

## **Budget Speech**

Respected Speaker Sir,

I rise to present the Budget for the year 2024-25 to this August house. It is my esteemed privilege to address the Hon'ble members of this August Assembly and the citizens of this great state.

Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji and the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha, we are making our journey towards progress and prosperity. I take this opportunity to inform about our achievements, acknowledge our challenges and chart a course of action for a brighter future. After the BJP led alliance took power, our state has made significant strides in various sectors. Driven by the collective efforts of our government and all sections of our society, we recognize that there is much more to be done to fulfill the aspirations of our people and ensure inclusive growth that leaves no one behind with the Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. Today, as we unveil the budget for the financial year ahead, we do so with a steadfast commitment to fiscal prudence, equitable development and sustainable progress.

Our budgetary allocations will reflect our priorities guided by principles of efficiency, accountability and transparency. We strive to optimize resources, prioritize key sectors and implement policies that foster innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation. In the face of emerging challenges, particularly in wake of global pandemic, we remained steadfast in our resolve to safeguard the wealth, livelihood and wellbeing of the citizens of our state. Our budget will encompass measures to strengthen our healthcare infrastructure, enhance social protective schemes and bolster our resilience to face any future crisis. Furthermore, we recognize the imperativeness of 3 (three) areas, like education, skill development and infrastructural development, to unleash the full potential of our people and propel our state towards enabling environment, sustained growth and prosperity.

### **Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**

1. Since 2018-19, 2,46,339 farmers have been benefited from 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana' in the state. An amount of Rs. 640.40 Crore has been deposited in the bank accounts of these beneficiary farmers. 12.46 lakh farmers' crop of the state has been covered under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana'. 3,29,860 Kisan Credit Cards have

been distributed among the farmers of the state. Farmers so far have received total loans of Rs. 1649 Crore under Kisan Credit Card.

2. Since 2018-19, 1.92 lakh metric tonnes of paddy were procured from farmers of the state at Minimum Support Price (MSP) till last season. 375 Farm Machinery Banks have been set up in the state to promote mechanized farming to improve the production in agricultural produces. 13,394 hectares of land have been brought under fruit cultivation and 18,764 hectares of land have been brought under hybrid vegetable cultivation since 2018-19.

3. State Government has given thrust to organic and natural farming for sustainable agriculture. Apart from conventional cropping pattern, different varieties of unconventional crop like baby corn have been introduced. During 2023-24, baby corn has been cultivated on 62 (sixty-two) hectares of land. State Government has also promoted cultivation of millets and during financial year 2023-24, 13.50 metric ton millets seeds were distributed.

4. I am happy to inform this August House that the procurement price of paddy has been enhanced from Rs. 20.40 per kg to Rs. 21.83 per kg with effect from 2023, December. For accurate crop forecasting, a 'Unified Farmers Database' is being created by linking of land records and real time crop survey.

5. For intensive extension activities on new technologies, the state government has opened 2 new Agri Sub-Divisions, one at Lefunga and another at Belbari. I propose to open 2 (two) new Agri Sub-Divisions, one at Jubaraj Nagar, North Tripura and another at Old Agartala, West Tripura.

6. It is also planned to establish 1 (one) 'Residual testing lab' and 1 (one) 'Germ plasm preservation Centre' at State Agriculture Research Station, Arundhati Nagar with project cost of Rs. 10.00 Crore.

7. I also propose to construct 8 (eight) new Agri Development Research Centres during 2024-25 with financial involvement of Rs. 23.71 Crore. A Centre of Excellence on Citrus under the Indo-Dutch project at Taidu with project cost of Rs. 9.17 Crore and a Centre of Excellence on Flowers under the Indo-Israel action plan at Lembuchhera with a project cost of Rs. 10.00 Crore have been planned in the state for scientific cultivation of fruits, vegetables and flowers and supply of best quality planting materials.

## **Animal Resources Development**

8. State Government has given thrust for production of milk, meat and eggs to meet the demand of the state. Improvement of breeds by artificial insemination through sexed semen is being done. Apart from that, exotic germ plasm of High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of livestock and birds have been supplied to the farmers.

