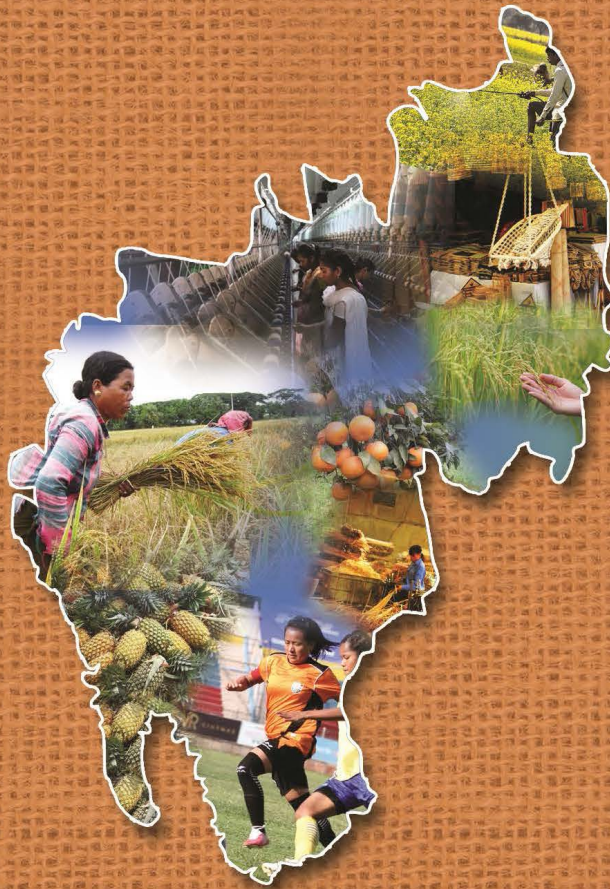
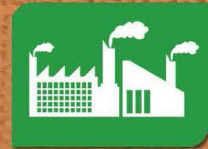




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Budget 2021-22

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

I rise to present the Budget for the year 2021-22.

1. The preparation of this budget was carried out in such circumstances when COVID-19 pandemic had engulfed the entire world and thereby affected the global economy and every country suffered from consequential slowdown.

2. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all frontline health care workers, sanitation workers, transporters, policemen, employees of Administrative services, Voluntary Organizations and all the people who risked their life to provide basic services during lockdown period.

3. I would like to put on record our deep appreciation and gratitude to our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modiji for launching schemes like **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)** which provided free foodgrains to 800 million people, free cooking gas to 80 million families for months and cash directly to over 400 million farmers, women, elderly, the poor and the needy.

4. I also thank the Government of India for announcing **Atmanirbhar Bharat Packages** to make the nation self-reliant and a business epicenter of the world. Apart from that, the announcements in recent Union Budget 2021-22 were exceptional as many steps were taken to make the economy vibrant. These steps will definitely help to bring the COVID-ridden economy back on the track.

5. There is every reason for all of us to take pride as Indians, as our nation has developed 2(two) vaccines and has begun medically safeguarding not only citizens against COVID-19, but also for the people of more than 100 countries. Although, there was apprehension from many corners that India will have negative growth rate after pandemic, but as per estimates made by IMF, Indian economy is projected to grow at 11.50% in 2021-22. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has projected India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to 12.60% in 2021-22 cushioned by solid fiscal and quasi-fiscal measures, making it the fastest-growing economy in the world, which is possible only under the dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Bhai Modiji and due to excellent financial management by Smt. Nirmala Sitaramanji.

6. During COVID-19 pandemic situation, our State Government led by Shri Biplab Kumar Deb took many initiatives to help the people of our State inside and also those who had been stranded outside during lock down period. A total of 34,247 migrant workmen were repatriated from different states to Tripura along with their family members free of cost by road, rail and flight. An amount of Rs.12.00 Cr has been provided to 40,000 registered construction workers @ Rs.3,000/- each through COVID-19 Emergency Relief Scheme under the Tripura Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (TBOCWW Board).

7. The State Government has provided 13,240 MT rice at free of cost to 5.79 lakh NFSA families of the State in the month of April, 2020 to tide over the difficulties during COVID-19 pandemic. Also 50,000 identified poor APL families were given two months regular quota of rice at free of cost during the lockdown. In accordance with the decision of the State Government, one time

financial assistance @ Rs.1,000/- per family was given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund. So far, an amount of Rs.4.41 Cr has been credited to the Bank accounts of 44,093 poor APL families of the State through Direct Benefit Transfer.

8. To compensate and incentivize consumption by State Government employees during COVID-19 pandemic period, the State Government employees have been allowed cash equivalent of LTC fare of the entitled LTC by way of reimbursement, in lieu of one LTC to give a boost to consumption expenditure in the State.

9. In spite of difficulties during COVID-19 pandemic, State Government has managed its finances well. In such a situation, when some State Governments have given less salary to its employees and stopped giving DA/DR, our Government announced 3% DA/DR to our employees and pensioners, which has taken effect from 1st March, 2021.

10. Now, it is my pleasure to announce **major new initiatives** by our Government for 2021-22:

a) **Chief Minister's Model Village Scheme:** The goal of Chief Minister's Model Village Scheme (CMMVS) is to generate models of local level development and effective local governance which can motivate and inspire neighboring Gram Panchayats/Village Committees to learn and adapt. The main objectives of CMMVS are to trigger processes which lead to holistic development of the identified Gram Panchayat/Village Committee and substantially improve the standard of living and quality of life of all sections of the population through improved basic amenities; improved health facilities; higher productivity; enhanced human development; better livelihood

opportunities. The MLA will identify one backward or any Gram Panchayat/Village Committee of his/her choice to be taken up under the scheme in his/her respective Assembly Constituency within 3(three) years commencing from the year 2021. The scheme will pertain only to rural areas. The scheme will be implemented in 3 stages of which 1st stage will be from 1st April to 31st July, 2021, 2nd stage from 1st September, 2021 to 28th February, 2022 and 3rd stage from 1st April, 2022 to 28th February, 2023. It will be implemented by convergence of various Centrally Sponsored and State Sponsored Schemes and an amount of Rs.13.10 Cr will be required which will be provided from State Budget for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

b) Chief Minister's Swanirbhar Paribar Yojana: The scheme is introduced to encourage people for taking up primary sector economic activities in a predominantly agrarian State like ours so as to ensure self-sufficiency of households and holistic development of the state. Under this scheme 6.0 lakh rural families will be covered from 2021-22 to 2023-24, out of which 1.50 lakh families will get benefit from the Fisheries Department and 1.23 lakh families will get benefit from Animal Resource Development Department and the rest will get benefit from Agriculture / Horticulture / Forest Department. An amount of Rs.117.367 Cr has been projected for implementation of this scheme out of which Rs.69.84 Cr will be met from the State Budget.

c) Chief Minister's Infrastructure Fund: To enhance the capital infrastructure which will help to fill the gap of infrastructure needs of the State and which will have impact on economy, Chief Minister's Infrastructure Fund has been created. Budget provision of Rs.200.00 Cr has been kept for the same.

d) **Honorarium to Pradhan Samajpati:** An honorarium of Rs.2,000/- per month will be given to the Pradhan Samajpati (Community Headman) of the Indigenous Tribal Communities.

e) **Establishment of School of Excellence:** A School of Excellence in collaboration with Dakshana Foundation, Pune is proposed to be established at Henry Derozio Academy English Medium School, Agartala. Under the scheme, 100 students maintaining 100% roster will be admitted in Class XII Science Stream every year. They will be provided coaching for Joint Entrance Examinations for admission to Engineering, Medical and other Courses. Separate Hostel for boys and girls are proposed to be started at State Council for Education Research & Training Complex. Books, study materials, food and lodging will be provided to the students, free of cost.

f) **Assistance for traditional musical instruments to promote tribal culture:** One time financial assistance will be given to the tribal artists for purchase of traditional musical instruments so that culture and tradition can be promoted and nurtured. An amount of Rs.30.00 lakh has been provisioned towards assistance for Traditional Musical Instruments to promote Tribal Culture and Rs.20.00 lakh for felicitation to awardees at National / International level.

g) **Setting up of National Law University at Agartala:** A National Law University at Agartala will be set up for improving the quality of professional legal education, research and training and communication in this regard has already been made with the relevant Ministry of Government of India.

h) **Construction of new Tripura Bhawan at Kharghar, Mumbai:** A new Tripura Bhawan at Kharghar, Mumbai, will be set up at close distance from Tata

Memorial Hospital, Mumbai so that many people visiting Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai will get the benefit of the same.

i) **Construction of Single Office Building:** Construction of Single Office Building for accommodation of different State Government Offices in one complex will be taken up. 15th Finance Commission has recommended an amount of Rs.100.00 Cr for the said purpose.

j) **Establishment of PHQ Building:** A new PHQ Building will be constructed and an allocation of Rs.20.00 Cr has been kept for this purpose.

k) **Mukhyamantri Pushpa Uddan Prakalpa:** Under this scheme, 229 Ha of land will be taken up for open field flower cultivation with an aim to increase returns from Rs.6.20 Cr at present to Rs.100.00 Cr in next 3 (three) years by flower cultivation.

l) **Chief Minister's Rubber Mission:** Under this scheme, State Government is planning to take up 30,000 Ha of rubber plantations in next 5(five) years for rapid Economic development and proper utilization of land.

