar Dam	20
16	Rubber Mini Mission	5
17	Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute	6
18	Other Projects	479
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1000</b>