9. Livestock and Poultry based entrepreneurship have been promoted by the state government under 'National Livestock Mission'. During 2023-24, 2900 progressive livestock farmers have been honored by the state government with a cash reward of Rs. 6000/- to each farmer. Artificial insemination will also be promoted for goats to produce high yielding varieties of fast-growing goat.

10. For the year 2024-25, total allocation for this sector is Rs. 183.64 Crore.

## **Fisheries**

11. During 2023-24, Construction of 1 (one) training centre and 5 (five) retail fish outlets have been taken up and input support has been provided to 2420 farmers. Fish seeds were provided to 588 farmers. For improvement in Fish production, cage culture has been started in Dumboor lake and 1512 cages have already been installed. 2 (two) Pisciculture Knowledge Centres and 1 (one) Pisciculture Production Centre are being taken up with project cost of Rs. 3.18 Crore.

12. I propose to set up 4 (four) Pisciculture Knowledge Centers and 1 (one) State Fishery Awareness Centre with project cost of Rs. 17.13 Crore during 2024-25.

## **Education (Secondary & Elementary)**

13. During 2023-24, National Education Policy 2020 has been implemented in the State and accordingly new Regulations and Curriculum have been introduced. New buildings for 21 secondary schools will be constructed under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and an amount of Rs. 123.78 Crore will be spent during 2024-25.

## **Higher Education**

14. 2 (two) private Universities namely, Techno India University and Aryavart International University have started functioning from academic year 2023-24.

15. During 2024-25, Mata Tripurasundari Open University will be set up at Udaipur under private initiative.

### **Youth Affairs & Sports**

16. The state government is promoting different sport activities so that people of all ages will be able to keep themselves in sound health. Different sports infrastructure like synthetic turf football ground, multipurpose sports hall, athletic track, synthetic turf hockey ground, swimming pool and open gymnasium are being constructed at different locations of the state. Using the improved sports infrastructure of the state, young boys and girls are now able to participate in different competitions at national and international arena and secure medals.

17. I am happy to inform this August house that 6 (six) Gold medals, 2 (two) Silver medals and 1(one) Bronze medal have been secured in different disciplines of National School Games competition held at Agartala. Apart from that 2 (two) Gold medals and 1(one) Silver medal were secured at 67<sup>th</sup> National School Games competition held at Delhi and 3 (three) Silver medals were secured in 67<sup>th</sup> National School Games competition held in West Bengal.

### **Health Services**

Respected Speaker Sir,

18. I take this opportunity to thank our Honorable Chief Minister for implementing 'Chief Minister Jana Arogya Yojana', 2023 which has been rolled out on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The scheme will have positive impact on life of every citizen of our state. This along with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) will cover 100 percent citizens of the state under health insurance.

19. State government has given priority for strengthening health infrastructures across the State. 3(three) Community Health Centres (CHCs) located at Panisagar, Kumarghat and Karbook have been upgraded to Sub-Divisional hospital.

20. During 2024-25, 200 (two hundred) bedded Multi Care Health Unit will be constructed at AGMC and GBP hospital complex, Agartala with project cost of Rs. 192 Crore under Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE). Staff-quarters will be constructed at Kanchanpur and Amarpur Sub-Divisional hospital complex with project cost of Rs. 11.50 Crore under 'Suvarna Jayanti Tripura Nirman Yojana'.

One Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for drug addicted people will be set-up at Sepahijala with project cost of Rs. 89.90 Crore under Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE).

### **Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs**

21. During 2024-25, Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART PDS) will be launched in the State with the funding support from Government of India. It is also proposed to install system integrated electronic weighing machines and iris scanners at all Fair Price Shops in the state for seamless authentication of beneficiaries.

### **Welfare of Scheduled Caste**

Respected Speaker Sir,

22. State Government is committed for development of all sections of the society. Welfare of Scheduled Caste is one of the priorities of the state government. Under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana, 30 (thirty) Scheduled Caste villages in the State have been converted into Adarsh villages. During 2023-24, under PM Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), development works have been taken up for 32 Scheduled Caste dominated villages.