11. Now, I will briefly explain the major achievements and plans of different Departments of the Government.

Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare:

12. Doubling the farmers' income was the motto of the present Government. The State Government has taken up a 3-Year Plan for "**Doubling farmers' income**" within 2022. For dissemination of latest technology in Agriculture, 19 (nineteen) "**Krishak Bandhu Kendras**" have been opened under different Agri. Sub-divisions. The concept of 'Diversified Farming' has been popularized

among the farmers by motivating them to cultivate more remunerative crops like hybrid Maize and black gram. Farmers have been taught about the post-harvest processing and value addition. Farmers were motivated for practicing organic farming to have better sustainability and ecological balance. In addition to existing area under organic farming, 15,000 Ha additional area are planned under organic farming.

13. To save the farmers from calamity, State Government has given special emphasis on bringing more farmers under “**Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**”. Major portion of farmer’s share of premium was borne by the State Government. For meeting up short term credit needs for purchase of agricultural inputs, the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) have been extended. For ensuring the price after harvest, minimum support price for paddy has been continued. Procurement of paddy at minimum support price had started for the first time in 2018-19 with the initiative of the present Government. Since then 59,982 MT of paddy has been procured from 34,574 farmers at MSP rate and Rs.107.69 Cr has been transferred to the bank accounts of the farmers. During current financial year, procurement target of 20,000 MT has been kept with a benefit of Rs.44.24 Cr.

14. Hon’ble Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modiji for implementing the scheme “**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**” by which farmers of Tripura (where most of the farmers are small and marginal) have been immensely helped. Under the scheme, Rs.272.00 Cr have been transferred directly to the bank accounts of 2,28,000 farmers.

15. During 2021-22, an area of 55,000 Ha area will be taken under Hybrid paddy (SRI), 17,400 Ha area under Hybrid Maize cultivation, 5,000 Ha area under Cluster Demonstration of Mustard and 19,000 Ha area under Organic Farming.

Horticulture & Soil Conservation:

16. With the aim of doubling the income of the farmers by 2022, the State Government has taken several initiatives in the field of fruits, vegetables and flowers cultivation. Establishment of an Integrated Pack House is being executed at Horticulture Research Centre, Nagicherra with the objective of promoting and facilitating export of horticultural crops with a financial support of Rs.2.72 Cr. An **Agri-Entrepreneur Facilitation Desk** has been started functioning to support entrepreneurship development in Horticulture & Allied sector for the purpose of generating employment to the rural youths. Besides, 3(three) solar based Cool Chambers have also been established in 3(three) districts to facilitate storage and marketing of horticultural crops. Export of horticultural crops, produced in Tripura has already been started since 2018. During 2020-21, 1,200 Ha area has been brought under different fruits & plantation crops with adequate financial assistance benefiting nearly 6,000 families.

17. In order to generate more income and enable the pineapple growers to fetch better price, facilitation was done for export of 2083 MT pineapples to outside the state including 10 MT to abroad in 2020-21. To enhance income of the farmers through increasing production and productivity of horticulture crops, 2315 Ha area has been brought under area expansion programme with different fruits and plantation crops benefiting nearly 11,500 beneficiaries. 195 Water Harvesting Structures have been created with a fund involvement of Rs.1.746 Cr

with a view to ensure irrigational facilities of 200 Ha horticultural cropped area. 40 women farmers have been trained as well as financially supported with Rs.10,000/- each for promotion of mushroom cultivation with a view to generate employment opportunity for women. A Centre of Excellence for vegetables is being set up at Birchandramanu with a financial assistance of Rs.3.96 Cr. Moreover, 124 protected structures are being executed throughout the state for cultivation of exotic flowers. In order to diversify horticultural activities, a significant initiative has been taken up to introduce Dragon Fruit in the State.

18. During 2021-22, 3,740 Ha area will be taken under fruits and plantation crops, 800 Ha area under rejuvenation/maintenance of fruits/plantation crops, 5600 Ha under vegetables cultivation, 400 Ha under cultivation of spices and 150 Ha under pineapple staggering and 2.5 Ha flowers cultivation under protected condition and 220 Ha under open field condition.

Animal Resource Development:

19. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, it has been the endeavour of our Government to improve the income and self-reliance of the rural people of our state by increasing the production of milk, meat and eggs. To enhance dairy farming in our state, the **Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Prakalpa** has been introduced in 5 Districts. The State Government has given importance on income generation activities through Livestock rearing.

20. It is proposed to establish one **Modern Abattoir for Pig cum Pork Processing Plant** at Pecharthal under the financial assistance from North Eastern Council in 2021-22. Another **Pig Breeding Farm** has been sanctioned under National Livestock Mission to be set up at Amtali, Bishramganj under Sepahijala District. It is also proposed to establish 580 Piggery, 580 Goatery,

8700 Small poultry units and distribute 190 Crossbreed heifers during 2021-22. A New dairy has recently been inaugurated at Bamutia.

21. Apart from that, it is proposed to strengthen existing Government Farms for cattle, poultry, piggery, duckery and goatery. It is also proposed to strengthen the existing Pig Breeding Farm at Amarpur. A Duck Breeding Farm and 10(ten) Brooder Houses will also be constructed during 2021-22.

Fisheries:

22. **Hon'ble Speaker**, all are aware that the people of Tripura like fish and there is a considerable demand for locally produced fish. The State Government is focusing on interventions for enhancement of fish production in the state. The present Government through State Budget has provided input support to 13,567 individual farmers, 312 SHGs and Co-operative Societies covering a total water area of 1614.464 Ha. Under **Blue Revolution (2019-20)**, fish seeds have been stocked in Rudrasagar water body; 13.33 Ha new water area has been created; 2 Hatcheries, 3 fish transport vehicles with insulated box have been distributed among fishermen beneficiaries. Loan has been provided to 1,250 fish farmers. 3,586 beneficiaries have been selected under SCA to SCSP scheme under which beneficiaries will be given Government assistance. Training on Biofloc fish farming has also been provided to 160 fish farmers belonging to SC community.

23. During 2021-22, it is proposed to install 1,500 cages for fish farming in Dumbur reservoir under RIDF. It is also proposed to provide fish seeds to fish farmers under Chief Minister Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana. Further, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), it is also proposed to set up more Biofloc units, create new water areas for pisci-culture, construct new

hatcheries for prawn larvae production and distribute fish transport vehicles with insulated box among beneficiaries.

Handloom, Handicraft & Sericulture:

24. The State Government is attaching high priority for development of weavers, artisan and silkworm rearers of our state. During 2020-21 under **North East Region Textiles Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)**, 200 weavers have been provided work sheds and 17 designers have been re-engaged to assist the Handloom weavers in designing. Besides that, 13(thirteen) Group Work Sheds have also been constructed in Handloom clusters under this scheme. To develop the skills of our weavers and helping them to raise their income, training is being imparted to 40 weavers at Bamutia and Rajghat in West Tripura District under **SAMARTH Scheme**. Similarly, under Border Area Development Programme (BADP), 3(three) training programmes for 60(sixty) weavers have been started at Padmabill, Asharambari and Champahower under Khowai District.

25. **Hon'ble Speaker**, all are aware that Tripura is well known as a Handicrafts hub for its exquisite products, which are admired all over the world and such products are very much in demand in national and international markets. To make the products popular in national and international markets and considering current trend and style, the State Government has started giving emphasis on training, product development, right pricing and promotion of its own handicrafts products.

26. I would like to remind the members of this August House that for overall development of Sericulture in our state, '**Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project**' (IBSDP) at a cost of Rs.31.11 Cr had been launched in

Sepahijala District in 2019, by which 1,100 beneficiaries are being helped. During 2020-21, 1526 beneficiaries have been provided financial assistance under Central Sponsored Schemes and MGNREGA. 350 Silkworm rearing Houses have also been constructed.

Industries & Commerce and Bamboo Mission:

27. Our Government through the Department of Industries and Commerce is working tirelessly to promote village and small scale industries as well as medium and large scale industries in the State. This will not only lead to the economic development of the State but will also create employment opportunities for the youths of the State. The “Tripura Industries (Facilitation) Act 2018” has been enacted to provide legal backing to the endeavour of the State Government on reducing the compliance burden and thereby improving the Ease of Doing Business Index of the State. A single window portal for the State has already been developed and to facilitate the same, a “Single Window Approval by All Government Agencies in Tripura (SWAAGAT)” Cell has been set up in TIDC.