23. 14359 students have been provided Pre-matric scholarship with total involvement of Rs 57.44 lakhs and Dr. BR Ambedkar Merit Award has been given to 2816 students involving Rs 19.11 lakhs .

24. Moreover, Tripura Scheduled Caste Co-Operative Development Limited has extended subsidized loan to 177 SC entrepreneurs for taking up different start-ups. One-time financial support of Rs. 1 lakh per student will be provided to 400 Scheduled Caste students. An amount of Rs. 4.00 Crore will be spent for this.

### **Welfare of Other Backward Classes**

25. State government has been working towards up-liftment of all disadvantaged social groups and for that, different income generation activities have been taken up for the people belonging to Other Backward Classes.

26. One-time financial support has also been extended to meritorious OBC students from the state fund. 15,802 OBC students were given pre-matric scholarship, 14,728 OBC students were given post-matric scholarship and 2079 OBC students were given Dr. BR Ambedkar

Merit Award during 2023-24 with total financial involvement of Rs. 10.30 Crore. Loans amounting to Rs. 46.29 Crore on easy terms with low interest rate have been provided to OBC students for the purpose of education and unemployed youths for business. 2736 people have been benefited from this.

### **Minorities Welfare**

27. Our Government is working tirelessly to achieve the goal of contributing towards 'Vikshit Bharat' by 2047 and every community is given due importance in our developmental goal. For the socio-economic development of minority communities during 2023-24, 228 different works have been successfully implemented under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikash Karyakram'.

28. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Merit Award has been given to 2643 minority students. Subsidized loans have been provided to 1035 minority families for taking up entrepreneurship and 292 minority students for pursuing higher education. A total loan of Rs. 22.67 Crore was disbursed by Tripura Minority Co-operative Development Co-operation Limited during 2023-24 for the above purpose.

29. For motivating the minority students to pursue higher education, an amount of Rs. 7.70 Crore was provided as scholarship to 21384 minority students under different scholarships of Government of India. As a part of the development of 'Nari Shakti', 48969 girl students were given pre-matric and post-matric scholarships with an amount of Rs. 2.26 Crore.

30. Different developmental works will be taken up in different minority dominated villages during 2024-25 and a budget allocation of Rs. 35 Crore has been kept under Pradhan Mantri Jana Vikash Karyakram.

### **Social Welfare and Social Education**

Respected Speaker Sir,

31. Social security has been given top most priority by the state government. The rate of social pension has been enhanced from Rs 700 per month to Rs. 2000 per month per social pensioner for 3,77,936 beneficiaries under 33 social pension schemes. More 29,410 people were included under "Mukhyamantri Samajik Sahayak Prakalpa" from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 and for this additional financial involvement be Rs. 70.58 Crore per annum.

**32.** For development of 'Nari Shakti', construction of 4 (four) working women hostels are being implemented. Under 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' (PMMVY), 6484 pregnant & nursing mothers have been provided with financial benefit. I propose to set-up 2 (Two) Shakti Sadan under Mission Shakti of Government of India at Matabari and Teliamura for destitute women with total project cost of Rs. 10.62 Crore.

### **Tribal Welfare**

**33.** Respected Speaker Sir, State Government has celebrated 'Janajati Gourav Diwas' on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to recognize the contribution of different tribal leaders for integrity and unity of the nation.

**34.** Under 'Chief Minister's Rubber Mission', 600 hectares Rubber plantation has been done during 2023-24. 916 tribal families have been benefited under various income generating activities and 90 (ninety) ST families have been provided with Auto Rickshaw and Power Tillers during 2023-24. Under 'Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana', development plan has been approved for 198 villages involving an amount of Rs. 40.35 Crore.

**35.** To promote the Kokborok language in schools, Kokborok has been introduced in 1417 schools. Total 93,395 ST students are covered under various scholarships with total financial involvement of Rs. 86.33 Crore.

**36.** During 2024-25, 50 (fifty) smoke houses for processing of rubber sheets will be constructed at various tribal dominated areas with project cost of Rs. 37.50 Crore. 11 (eleven) 50 seated ST Girls Hostel and 10 (ten) 50 seated ST Boys Hostel will be constructed during 2024-25 with project cost of Rs. 76.65 Crore. Infrastructure development of Tirthamukh Mela Ground will be taken up during 2024-25 with project cost of Rs. 15.11 Crore.

**37.** Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) focuses on 11 critical interventions through nine ministries and is aimed at improving socio-economic conditions by bridging gaps in health, education, livelihoods of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and providing PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities such as housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, power connectivity.

**38.** During 2024-25, under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), all habitations inhabited by primitive vulnerable tribal groups will be electrified, and for that, an amount of Rs. 69.12 Crore have been sanctioned.

**39.** During 2024-25, 77 new Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) will be set-up at the habitations in which people belonging to primitive and vulnerable tribal groups got settlement with project cost of Rs. 9.24 Crore under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN).

**40.** 9015 new houses have been sanctioned for Reang community under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) scheme. An amount of Rs. 43.88 Crore is received from Government of India under this scheme.

**41.** For the year, 2024-25, State Government will provide a total amount of Rs. 698.68 Crore to TTAADC, which is much more than the provision kept in BE-2023-24. This amount is over and above the fund to be given from share of taxes under 5<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission for Village Councils under TTAADC area. Besides, State Government is allocating Rs. 5899.08 Crore (39.93 percent of total development allocation) for welfare of our Janajati brothers and sisters under Tribal Sub Plan (including fund given to TTAADC).

### **Rural Development**

**42.** In the last 5(five) years, a record number of about 5 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) have been constructed. I compliment the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for being generous towards the State in allocation of houses for our rural brothers and sisters.

**43.** In the last 5 years, 47600 women Self Help Groups have been formed under Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission in the state. Now, 4.66 lakhs rural women are associated with 51254 Self Help Groups in the state. These Self-Help Groups are associated with 2094 Village Organizations and 102 Cluster Level Federations. Till the month of January, 2024, 83000 women associated with various Self Help Groups in the state have become 'Lakhpati Didis'. The State Government has set a target for making more 1.14 lakh women in different Self-Help Groups to improve their annual income more than Rs 1(one) lakh. The target will be achieved within 2025-26.

**44.** During 2024-25, State Government will provide new vehicles to all BDOs with financial involvement of Rs. 7.40 Crore. I propose to construct quarters for all BDOs, Additional BDOs and Additional DMs in all the locations where there are no quarters at present.



## **Panchayat**

45. I am happy to inform this August house that State Government has accepted the recommendation of 5<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission. As per recommendations of 5<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission, the State Government will provide an amount of Rs. 94.70 Crore as share of taxes, Rs. 5.60 Crore as assignment of tax and Rs. 10 Crore as grant-in-aid to rural local bodies during 2024-25.

46. I am happy to inform this August house that Government of India has recognized the performance of various Panchayati Raj Institutions. Recognising its extraordinary achievements, Kumarghat Block Advisory Committee (BAC) under Kumarghat RD Block had received Nanaji Deshmukh Sarbottama Panchayat Satat Vikash Puraskar and Bagmara Village Committee under Rupaichari RD block had received Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (special category) from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.

## **Drinking Water**

47. Providing safe drinking water is a priority of the central as well as state government. State Government is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission with utmost sincerity. Prior to implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission only 24502 (3.30%) rural households were provided with individual household tap connections. After the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in 2019, a total 5,72,793 (76.81%) rural households in the State have been provided with Functional Household Tap connections (FHTC). State government has spent Rs. 2545.41 Crore under JJM in last four years.

## **Sanitation, Cleanliness and Assets Maintenance**

48. Inspired and directed by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, a landmark initiative on sanitation, cleanliness of public premises and maintenance of Government assets has been taken. A new demand has been opened in the budget for the year 2024-25, exclusively for this purpose. A record amount of Rs. 139.96 Crore is kept, which is unprecedented.