28. New Industrial as well as international trade related infrastructure projects are being set up throughout the state. The physical infrastructure at Bodhjungnagar and R.K. Nagar Industrial Growth Centres at Khayerpur in West Tripura are being upgraded. The trade and commerce with Bangladesh has increased many fold in terms of trade volume with improved infrastructure at Akhaura Integrated Check Post and upgraded land custom station at Sonamura. The trade volume has increased from Rs.390.68 Cr in 2017-18 to Rs.675.00 Cr in 2019-20 and the export from Tripura has increased remarkably from Rs.6.46 Cr in 2017-18 to Rs.30.34 Cr in 2019-20. Integrated Check Post and Land Custom Station at Sabroom is going to be the busiest land port in North Eastern

Region in future. There is a proposal to set up another ICP at Nischintapur at the Junction of Agartala-Akhaura rail link. Besides existing Border haats, 2(two) new border haats are being set up at Dharmanagar and Kamalpur.

29. The Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is being set up at Sabroom, which will further boost the export and import. The foundation stone of SEZ was laid on 11th September, 2020.

30. The bridge over River Feni (Maitri Setu) has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modiji on 9th March, 2021, which will connect Tripura with other countries through sea-route using Chittagong Port. The bridge will help to improve trade and commerce and thereby accelerate economic growth of the State.

31. The State Government has amended the "Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Incentive Scheme, 2017" with a view to make the scheme more attractive and also to include more service industries like hotel, tourism etc. under its ambit with provisions for more benefits and subsidies.

32. The Tripura Bamboo Mission is implementing the scheme of National Bamboo Mission for integrated development of Bamboo Sector. For overall development of Agarbatti sector, the scheme of "**Mukhyamantri Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission**" has been formulated. One Agarbatti manufacturing cluster has been set up at Kumarghat Industrial Estate. Under National Bamboo Mission, 2(two) Bamboo Depots are being set up at Chakma Ghat and Kumarghat. Special emphasis has been given for skill up-gradation for manufacturing of bamboo bottles.

33. The State Government has prioritized value addition in food processing sector utilizing the locally available natural resources like pineapple, jackfruit, cashewnut etc. by creating required infrastructure required for Food Park, Cold Storage, Food Testing Lab etc. and also by making provision of additional financial subsidy to the entrepreneurs. In addition to the self-employment schemes of the State Government, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Ministry of Food Processing Industries like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) and Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) are being implemented in the State for Promotion of Food Processing Sector.

34. 2(two) new ITIs have been inaugurated at Kanchanpur and Gandacherra, thus adding to total 18 (eighteen) ITIs in the State. Besides, one Tool Room and Training Centre (TRTC) has been set up at R.K. Nagar, West Tripura to support Small and Medium Scale Industries of Tripura and adjoining areas for providing technology support services.

Skill Development:

35. The priority of our Government is to create self-employment opportunities through development of skill and capacity building in conformity with the Vision document of present Government. With that objective, 8,923 candidates got training under **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 2.0** in the year 2020-21 through the Directorate of Skill Development. Moreover, **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0** has already been launched on 15th January, 2021 and an additional target of 800 candidates has been allotted to Tripura.

36. The State Government is also implementing **Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Programme (SANKALP)**, a capacity building and entrepreneurship development programme, funded by World Bank for strengthening the Skill Ecosystem in our state. Under SANKALP, District Skill Committees have been activated and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes have started in all the districts of our state. SAMARTH, a capacity building training programme in Textile Sector funded by Ministry of Textile, Government of India is also being implemented in our state in collaboration with Handlooms Directorate, Government of India.

Tourism:

37. State has witnessed steady increase in number of tourists as a result of initiatives taken under **Tripura Tourism Policy 2020-25**. Demand for locally produced goods like handicrafts, handloom, ethnic food etc. is in increasing trend. Therefore, it can contribute substantially for the economic development of the state. It has been decided that the assets of Tourism Department shall be managed in PPP mode in order to provide better facilities to tourists. Accordingly, Sagar Mahal Tourist lodge has been leased out to Hotel Polo Towers.

38. Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India has sanctioned an Externally Aided Project “Development of Tourism Infrastructure and improvement of Road Connectivity to different tourist destinations in the State of Tripura” which will be funded by Asian Development Bank. Project Readiness Financing has already been approved, by which, Detailed Project Report will be prepared and submitted for final investment.

39. **Paryatan Sahayak Prakalp**, an interest subvention scheme to promote entrepreneurship in tourism sector has been introduced in the State. Applicant can avail a loan up to Rs.5.00 lakh for any tourism related projects from banks. The interest on the loan up to 8% will be borne by the State Government. So far 101 applications have been recommended under the scheme.

40. Many Tourist Friendly Initiatives have been taken to attract more tourists. Audio-Guide service has been introduced at Ujjayanta Palace and Neermahal. **Tourist Information Centre (TIC)** have been inaugurated in Guwahati Airport and Integrated Check Post Akahura, Agartala. **Replica of Matabari and Neermahal** has been set up at Agartala Airport. **Taxi Services** and **Guide Services** have been introduced at M.B.B. Airport. **Battery Operated Vehicles** have been introduced at different tourist destinations (Ujjayanta Palace, Akhura Check Post, Sepahijala Wild Life Sanctuary, Tepania Eco-Park, New Secretariat Complex) of the state. **Floating Jetty** have been commissioned at Neermahal, Chabimura and Dumbur as a part of Modernization of Tourist locations. A Child Care Room has been introduced in Neermahal for providing better facilities to the visiting tourists. 16 (sixteen) Log huts have been completed in different tourist spots like Barmura Eco Park for tourist attraction. Water Scooters have been introduced at Dumbur Lake and Speed Boats are in operation at Chabimura and Dumbur Lake. A new Cafeteria namely “**Salka**” at Rung Thung Eco-park, Pathaliaghat under Sepahijala District, has been inaugurated on 1st December, 2020. 15th Finance Commission has recommended an amount of Rs.175.00 Cr for development of Matabari and Light and Sound System at Neermahal. The work will be taken up very soon.

41. With an objective of giving fillip to the tourism sector, The Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Eleventh Amendment) Act, 2020 has been enacted

during 2020. As per this Act, land up to 5% of total land area of the tea garden subject to an upper limit of 20 (twenty) acres can be used for tourism purposes.

42. Advertisement-displaying the major tourist locations of Tripura has been started at Imphal Airport and Kolkata Airport. For the first time in the state 5(five) days long **Tripura Adventure Tourism Festival-2021** had been successfully held at Agartala from 9th to 13th January, 2021 for promotion of Adventure Tourism.

43. In order to promote employment opportunities in the State, 87(eighty seven) tourist guides were trained for providing better professional service to the visiting tourists. An exposure tour was arranged to Sikkim with 10 potential entrepreneurs for Home Stay Facility and one home stay facility has already been introduced at Jampui Hills nearby JM Home Stay. Capacity building and Sensitization programme have also been arranged for Tour Operators and Cab drivers.

44. By the initiatives taken up by our Government, the State is witnessing growth in inflow of tourists. In 2018-19, 4,16,860 domestic tourists and 1,12,955 Foreign Tourists visited Tripura. In 2019-20, 4,31,142 domestic and 1,54,993 foreign tourists visited Tripura.

45. It is proposed to organize various tourism events in the State so as to attract tourists from different places and thereby it will help to provide employment to many and slowly this sector will develop the economy of the State.

Forest:

46. Our Government gives paramount importance for sustainable development without harming the ecology of the state. After formation of present Government, the State Government has taken massive plantation programme on the roadsides. Apart from that, there is continuous plantation activities in the denuded forest. So far, Forest Department has carried out afforestation over a total degraded forest area of 4,686 Ha. 5,891 Ha has been planted with commercially important bamboo species. In addition, the department has undertaken 912 Km river bank plantation for ecological improvement of the State's rivers.

47. 2(two) Externally Aided Projects i.e. Climate Resilience of Forest Eco System, Bio Diversity Adaptive Capacities of Forest Dependent Communities in Tripura under IGDC and Sustainable Catchment Forest Management in Tripura under JICA are under implementation.

48. To empower local communities to manage and improve biodiversity, Biodiversity Management Committees have been constituted in all the villages of the State and preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers have been completed.

49. In an effort to promote Eco-Tourism, conserving bio-diversity and to promote awareness among people, the Forest Department has established Vulture point at Kalyanpur, Hornbill point at Baramura.

50. During 2021-22, Forest Department will undertake up-gradation of the Sepahijala Zoological Park which is not only an iconic eco-tourism destination

of the State but also an important establishment for ex-situ conservation of fauna.

51. Elephant anti-depredation camp is under establishment at Mungiakami to control the movement of wild elephants in the habitation areas and agricultural lands.

52. To promote healthy living for city dwellers, parks and gardens have been thrown open to the public for extended hours of the day. For proper management of the important parks of Agartala, our Government has constituted a Parks and Garden Society. In the year 2021-22, 7,500 Ha of afforestation will be taken up besides extending the Smriti Van to all the Forest Sub-Divisions.