## **Forest**

49. Forest Department plays a major role for protecting our ecology and environment and also helps in providing valuable resources for the development of the state. 2(two) Externally

Aided Projects i.e., Japan International Cooperation Agency 2.0 (JICA 2.0) and Indo-German Development Cooperation 2.0 (IGDC 2.0) are being implemented and one new project named Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management Project (ELEMENT) funded by World Bank will be launched soon with project cost of Rs. 1764.94 Crore.

**50.** The ‘Third International buyer-seller meet’ for Agar was held at Agartala from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 and Agarwood growers’ conclave was held at Dharmanagar. I am happy to inform that, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has given clearance for first time for export of Agar oil to Dubai from Tripura.

### **Information Technology**

**51.** There has been stupendous push to the digital initiatives in the State, with an objective of ushering in good governance in the entire ecosystem. As a part of this, ‘e-Cabinet’ was launched on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 as one of the various measures aimed at introducing good governance in the state. The aim of e-Cabinet is to conduct administration through a more active and transparent working process and to complete the work of administration through a simple, accountable, active and transparent process at the highest level of Government. Tripura is one of the few states in the country where the e-Cabinet system has been introduced. State Government has decided to go paperless in its functioning to bring efficiency, transparency and accountability. All state offices including district offices have implemented e-Office in the financial year 2023-24. SDM offices and BDO offices have also been onboarded on e-Office platform.

**52.** State government has provided ‘No Objection Certificate’ (NOC) for 2000 square feet encumbrance free land to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to set-up 125 towers so that entire state will be covered with 4G mobile network. State government provided mobile Community Service Centre (CSC) Van to all 58 RD blocks. Video conferencing facilities have been set up in all SDM and BDO offices. During 2023-24, augmentation of infrastructure at Tripura State Data Centre, upgradation and expansion of Horizontal State Wide Area Network and Internet Phone (HSWAN & IP telephony), Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance system in all police stations in Tripura, IT infrastructure upgradation in Finance and Revenue Department, 50 (fifty) Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections to Government/Private establishments along with 1 (one) Public Wi-Fi Hotspots in each of the 300 GP/VCs of Tripura by extending Bharat Net and Information and Communications

Technology (ICT) infrastructure upgradation for State Secretariat have been taken up. Total amount of Rs. 48.87 Crore has been spent.

53. During 2023-24, under Mukhyamantri Yuba Yugayug Yojana, , 11,469 students have been benefitted with Smart Phones and an amount of Rs. 5.73 Crore has been spent. During 2024-25, Smart Phones will be given to 19000 students with financial involvement of Rs. 10.00 Crore.

### **Home (Police)**

Respected Speaker Sir,

54. Law and order is very important aspect for development and prosperity of the State. Tripura police has made commendable success in decreasing crime rates of the State. The law & order situation of the State has improved notably.

### **Fire and Emergency Services**

55. During 2023-24, 50 (fifty) Conventional Water Tenders and 20 (twenty) light operational vehicles are being procured with financial involvement of Rs. 26.76 Crore. Construction of permanent building of different fire stations located at Manubazar, Damcherra, Ompi and Raishyabari have been taken up.

56. I am happy to inform this August house that Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has recognized Tripura Fire & Emergency Service Training School as 'State Training Centre of National Fire Service College, Nagpur'. With this upgradation, improved training facility for Fire Service personnel as well as other disaster management personnel will be available within the state.

### **Revenue**

57. State government has made remarkable success in digitization of land records under 'National Land Records Modernization' Program. As a recognition of achievement by the State Government, the State was conferred with 'Bhoomi Samman Award' by the Hon'ble President of India on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

58. For better service to the citizens, many citizens centric services have been launched by the state government i.e. e-ROR service, online land revenue, online mutation and online payment for demarcation of land etc.

**59.** 'Bhunaksha' software has been introduced in the state to allot a Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) for each land plot. 'Ban-Adhikar Mobile App' has been developed by the state government to utilize demarcation of Forest Patta land.

**60.** During 2024-25, the State Government will conduct drone survey of the land for updating existing revenue maps in collaboration with the Survey of India under the scheme of Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA).