Public Works (Water Resource):

53. As a part of initiatives taken up for doubling the farmers' income, substantial arable land is being brought under irrigation. After coming into power, our Government started giving importance on tapping the irrigation potential and thereby increasing the cropping intensity and per unit production. At present, only 46% of the total cultivable land in the State is under assured irrigation coverage. To increase irrigation potential, a new scheme "**Chief Minister's Assured Irrigation Programme**" has been launched. Under which, it is aimed to bring additional 56,000 Ha of cultivable land under assured irrigation within next 5(five) years, so that, the total area under irrigation would be 70% (approx.) of the total cultivable land. An apex policy making body 'State Irrigation Council' has been formed. All policy matters relating to irrigation is decided by the Council.

54. The State Government has also taken up many projects in flood management sector with financial from NABARD. In flood management sector, PWD (WR) department has taken up flood protection/anti-erosion works of 10.480 Km under RIDF involving an amount Rs.67.49 Cr; out of which 6.33 Km of anti-erosion works have already been completed and 4.25 Km of anti-erosion work is under progress. Presently, works of 5 MI Storages, 1 Diversion scheme, 17 Deep Tube Wells and 228 Small Bored Tube Wells are in progress.

55. In addition to this, PWD (WR) has planned to take up 10 MI Storage schemes, 25 Deep Tube Well schemes, 2 Diversion schemes, 1500 Small Bored Tube Wells, 3 Lift Irrigation schemes, and 13.958 Km Canal at right bank of Kalashi Barrage project during this year 2021-22. The target is to bring at least 8,000 Ha land under assured irrigation during the year 2021-22.

56. During 2020-21, proposal for 1121 SBTWs, 5 LI Schemes, 300 DTWs and 3 MI Storage Schemes were submitted to Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, out of which, Government of India has sanctioned proposal of 231 SBTWs. Sanction of remaining projects are expected to be received soon.

Public Works (Drinking Water & Sanitation):

57. Providing drinking water through pipeline to every household of the state is the top most priority of our Government. The State Government had announced a new mission called '**Atal Jaldhara Mission**' on 28th November, 2018 under which **Functional Household Tap Water Connection (FHTC)** is being provided to all households in the State without any charge. The target for coverage of all households of the State is December, 2022.

58. Government of India has restructured and subsumed the ongoing National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) into Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household i.e., **Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (HGNSJ) by 2024**. Jal Jeevan Mission has been launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 15th August, 2019. Priority of Central as well as State Government is to provide functional household tap connection to every rural household.

59. As on 31st December, 2020, total 2,62,815 out of 10,10,997 households have been provided with FHTC. It is contemplated to provide further FHTCs to 1.00 lakh rural households within 31st March, 2021 to achieve the coverage of 34% of total rural households which will cross the present national coverage level of rural households.

Public Works (Roads & Bridges):

60. As a part of “Act East” policy of the Central Government, the reconstruction of National Highway of our State has got tremendous thrust. During this year, 43.50 Km length of road with 2 lane paved shoulder from Churaibari-Agartala has been completed and 96 Km is in progress and 77 Km on same portion is targeted for the next financial year. In addition, 153 Km is targeted for up-gradation and widening of other 5 (five) National Highways in the State.

61. Our Government has been giving emphasis on construction of other State Highways and Rural Roads. Steps have been taken to connect the farthest corner of the state by all-weather roads. During 2020-21, 5 RCC bridges have been completed and 22 more RCC bridges are on the verge of completion including improvement of about 160 Km road. A target for completion of 27

RCC bridges and improvement of road for a length of about 220 Km. has been made for the next financial year 2021-22.

62. Under **Prime Minister Gramin Sadak Yojana** Programme, during the current financial year, 25 Km. new roads have been constructed to connect 20 more habitations. At present works related to construction or up-gradation of 410 Km roads are in progress in the state. It is targeted to complete about 400 Km. road under the same programme during the year 2021-22.

63. At present, works of 206 building projects have been taken up by the Government. 2 (two) projects, viz. MLA Hostel and Dharmanagar Circuit House are on the verge of completion and will be inaugurated soon.

64. I would like to mention here that Central Government has sanctioned Rs.200.00 Cr as special assistance for capital infrastructure to give a boost to the COVID-19 ridden economy during 2020-21 against 50 road projects. All these projects are under implementation.

Power:

65. **Hon'ble Speaker**, our Government gives high priority to the development of Power Sector and I am glad to inform that during 2020-21, Asian Development Bank has sanctioned an amount of 220 Million US Dollar for Tripura Power Generation Up-gradation and Distribution Reliability Improvement Project.

66. Up-gradation of **Surjyamaninagar Sub-station from 132 KV to 400 KV at a cost of Rs.171.38** Cr was sanctioned by Ministry of DONER, Government of India with funding of the Ministry limited to Rs.120.88 Cr which

is being installed and that will help in meeting increased load demand in future and facilitate evacuation of enhanced quantum of power to Bangladesh from Tripura Grid.

67. Our Government has taken proactive measures to provide electricity to maximum households in rural and remote areas of our State with the generous support of the Central Government. An amount of Rs.1166.51 Cr is being spent under **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) Schemes** and that is benefiting a large number of people living in rural and far flung areas.

68. Smart meters are being installed under Agartala Smart Grid Pilot Project. Pre-Paid Meters are also being installed under DDUGJY and IPDS schemes.

69. State Government has also introduced many initiatives during 2020-21 with the purpose of providing better services to the public and a dedicated phone number '1912' has been made available. Now people can lodge electricity complaints in 4 languages namely Bengali, Kok-borok, Hindi & English through this number. **Fault Rectification Teams (FRT)** have been formed in all the Sub-Divisions of the State with trained linesmen and other support staff for quick restoration of power supply services. A programme called "**TSECL At Your Doorsteps**" has been launched with the objective of building a strong customer relationship.

Transport:

70. Our Government is endeavouring to improve the transportation facilities of Highways, Railways, Airways and Waterways in our State and make it accessible and affordable to maximum number of people. In this regard,

construction of a **New Integrated Terminal Building** (NITB) in the M.B.B. Airport with modern state of art facility is underway and going to be completed soon.

71. For facilitation of transport of goods, 2(two) rail yards, one at Nischintapur on Agartala-Akhaura Rail line and another at Sabroom are being constructed by the Indian Railway. The Agartala-Akhaura Rail line construction is also at an advanced stage and is likely to be completed this year. Survey work for alternative rail connectivity between Dharmanagar-Pecharthal-Kailashahar-Belonia via Agartala and Belonia-Feni (Bangladesh) has been completed by N.F.Railway and the same has already been taken up with Railway Board for sanction.

72. As part of Intelligent Transport System, initiatives like GPS system has been installed in the Buses of TRTC and TUTCL, besides introducing **Digital Payment** through PoS machines and e-booking of bus tickets.

73. **Hon'ble Speaker**, it is with great pride, I would like to inform the House that **Srimantapur Terminal** near Sonamura, has been included in the map of **Inland Water Transport** (IWT) with the inauguration of the floating jetty on 5th September, 2020. The Srimantapur Terminal has been handed over to the Land Port Authority of India (LPI).

74. For controlling air pollution, 51 **Pollution Testing Centres** have been set up in the State and these are integrated with **VAHAN** Portal. 23 different online services of “**VAHAN**” and “**SARATHI**” have been introduced in the State and integrated with online payment.

75. To collect the traffic fines, I propose to introduce **e-Challan** system. I also propose to make the **Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) at Jirania** functional in 2021-22. This Institute will help in the up-gradation of skills of the commercial drivers. Initiatives have been taken to register e-rickshaws with VAHAN software.

76. Initiatives have been taken for construction of Bus-Bays in each Motor Stand and for installation of GPS machines in each Bus-Stop. For convenience of the Traffic Police personnel, Mobile Toilets is going to be introduced shortly.

Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs:

77. Tripura is one of the few states which have implemented 100% digitalization of Ration Cards. Digitalization helped to trace duplicate and ghost ration cards. **Intra-State portability** facility has been implemented in the State w.e.f. 1st December, 2019, allowing Ration Card holders of the State to lift ration commodities from any e-POS enabled FP Shops within the State. National Portability (inter State) facility is also being implemented whereby all NFSA Ration Card families of Tripura can draw their entitled food grains from any e-POS enabled F.P. Shops located in other States through their biometric authentication.

78. **The Consumer Protection Act, 2019** has been implemented in the State with effect from 15th July, 2020, revising the pecuniary jurisdiction of the District, State and National Consumer Commission. The jurisdiction of each level of court has been enhanced.

79. To help the senior citizens, State Government has decided to launch a new Scheme to deliver the PDS commodities at the door-step of such senior

citizens with the help of concerned F.P. Shop Dealer/Volunteers. Approximately 39,000 senior citizens of the State will be benefited from the scheme.

80. The State Government has decided to introduce Smart Ration Card for all 9.25 lakh families of the State from 2021-22. This will have memory chips for storage of information, which will replace the existing paper-based ration cards. The Smart Ration Cards will be convenient to carry and can be used as identity proof also.

Health & Family Welfare:

81. **Hon'ble Speaker**, everybody is aware that the year 2020 was an exceptional year due to COVID-19 pandemic.

82. With the primary objective of making quality and affordable Health Care Facilities available to all the citizens of the state, the present Government has taken important measures. Health & Family Welfare Department is providing Health Care Services, Emergency Services and Preventive Services through 6 State Hospitals including 1(one) Speciality Hospital, 6 District Hospitals, 12 Sub-Divisional Hospitals, 23 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 115 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) including 7 UPHCs and 1001 Health Sub Centres to the people of the State.

83. Under Tripura Health Assurance Scheme for Poor (THASP), during the financial year 2020-21 (till December), 158 patients have been benefited and Rs.1,59,95,177/- has been given to them.

84. Construction of 1(one) Trauma Care facility (Level-III) at Dhalai District Hospital has been completed and construction of Trauma Care Facilities (Level-

III) at District Hospital North at Dharmanagar, District Hospital Gomati at Tepania, Udaipur and District Hospital, South at Santirbazar, Construction of Super Speciality Block at AGMC & GBP Hospital, up-gradation of Community Health Centres (CHCs) at Kumarghat, Panisagar and Karbook to 50 bedded Sub-Divisional Hospitals are in progress.

85. Construction of 100 bedded Sub-Divisional Hospital at Sabroom, construction of MCH Wings at Sub-divisional Hospital, Belonia, up-gradation of State Drug Testing Laboratory and up-gradation of LTV Sub-Divisional Hospital at Chailengta, Dhalai Tripura are also in progress.

86. Construction works of G+7 Building of IGM Hospital, Cancer Hospital Building, Linac Block, New Teaching Hospital-Block-II of AGMC, Nursing Training Institute at IGM Hospital and Administrative Block at IGM Hospital, Renovation of Jayanti Block to set up as Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH) at AGMC & GBP Hospital, Agartala under COVID-19 situation have been completed and commissioned.

87. Upgraded Mandai PHC building under West Tripura, New building of Chellagang PHC under Gomati District along with staff quarters, New building of Borakha PHC under West District, New 20 bedded PHC building at Tilthai PHC under North Tripura, New CMO Office building at South Tripura, upgraded 30 bedded CHC at Rajnagar at South Tripura have been inaugurated during 2020-21.

88. Hezamara and Bidhya Debbarma Memorial PHC under West Tripura, Radhanagar and Manughat PHC under South Tripura District and Jumthung under Dhalai District have been upgraded to 10 bedded Hospital.

89. Construction of new PHCs building at Debbaru under South District along with staff quarters, construction of new PHC building at Rajnagar under North Tripura, New building of Gournagar PHC under Dhalai Tripura, New building of Matinagar PHC under Sepahijala District along with staff quarters, New building of Anandanagar PHC under West Tripura have been completed. Up to September 2020, around 9,04,416 children against the target of 9,23,425 were de-wormed.

90. There is continuous strengthening of Primary Health Centres and District Hospitals so that there will be less pressure on State level Hospitals.

91. In Agartala Medical College, P.G. seats have increased from 63 to 79 seats. Additional 25 seats for MBBS course have been increased including provision of 10 seats for belonging to Economically Weaker Sections.

92. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Centre at Agartala has been opened for providing super speciality treatment facilities for cancer patients. There is a proposal for establishment of a new Medical College in Dhalai District and it has been approved by Government of India.

93. In nursing, 265 new seats have been increased including B.Sc, M.Sc, Post Basic Nursing, ANM, GNM in various institutions under the Directorate of Medical Education. **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, scheme intended to provide free of cost treatment upto Rs.5.00 lakh per family annually, was launched on 23-09-2018, which primarily targets the poor, deprived rural families and identified occupational category of urban workers as per the latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC-2011) data. In Tripura the total number of families entitled under the scheme is 4,90,913 (approx.). Till date 88 public and 2 private hospitals have been empanelled under AB-PMJAY

in our state. In the calendar year 2020, 32,485 patients were admitted under this scheme and a claim amount of Rs.17.10 Cr was settled. Since inception of this scheme, 86,945 patients have taken admission under this scheme and a claim amount of Rs.37.98 Cr have been settled.

94. It is proposed to construct staff quarters for District Hospital at Santirbazar, Sub-Divisional Hospital at Kanchanpur and Teliamura. It is also proposed to construct 100(one hundred) bedded MCH Wings at AGMC & GBP Hospital. Besides, up-gradation of Melaghar Sub-Divisional Hospital is in progress. Steps have also been taken to convert CHC, Khumulwng into a 100 bedded hospital.

Rural Development:

95. **Hon'ble Speaker**, Our Government envisaged pucca houses for all in conformity with the Vision document of the present Government. With the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modiji's "**Housing For All**", State Government has been implementing Housing scheme diligently.

96. Under **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Grameen)**, **28,838** houses were allocated in **2019-20, out of which, 23,480 houses** were sanctioned. Out of the sanctioned houses, as on 31st December, 2020, 80% of that i.e. 18,067 houses have been completed. Due to change in definition of Kutcha House, the State is expecting to get additional allotment of houses under the scheme.

97. Under MGNREGA, 3.44 Cr man days at the rate of 61 Average Person Days (APDs) were generated during 2019-20 with expenditure of Rs.814.85 Cr. Labour Budget of the state for 2020-21 was 4.00 Cr person days @ 64 APDs. As

on 31st December, 2020, 3.40 Cr person days have been generated @ 58 APDs with an expenditure of Rs.914.68 Cr.

98. State Government is implementing **Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)**. Under this scheme, women belonging to rural poor households are mobilized into Self Help Groups (SHGs), and further into Village Organization (VO) and Cluster Level Federation (CLF). I am glad to inform the house that due to the dynamic measures taken by the present Government, we have been able to mobilize 2.24 lakhs women from poor rural families into 24,693 SHGs, 1150 VOs and 32 CLFs. These SHGs have been given training and financial support to take up livelihood activities. Also, these SHGs are dealing with various social issues at local level for bringing in holistic improvement of their socio-economic conditions.

99. State Government is also implementing **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)**, a Skill Development and Placement Programme of Ministry of RD, Government of India. Under this scheme, during the year 2020-21, skill training for 9,649 rural youths had started out of which 6,918 youths have completed training and 3,496 youths have completed at least 3 months of job after being placed in organised sector.

100. Under **National Rurban Mission, 7 rural clusters** are being developed at Hrishyamukh, Nirbhayapur, Paschim Chawmanu, Killa, Belianchip, Avanga, and Rowa. Physical infrastructure and Basic services are being provided in these rural clusters.

101. State Government has launched **Transformation of Aspirational Block Programme (TABP)** in the state on the lines of Aspirational District

Programme of Central Government in order to transform 12 most backward blocks of our state through convergence of Central and State schemes, collaboration among State Level Officers and District Collectors. The identified blocks are Damcherra, Dasda, Chawmanu, Dumburnagar, Ganganagar, Raishyabari, Mungiakami, Tulasikhar, Karbook, Ompi, Shilachari, and Rupaichari. 10 % higher financial allocation has been made to these blocks under MGNREGS.

Panchayat:

102. It is with great pride I would like to mention that several Rural Local Bodies of the State have been honoured by the Ministry of the Panchayati Raj, Government of India in different categories for their outstanding performance. Paschim Tripura Zilla Parishad, Kathalia Panchayat Samiti, Bishalgarh Panchayat Samiti, Khash Madhupur Gram Panchayat of Dukli Block, MohanBhog Gram Panchayat of Mohanbhog Block were awarded **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP)** during 2020-21 for appraisal year 2019-20. Khasia Mangal Gram Panchayat of Teliamura R.D. Block was awarded **Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gourav Gram Sabha Purashkar (NDRGGSP)**, Mailak Gram Panchayat of Amarpur Block was given **Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award** and Goachand Nandi Gram Panchayat of Satchand Block was given **GPDP Award**.

103. An amount of Rs.44.72 Cr has been transferred to Rural Local Bodies for implementation of Development Activities under Panchayat Development Fund during the year 2020-21. A total of 2,15,267 mandays were generated under PDF.

104. It is proposed to prepare all the Panchayat Development plans at Gram, Block and District level digitally during 2021-22. It is also proposed to impart capacity building training to elected representatives of RLBs. It is also proposed to set up **Chief Minister's Dashboard** for smooth functioning of Panchayat Monitoring System.