### **Science, Technology & Environment**

**61.** For inculcating scientific temper in the mind of the children & youths, State Government has been taking various steps. During 2023-24, 2 (two) Inflatable Mobile Planetarium have been established in the North and Unakoti District. Children Science Gallery and Fun Science Gallery have been constructed in Sukanta Academy. 40 (forty) DNA clubs and 4 (four) college biotech clubs have been set up in different degree colleges.

**62.** During 2023-24, 6 (six) nos. Bio-villages and 3 (three) Mushroom hamlets have been set up. The State Action Plan of Climate Change (SAPCC) 2.0 has been prepared and officially launched.

**63.** During 2024-25, it is proposed to establish 4 (four) College biotech clubs, 50 DNA clubs, 6 bio-villages and 5 (five) Mushroom hamlets. State government will organize extensive awareness program on environmental impact of single use plastic. Tripura Pollution Control Board is going to take initiatives to regulate sound system including DJ and vehicular horns in notified Silence Zones. Initiatives will also be taken to control noise pollution near Wildlife Sanctuary.

### **Industries & Commerce**

Respected Speaker Sir,

**64.** The volume of trade between Tripura and Bangladesh has increased substantially from Rs. 390.68 Crore in 2017-18 to Rs. 758.09 Crore in 2022-23. The value of exports from Tripura to Bangladesh has gone up to Rs. 121.37 Crore in 2023-24.

**65.** A total amount of Rs. 25.82 Crore was disbursed to different entrepreneurs for self employment initiatives under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Swabalamban Scheme during 2023-24.

66. I also propose to constitute a Land Bank, under which unused Government land will be developed, and thereafter, land will be given on lease for different uses. Private land in the vicinity of such government land, if required, will also be purchased and developed along with Government land. A budget allocation of Rs. 10 Crore is kept for the scheme.

67. Construction of Unity Mall for showcasing and selling traditional handicrafts, handloom products and textiles from various states of India has been taken up with a total project cost of Rs. 140 Crore.

### **Skill Development**

68. The state government is giving emphasis on the skill development of the youth so that they will be competent for different jobs or can start their own business for a livelihood.

69. Apart from giving conventional training, steps have been taken to impart a job-oriented training program. 30 (thirty) youths have been sent to Delhi to learn the Japanese language for a long-term training of 9 (nine) months. 30 (thirty) women have been given training on the Ayaa nursing course. 20 (twenty) women have been given training on auto driving. Training has been provided to 200 men & women on early childcare taking.

### **Information & Cultural Affairs**

70. To promote the traditional culture, the State Government will take steps to encourage different artists. Financial benefit will be provided to the empanelled and extraordinary artists.

71. The Government has taken various steps to develop the traditional culture of the state and to inculcate the sense of patriotism. This is the first time that the panel of young artists has been formed through auditions. As a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav', the '75 Simanto Gram Kranti Veero Ke Naam', 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programs were celebrated with enthusiasm across the state.

### **Transport**

72. Transport sector of the State has undergone a tremendous change over the last few years. Many new trains are being added regularly from Agartala Railway Station to different destination across the country. On behalf of the people of Tripura, I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to our Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modiji for arranging a special train from Agartala to Ayodhya and making the smooth arrangement of travel from the land

of Mata Tripureswari to visit Ayodhya and get an opportunity to have the darshan of Ram Lalla.

73. Agartala Akhaura Railway link project has been inaugurated virtually by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modiji & Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023. It is expected that the train service will be in operation on that Railway line within a few months.

74. I would like to thank our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji for initiating the redevelopment of Agartala railway station under Amrit Bharat Scheme.

### **Roads & Bridges**

Respected Speaker Sir,

75. During 2023-24, 135 kilometers (km) of road have been improved and strengthened. 1057 km of road have been maintained, and the construction of 5 RCC bridges has been completed. Moreover, improvement of 73 different roads with a length of 267 km and the construction of 5 permanent bridges are being taken up under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). Improvement of 42 km of road connecting 7(seven) habitations has been taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2023-24. The total financial implication is Rs. 1411 Crore.

76. I would like to inform this August house that out of 923.31 km of 6 different national highways, 486 km have already been developed to double lane with paved shoulder till December, 2023. Moreover, 4 (four) more roads have been declared as National Highways. Its length is 229.25 km.