Urban Development:

105. Housing and Waste Management are the topmost priority areas in Urban Development. It is a matter of pride that under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), Tripura has been acclaimed as **1st best performing state** among North-Eastern States in India and **2nd best performing state** in overall country after Tamil Nadu. A total of 80,544 houses had been sanctioned, out of which, construction of more than 39,500 houses have been completed and around 7,500 houses are expected to be completed very soon. It is with great pride, I would like to announce here that Agartala was one of the six cities selected under the **Light House Project (LHP)** of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. Foundation stone of these six projects was laid on 1st January, 2021 by Hon'ble Prime Minister through VC. Under this project, a total of 1,000 dwelling units will be constructed using innovative technology of the most advanced Light Gauge Steel Frame at a cost of Rs.162.50 Cr with all modern amenities like garden, park, jogging track, kids zone, health club, yoga-meditation room. As announced in 2019, the township projects under Tripura Urban Development Authority is under progress. It is proposed to start another new Housing Project for 528 flats at Old Central Jail Site, Dhaleswar on 6.18 acre of land.

106. It is a matter of great satisfaction that all ULBs of Tripura are already declared as certified Open Defecation Free. Now, State is preparing for higher

ODF+ Certification. Under **Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)**, door to door collection of Municipal Solid Waste is being done in 298 wards and source segregation is presently being practiced in 275 wards out of 310 wards. Apart from these, the Government is also committed to develop modern infrastructure facilities in Agartala. The **Agartala Smart City Limited (ASCL)** which is implementing Agartala Smart City Project, secured **1st position among N.E States** in terms of performance towards implementation of various smart city projects. A total of 75 projects so far have been taken up with an estimated cost of Rs.1037.80 Cr.

107. **Integrated Command and Control Centre** of ASCL has been set up at DIT Building, Indranagar, Agartala at an estimated cost of Rs.138.89 Cr. This Centre connects smart elements such as CCTV system, Smart Traffic Signals with Adaptive Traffic Control System (ATCS), Variable Message Display (VMD), Digital Information Kiosks, Red light Violation Detection System (RLVD), Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR), Smart poles, with environmental sensors, Free Wi-Fi for 45 minutes, Emergency Call Box (ECB), Public Address System (PAS), Geographical Information System (GIS), etc. spread all over the AMC area.

108. The State Government is also planning to upgrade 23.562 Km road within Agartala involving Rs.439.8036 Cr with the assistance of Asian Development Bank. With the objective of providing better travel experience and saving time, the State Government has decided to convert the existing Airport Road from Lichu Bagan to New Airport Terminal (Total Length of 5. 374 Km) into four lane road with estimated cost of Rs.96.99 Cr.

109. An Externally Aided Project with the assistance from Asian Development Bank for **Infrastructure Development of Agartala Municipal Corporation** at a cost of Rs.1,342.64 Cr has been under consideration. With the help of Asian Development Bank, the State Government proposes to renovate and restore the Ujjayanta Palace Garden and M.B.B. College lake. For infrastructure development in 7(seven) District Head Quarters Towns, Project Readiness Financing has been approved for Rs.16.50 Cr for preparing DPR.

110. Providing safe drinking water in Urban areas is a focus area of the State Government. Under **AMRUT** scheme, construction of drinking water treatment plants at Panchamukh and Ushabazar is going on which will involve Rs.137.59 Cr and work will be completed by 31st December, 2021. Scarcity of drinking water is presently a burning problem. It was felt necessary to bring a law to prevent the misuse or wastage of ground and surface water. Therefore, with this objective in mind, **Tripura Jal Board Act, 2020** has been enacted for establishment of a board to discharge the function of water supply and sewerage within the ULB areas of Tripura.

111. The Government is also concerned about providing sustainable livelihood opportunities for the common people. During 2020-21 under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) 320 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed for income generation which is a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat. Moreover, under the scheme, 100 individual beneficiaries have availed loan for various businesses like E-Rickshaw, stationery shops, garments business, dairy farming, agriculture etc.

112. The **Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Yojana (MSY)** was launched on 10.07.2020 to help the urban shopkeepers. This scheme will help 68,000

Shopkeepers across 20 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Tripura. Under the scheme, the Government will pay Insurance premium not exceeding Rs.1,000/- per shopkeeper to protect their assets and property. Insurance will cover in case of any damage due to fire accident or burglary. More than 8,000 Shopkeepers have been brought under this scheme. With the objective to recover the occupational status of street vendors affected due to COVID-19 pandemic, **Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme** was launched to give them working capital loan. Working Capital Loan @ Rs.10,000/- have been disbursed to 1,425 street vendors across the state.

113. Sir, I take this opportunity to inform this August House that 15th Finance Commission has granted Rs.400.00 Cr for transmission of surface water from Champaknagar and Champaicherra Dams to ground water reservoir at suitable location in Agartala city for 15(fifteen) existing/ongoing water treatment plants of Agartala Municipal Corporation. Apart from this, 15th Finance Commission also recommended Rs.25.00 Cr each to 5(five) district headquarter towns at Khowai, Bishramganj, Ambasssa, Belonia and Kailashahar and Rs.37.50 Cr each to district headquarter towns of Dharmanagar and Udaipur for sewerage management, drainage, solid waste management including household waste management, street lights and internal roads. All the work will be commenced from 2021-22.

114. During 2021-22, 18,000 Houses will be completed under PMAY (Urban) and work for 10,000 Houses will be taken up. Other works like 18 tertiary waste treatment plants, shelters for Urban Homeless at AGMC & GBP Complex will be started soon. The work of Drinking Water Projects at Panchamukh and Ushabazar will be completed during next year.

Welfare for ST/SC/OBC/Minorities:

115. Hon'ble Speaker, Access to Free Boarding House facilities, Stipend and Scholarships, Free Text Books and Merit Awards etc. have gone a long way to ensure that 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 classes 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:

116. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and keeping in mind the mantra for development '**Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas**', the State Government is taking all the steps for equitable development of all sections of society. The present Government is much committed towards ensuring social-economic, linguistic and cultural development of the indigenous people of Tripura. Within 3(three) years of our Government coming into power, the rich cultural heritage of the indigenous people has gained a new height. 'Risa' has become popular across the world. Recently, Sri Satyaram Reang received Padma award for his contribution in the field of Hojagiri dance.

117. The State Government aims at development and welfare of the citizens residing at remote corners of Tripura and to enable the students from far flung tribal areas to access quality education. Construction work of 7(seven) Eklavya Model Residential Schools are going on and construction of 5(five) more Eklavya Model Residential Schools will be started shortly.

118. The Government has taken many initiatives to improve the educational level of tribal students. A multipronged approach for improving the quality education in residential hostels is being taken up on Mission Mode. The scheme will include IT based monitoring of educational levels of Hostels in particular and Government Schools in general. It will also ensure physical infrastructure levels, Bio-Metric attendance, CCTV, career counseling, life skill training and other child protection measures. Meritorious poor ST students will be supplemented with one time financial assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh. Initiatives will be taken for incentive based coaching to ST students for different competitive examinations like SSC, IBPS, TPSC, UPSC, RRB, TET etc. With an aim to assist the tribal students of Tripura, construction of hostel for ST students in Shillong, Meghalaya is being taken up.

119. Although the previous Government had issued about 1.30 lakh pattas under RoFR Act, 2006, the land of many patta holders were not demarcated. But now the State Government has taken initiatives to ensure field level demarcation using latest technology like GPS enabled handheld devices. Patta details will also be incorporated in Record of Rights.

120. Initiative will also be taken on sustainable organic farming along with market linkage to re-align the cultivation technique of Jhum farmers. There will be paradigm shift in the way of living and socio-economic status of Jhumias.

121. State Government has taken the initiative to revamp website of Tribal Research and Cultural Institute so that any member of public may have access to all these resources online.

122. **Hon'ble Speaker**, State Government has taken special initiatives for preservation of tribal culture and art. With this intention, the State Government has submitted a project proposal to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for an amount of Rs.3511.00 lakhs for construction of new office complex for Tribal Research Institute at Lembucherra with Museum, Food Court, Tribal Huts of 19 tribes. For this, 10.01 acres of land has been identified at Lembucherra and allotment has been made to TR & CI. Government of India has so far released an amount of Rs.461.04 lakh by which construction of boundary wall and administrative building of TR & CI will be started.

123. Promotion of several research projects and evaluation studies have been taken up by the TR & CI. 4(four) national seminars were organized during the year 2020-21 in collaboration with different Universities. Tribal Cultural Festival for 4(four) days duration was organized at Swami Vivekananda Stadium. 41(forty one) books were published by the institute.

124. Presently, Kok-borok is being taught upto 12th Standard in 1387 schools. For promotion of Kok-borok and Seven Other Minority Languages of the State, magazines and textbooks are being published. For safeguarding the interest of the linguistic minorities of the state, the District Level Safeguards Implementation Committee for the linguistic minorities have been set up.

Welfare of SCs:

125. For overall welfare for the backward and weaker sections of the society, computer lab infrastructures were set up in 53 schools falling under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana villages. Financial assistance was provided to 10,283 SC families for income generation activities. 2,750 SC unemployed youth were given skill development training, 12,369 students were provided

with post matric scholarship, 2,748 students were awarded with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar merit award.

126. One time Financial Support of Rs.1.00 lakh has been given to 250 economically weaker meritorious SC students for pursuing different professional courses in the Government recognized colleges and institutions.

Welfare of OBCs:

127. For overall upliftment of socio-economic and educational status of the Other Backward Classes, different central and state sponsored schemes like post-matric scholarship, pre-metric scholarship, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Merit award and State Government Special Development Programme are being implemented. During 2020-21, 21,298 students have received pre-metric scholarships, 4,708 students have received post-matric scholarship and 200 nos. economically weaker meritorious OBC students have received one time financial support. 19 OBC students have received Dr. B.R. Ambedkar gold medal award and 2,437 got merit award. Around 301 beneficiaries have received soft loan for higher education and for promotion of business from OBC Cooperative Development Corporation Ltd.

Welfare of Minorities:

128. Our Government believes in “**Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas**” and works for development of all sections and communities. Due importance has been attached to the welfare of the minorities. During 2020-21, 2,644 students belonging to Minority Community were given pre-metric scholarship. Special incentive was given to the minority Girl students and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Merit Award was also bestowed among meritorious minority students. 48 poor minority families were helped financially for construction of their dwelling houses under

settlement scheme. Under **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)**, Ministry of Minorities Affairs, construction of 170 Anganwadi Centres have been completed with a project cost of Rs.1105.25 lakh.

129. Under PMJVK, proposal for construction of 1 (one) B.Ed College at Churaibari, North Tripura and 1 (one) General Degree College at Korbook, Gomati District will be submitted to the Ministry of Minorities Affairs, Government of India for approval and release of fund. For the development of the minority areas, during 2021-22, 6(six) multi-storied market stalls will be constructed with financial support from NABARD at 6(six) locations of the state, which will involve an amount of Rs.1115.70 lakh.

130. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Panthanibash was renovated and 6(six) other Waqf properties have also been developed. During 2021-22, 50 Waqf properties will be developed.

131. During 2020-21, total 72 prospective pilgrims have already applied for performing Holy Haj-2021. In 2021-22, about 150 prospective pilgrims will be financially helped in performing Haj.

Social Welfare & Social Education:

132. Through the POSHAN Abhiyaan, State Government had provided **10,735 Smart Phones** to all Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Supervisors and 9,911 Growth Monitoring Devices [Infantometer, Stadiometer, Weighing Scales (infant), Weighing Scales (Mother & Child)] to 9,911 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). 3,846 LPG connections were provided to Anganwadi Centers as well as sanitation and drinking water facilities to 1117 AWCs. Beside these,

initiatives are being taken to construct 214 new AWCs and up-gradation of existing 312 AWCs. 995 student volunteers have been engaged under different R.D. Blocks in Dhalai District for Mahila Shakti Kendra. Also 250 Mahila Police Volunteers have been selected for engagement under West Tripura District by Home Department. One Stop Centers have been started in all districts.

Elementary Education:

133. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation, Schools of the State were closed since March, 2020. But the Government took steps to ensure that during closure period, online classes were telecasted through local TV Channels; Text Books were provided to students ; digital text books were uploaded in SCERT website; classes were uploaded in the Departmental you tube channel so that the learning of children were not affected. Further, an activity based learning programme namely “**Ektu Khelo Ektu Pado**” was launched through SMS/WhatsApp. **Re-Examination (Bachar Bachao)** was conducted for students of Class V, VIII, IX and XI standards who were unable to secure minimum qualifying marks in the annual examination. A Call Centre was also launched to clear the doubts of the students and to provide psychological counselling. Schools are re-opened in phased manner, following COVID protocol. To cater to the nutritional requirements of students during the school closure period, **Food Security Allowances** were provided to all the 4,25,345 enrolled students of Class I-VIII in Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and Madrassas. During 2020-21, an amount of Rs.131.33 lakhs has already been sanctioned for installation of LPG based cooking system in 1528 Schools.

134. Pre-School Education was introduced in selected 88 schools in Tripura. Initiatives were taken to open Pre-school Education in 20 more schools. 31 J.B.

Schools have been converted from Bengali medium school to English medium school.

135. 1,675 of Under Graduate Teachers and 2,055 of Graduate Teachers as per recommendation of TRBT will be posted to schools having acute shortage of teachers during the year 2021-22. Providing stipend/scholarship to the SC/ST Girls and Religious Minority Girl students will be continued. **Nutan Disha** programme for enhancing the learning level of students under Elementary level will be continued. Conversion of schools from Bengali to English Medium will be continued. Implementation of section 12(1) C under **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education**, 2009 in all privately managed recognized school under Directorate of Elementary Education will be done in digital manner. Transportation Scheme will be introduced in schools. Drinking water facility, construction of toilet blocks and kitchen shed will be provided in Madrassas for minorities students. Furthermore, 4(four) English Medium Madrassa Schools will be opened during 2021-22.

Secondary Education:

136. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, providing quality education to the students is the motto of the Government so that our boys and girls can compete in national and international arena. Our Government is committed to promote education among girls. With the objective of developing English language skills among the students of our State and improving their job prospects, the Government has also converted 3(three) **Bengali Medium Schools namely Ramkrishna Vivekananda Vidyamandir H.S. School, Agartala, Saradamayee Vidhyapith, Teliamura and Pragati Vidyabhavan, Agartala to English Medium Schools**. Additionally, 20 (twenty) Government and Government English Medium H.S. Schools were switched over to CBSE Board in 2020-

21.The Government has also upgraded 11(eleven) senior basic schools to high schools and 1(one) high school to higher secondary school in 2020-21. Under ‘**Saksham Tripura**’, State Government is going to appoint Special Educators.

137. To motivate the students and to bring a sense of competition, a new scheme named “**Super 30**” has been introduced during the academic year 2020-21 for the 30 top ranking students in Madhyamik Examination under TBSE. Under this scheme, 30 students from all social categories as per 100% roster will be selected and coaching facility will be given from renowned institutions. In order to improve the English Speaking Skills of the students and to enable them to face competitive examinations, Spoken English Project has been launched. A total of 4,271 students from 51 schools and 3 orphanages have joined the course online and where Macmillan Publishers India Pvt. Ltd and British Council will also organise offline classes in the School Premises under this project.

138. To identify talented children, a **Math and Science Talent Examination** for the students of Class IX was held on 20.12.2020 in 78 examination centres of Tripura. Around 8,500 students appeared in both the exams. **Scholarships @ Rs.500/-** will be given to top 400 students for 15 months.

139. The Government also proposes to introduce **reforms in Management of Hostels** across the State such as engagement of qualified teachers for providing special coaching to the boarders, increasing the honorarium of Hostel Superintendents and Wardens. The Government also proposes to convert 10 High and Higher Secondary Schools under CBSE during the year 2021-22.

140. The Government also intends to take up infrastructure up gradation works for 21 schools during 2021-22 at a cost of Rs.129.51 Cr. All the new recruited teachers through TRBT will compulsorily be posted in the

Educationally Backward and Aspirational Blocks of the State for at least a period of one year. A new scheme ‘**PRAYAS**’ has been launched with the objective to help the students in solving and learning difficult cognitive tasks through various activities. SCERT, Tripura will develop and distribute ‘**Work Books**’ free of cost among Class VI- XII students. All schools under the State Government will be electrified by 26th January, 2022.

Higher Education:

141. The State Government is committed to provide quality education to the students of our State. Under **Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)**, 7(seven) degree colleges were enabled to get accreditation under NAAC during 2020-21. Recently, 2(two) accredited colleges viz. Kazi Nazrul Mahavidyalaya, Sonamura and Rabindranath Tagore Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh have received Rs.2.00 Cr each under this Scheme for development of basic infrastructure in these colleges.

142. The Government is also taking initiatives for making admission process transparent and merit based. A **centralised online admission system** for all 22 General Degree Colleges has been introduced during the academic session 2020-21. Entrance Examination for admission of students in Polytechnic Institutions under Higher Education Department has been introduced this year. Counselling for allotment of seats through Tripura Board of Joint Entrance Examination (TBJEE) for the academic session 2020-21 in different disciplines in higher educational Institutions has been conducted through online mode. Approval for introduction of Integrated Master’s Degree Programme (IMD) in Chemistry and Commerce in MBB and BBM Colleges under MBB University from the Academic Session 2020-21 has been accorded. During COVID-19 pandemic

situation, online classes were provided to the students using **SWAYAM** and other online platforms.

143. During 2021-22, initiatives have been taken to get accreditation for 7(seven) more General Degree Colleges from NAAC by June 2021. Integrated Teacher Education Programme will be started in 4(four) existing colleges from the academic session 2021-22. 5(five) new colleges are proposed to be started in PPP mode from the next academic session.

Youth Affairs & Sports:

144. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, this Government is continuously working for promotion of Games & Sports in the State and has taken measures to identify talent, nurture skills and develop sport infrastructures in the State. In keeping with the ethos of **FIT INDIA**, we intend to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives.