77. During 2024-25, 285 km of road will be taken for improvement, 1900 km road will be taken for maintenance, 500 km of PMGSY road will be taken for renewal and 10 new RCC bridges will be taken for construction. Under PMGSY, 303 km of roads will be taken up for upgradation to connect 20 (twenty) habitations with all-weather road. Moreover, 34 nos. road project with a total length of 326.45 km will be taken for improvement.

78. State Government will take up massive road infrastructure works covering all 60 assembly constituencies for new construction or redevelopment of 30 kms road in each of the Assembly constituency with total financial involvement of Rs. 2000.00 Crore over the period

of next 4 (four) years from State resources, RIDF and Special Assistance for Capital Investment.

### **Water Resources**

**79.** With the aim of bringing more area under irrigation and enhancing the farmers' income, the State Government is giving more importance to the commissioning of different irrigation schemes and maintenance of ongoing irrigation projects.

**80.** During 2023-24, 447 nos. Small Bore Tube wells and 179 deep Tube Wells had been sunk and it will bring additional 3618 hector of irrigable land under cultivation with financial implication of Rs. 70.23 Crore.

**81.** During 2024-25, 8 nos. minor irrigation projects will be constructed. 11(eleven) nos. lift irrigation scheme and 183 nos. Deep Tube Well will be sunk. It will bring an additional 2500 hectare of land under cultivation with financial implication of Rs. 110.64 Crore. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 100.70 Crore for taking up anti-erosion work for the protection of river banks at different locations of the State and the work will be implemented during 2024-25.

### **Power**

**82.** Tripura State Electricity Corporation has been implementing 3 (three) major projects under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding, World Bank funding and funding from Government of India.

**83.** Under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding, upgradation of distribution network including improvement of production by converting open cycle generation plant to combined cycle has been taken up. Under the 'World Bank Fund' scheme, massive development is taken up for the development of power transmission network and under the Revamped Reformed Based Result Linked Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to improve the operational and financial viability of the existing electrical network system by reducing transmission losses and also converting the manual billing system to a smart meter system.

### **Renewable Energy**

**84.** Renewable energy has become one of the most important sources of electricity for the remote and far-flung areas. Over the last few years, the state government has taken massive initiative in renewable energy sector in the state. The initiative taken by the State

Government in this sector was appreciated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modiji in 'Maan Ki Baat' Program.

**85.** Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency took up different initiatives under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM), RIDF and under state funds. A solar-powered lighting system has been extended under 'Grameen Bazar Alok Jayoti Prakalpa' to many rural, tribal dominated village markets and habitations. Moreover, Solar Micro Grid, Solar Street light and Solar high masts have also been implemented at various locations in the state.

**86.** The state government is giving more thrust on Green Energy sector. During 2023-24, the installation of 2000 Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) pumps has been taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme with a total cost of Rs. 20.20 Crore. The subsidy has been provided by the State Government under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

**87.** For the use of renewable energy in agriculture, 1421 standalone off-grid solar agriculture pump set are also being installed with total investment of Rs. 20(twenty) Crore from the State fund under "Subarna Jayanti Tripura Nirman Yojana". Apart from that, micro grids powered by solar power are being installed in 274 remote habitations with a total investment of Rs. 81.02 Crore under Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE).

### **Urban Development**

**88.** A total of 82132 houses have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and 64582 houses have been completed till now.

**89.** During 2024-25, 85 Pink Toilets will be constructed at different locations of different towns to create hygienic public restrooms for women and children. A budget allocation of Rs. 7.51 Crore has been provisioned.

### **Co-Operation**

**90.** For giving more thrust to the co-operative movement of the state, the state government started computerizing the office of the register co-operation, Tripura Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank and primary agriculture credit societies



in the State. Credit co-operatives, consumers co-operatives and warehouse marketing & processing co-operatives will be revamped.

**91.** I am happy to inform this august house that our Hon'ble Prime Minister has virtually inaugurated pilot project of Grain Storage plan in the cooperative sector recently and one of the recipient of such projects was Khilpara Primary Agriculture Co-operative Society (PACS) under Gomati District. Tripura is one of the 11 states to have such project from Government of India. The initiative aims to seamlessly integrate PACS' godowns with the food grain supply chain, fortifying food grain security and fostering economic development of the country.

## **Law**

Respected Speaker Sir,

**92.** The state government is giving importance to the development of judicial infrastructure in the state. Different construction work for court building and residential quarter for Judicial Officers has been taken up at different locations. New court building are being constructed at Bishramganj, Kamalpur, Khowai, Kailashahar and at Agartala. Residential quarters are being constructed at Khowai, Dharmanagar, Sabroom, Udaipur and Kailasahar.

**93.** The Tripura State Legal Service Authority launched the project 'Mukti' for eradicating the menace of drug abuse. During 2023-24, 8(eight) nos. of Lok Adalat were organized and 23,283 nos. of cases were taken up. Lok Adalats could settle 16,144 nos. of cases. Under the national Lok Adalat, mobile Lok Adalat and special Lok Adalat, 18,697 nos. of cases were disposed of. Apart from this, 1476 legal awareness camps were held throughout the State.

## **General Administration (SA)**

**94.** The land for the establishment of Tripura Bhawan at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai has been purchased by the State Government and the construction of Bhawan will be started soon. State government has also purchased a land for establishment of 1 (one) new Tripura Bhawan at Dwarka, New Delhi with financial involvement of Rs. 23.66 Crore. For the interest of people of Tripura, extension of Tripura Bhawan building at Salt Lake will be taken up. An allocation of Rs. 20.00 Crore is kept for construction of Bhawans in 2024-25.

## **Employment Services & Manpower Planning**

95. 'Deendayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojana' is in process of training 16,169 youths from rural areas of the state. Among the training recipients, 5,416 have been employed in various organized sectors. 74 job fairs have been organized under the National Career Service Project to recruit unemployed youth in the private sector.

## **Good Governance**

96. The state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha has taken several steps for the overall development for the people by implementing different programs with utmost transparency in the governance.

97. The State Government constituted the Department of General Administration for Good Governance in August 2023 as per the targets set in the budget for the financial year 2023-24.

98. A new institution called 'Tripura Institution for Transformation (TIFT)' was inaugurated on 25th December, 2023 under State Support Mission as per the guidelines of NITI Aayog with ample facilities for the Hon'ble Chief Minister to interact with common public of the entire state. This organization will accelerate economic growth by identifying key issues and catalysts for success. The key to good governance initiatives in the State lies in giving emphasis to digital technology-based development.

99. Prati Ghare Sushasan campaign 2.0 was organized during 2023-24 and the campaign will continue in 2024-25 as well.

100. I would like to inform this August house that, with the help of Government of India, the state government is implementing 9 (nine) externally aided projects with total investment of Rs. 8265.60 Crore. With investment coming from different external agencies, it is expected that this will put the state on a faster growth trajectory as far as the economy of the state is concerned.

## **Finance**

101. The total Budget Allocation in FY 2024-25 is Rs. 27804.67 Crore. The Capital Expenditure is projected at Rs. 6633.80 Crore with an increase of 24.26% over the RE 2023-24. The summary of Receipt and Expenditure is given in below table.

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Items		2024-25 (BE)
(A)	Revenue Account		
	1	Receipts	22957.54
	2	Expenditure	21170.87
	3	Surplus (A1-A2)	1786.67
(B)	Capital Account		
	1	Receipts from Loans & Others	4436.44
		(including Public Account and Opening Balance)	
	2	Expenditure	6633.80
3	Deficit (B1-B2)	-2197.36	
(C)	Total Receipts (A1+B1)		27393.98
(D)	Total Expenditure (A2+B2)		27804.67
	Budget Deficit (C-D)		-410.69

Respected Speaker Sir,

This budget is an outline to make our state 'Ek-Tripura, Srestha-Tripura, Unnata-Tripura' by inclusive development of all sections of the society.

I extend sincere thanks to all.

Namaskar! Jai Hind!