145. During 2020-21, State Level Youth Festival 2021 was held at Agartala where 450 youths from 8 districts participated and showcased their cultural talent. Several sports infrastructure projects were completed during 2020-21. A Multipurpose Hall for Judo, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Karate etc. and a separate Badminton Hall have been constructed and inaugurated on 30.11.2020 at NSRCC Complex, Agartala. 4(four) Open Gymnasia for outdoor fitness were installed at Dharmanagar, Kailashahar, Khowai and Kamalpur for the benefit of sports-persons, youths and for general public. Construction work of 100 bedded Boys Hostel is in progress at RCPE, Panisagar. There are several ongoing Scheme/ Project Works such as installation of Football Synthetic Turf at Chandrapur ground, Udaipur, 4(four) Open Gymnasia at Agartala, Charilam, Udaipur and Sabroom, Construction work of 200 beds capacity Yuba Awas

(Youth Hostel) at Ambassa, Construction work of District Sports Complex, Dhalai District, Ambassa which are in progress and are expected to be completed soon. At present 206 coaching centres in 16 different disciplines are functioning all over the State.

146. During 2021-22, it is proposed to pursue with Sports Authority of India for filling up the infrastructure gap and manpower at Dasharath Dev State Sports Complex, Badharghat which has been declared as State Khelo India Centre of Excellence. Further during 2021-22, it is proposed to take up construction of Synthetic Athletics Track at DDSS Complex at Badharghat, Swimming Pool at Regional College of Physical Education (RCPE), Panisagar, Synthetic Football Turf at Khowai Govt. (Boys) H.S. School Ground, and 3 (three) Outdoor Fitness Open Gymnasium at Damchera, Belonia and U.K. Academy Complex, Agartala.

Information Technology:

147. In line with the Digital India initiatives, the State Government through the Directorate of Information Technology has undertaken various steps for digital development of the State. **Tripura State Data Centre (TSDC)** is currently hosting 110 websites and 66 applications.

148. **Tripura State Data Centre** will be upgraded to a new cloud based data centre. An investment of about Rs.40.00 Cr is proposed during next 5 years. For providing high speed Internet connectivity under Tripura State Wide Area Network (TSWAN), efforts will be made to provide minimum 10 Mbps internet bandwidth upto Block level. This will facilitate smooth rollout of e-Governance initiatives across the Departments. Under **Digital Seva** (e-District) platform, citizens are availing 33 services. These services are integrated with Digital Signature (DSC), SMS gateway, e-mail gate way, payment gateway, CSC

wallet, UMANG, Digi-Locker etc. It has facilitated seamless G2C (Government to Citizen) interaction and effortless delivery of services to the citizens. To transform the functioning of the Government into a more efficient mode, **e-Office** has been introduced in some of the Departments/Offices in the State. Grassroot issues of public importance reported in **Panchayat Monitoring System (PMS)** and **Task Monitoring System (TMS)** are being attended on priority basis by the respective departments through this web-based platform. “**DigiT**” web and mobile App will be launched soon for the citizens to have an open access to information about various schemes and services offered by the State Government. With the aim of promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, the Government aims to empower start-up through **IT/ITeS Start-up Scheme, 2019**. Smart phone scheme will be continued for next year also.

Science, Technology & Environment:

149. **Hon’ble Speaker**, to utilize the new innovations in the field of Science & Technology for the benefit of people, our Government emphasises on Biotechnology for adoption of appropriate rural technology through implementation of various projects in the State.

150. The following activities are being done by Science, Technology & Environment Department:

- **Setting up of Innovation Hub:** An innovation hub has been set up at Sukanta Academy, Agartala for promotion of innovation and creativity among the youth.
- **Empowerment of Women:** To empower rural woman through creation of technology based livelihood opportunities, Women Technology Parks have been set up.

- **Empowerment of SC & ST:** SC & ST population are empowered by transferring innovative technology.
- **Crime Surveillance:** For supplementing effective crime surveillance by the Police Department, GIS Mapping of Police Station Jurisdictions has been undertaken.
- **Geo-spatial data layers:** Geo-spatial data layers for all Industrial Clusters and development of Web GIS portal for online Land Bank Management System of TIDC has been undertaken.
- **Bio-villages:** To promote green technology and to enhance the socio-economic condition of rural community, Bio-villages are under implementation.
- **Ease of Doing Business:** In line with the mandate of Ease of Doing Business, Online Content Management and Monitoring System has been introduced.
- **Online Authorization and Registration Service:** For the benefit of all Stakeholders, Online Authorization and Registration Service under the various Waste Management Rules has been launched.
- **Swachhata Action Plan:** Under Swachhata Action Plan, awareness generation programme on various environmental issues have been organized by involving NGOs /Institutions.
- **Awareness Generation among students:** The 10th National Science Film Festival was held at Agartala for the 2nd time in North East region after Guwahati. College Biotech Clubs and DNA Clubs have been set up for awareness generation.
- **Low Cost Bakery Oven:** A good numbers of Low cost bakery oven will be set up for rural areas and towns for supplementary income and employment generation of the youth.

151. During 2021-22, 10(ten) Mobile Planetaria will be put into operation and 10(ten) nos. Bio-villages will be set up.

Law:

152. The State Government has undertaken various initiatives to ensure that every citizen has access to justice. The State Government has been trying to make the public aware about the legal matters. The State Government is also providing free legal services to the poor people. 297 Legal Awareness Camps were organised throughout the State, in which 55,860 persons attended and 35,011 persons were given legal advice through the front offices and Legal Aid Clinics. 1,777 beneficiaries were given Legal Aid in Court cases and 1,351 persons were provided legal services through counselling.

153. The State Government has been trying to help judiciary to dispose off pending cases amicably. In 2020-21, 296 Lok Adalats including National Lok Adalats and Traditional Lok Adalats were held, wherein, 35,230 cases were heard, out of which, 13,108 cases were disposed off.

154. Apart from that, continuous improvement is being done in judicial infrastructure. Construction of Court buildings at Sabroom and Amarpur are on the verge of completion and the new court buildings are expected to be inaugurated in the next few months. Construction of court building at Kamalpur is in progress. Construction of quarters for Judicial Officers at Ambassa is in rapid progress and is expected to be completed soon. Construction of residential quarters for Judicial Officers at Dharmanagar is expected to commence soon. Moreover, construction of Tripura Judicial Academy at Narsingarh has also been started recently and it is progressing at rapid pace. In 2021-22, construction

of District Court building and Residential Quarters for Judicial Officers is expected to commence at Bishramganj.

Home (Police):

155. The law and order situation has improved notably during present Government and is well under control. With the overall support and co-operation from the people of the state, particularly from the interior areas, the police have been able to achieve commendable success during 2020-21.

156. During 2020-21, the State Government has approved engagement of 1400 new SPOs and the process of selection will be completed shortly. In addition, the Government has also approved higher honorarium @ Rs.9,000/- for 398 SPOs, who are willing and able to drive Departmental Vehicles. 41 Sub-Inspectors were recruited and they have been sent to NEPA for basic training. In addition, 10 T.P.S. Gr-II officers were appointed in June, 2020.

Fire & Emergency Services:

157. Department of Fire and Emergency Services plays an important role for handling any kind of emergency relating to fire and accidents. Fire tenderers are not only used for fire accidents but also to rescue the people from other accidents including road accidents. The name of the Directorate of Fire Service has been renamed as Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services in conformity with the service expectation from the department. The State Government has been expanding its service throughout the state. The construction of permanent fire stations at Ambassa and Manughat is under progress. The up-gradation work of Fire Service Training School at Badharghat, Agartala with modern equipments has also been taken up during 2020-21.

158. The Fire & Emergency Services Department has also procured 10 (ten) under water Diving Suits with Breathing Apparatus Sets for water rescue at a cost of Rs.19,32,000, 2(two) Breathing Air Compressor Machines for Rs.8,90,000, 30 Water Mist CAF Fire Extinguishers for Rs.1.05 Cr and 2(two) Jumping Cushions for Rs.37.17 lakhs for fire-fighting, rescue operation and disaster management. The Government is planning to purchase more equipments for fire-fighting.

159. One Fire Out Post has started functioning at Takarjala w.e.f. 13th November, 2020. Opening of new fire stations in uncovered areas is also under consideration of the Government.

Home (Jail):

160. The State Government has taken all-out effort to modernize all the Jails in the state. E-prison project is established with the objective of maintaining and updating prisoner's legacy data and it is operational in all the jails of the State. All information with details about each prisoner is now available at the click of a button. Video-conferencing facility for facilitating court hearings of the prisoners has been established in all jails. CCTV cameras are installed for monitoring in all Jail premises. Solar Power System has been installed at Kendriya Sansodhanagar, Bishalgarh as a power backup.

161. The construction of new jail complex of Dharmanagar Sub-Jail at Kalikapur is completed and will be inaugurated soon. Construction works of a new District Jail at Jarultali, Kailashahar is going on. Financial Assistance of Rs.32.50 lakhs has been provided to 12 victims as per provisions of "The Tripura Victim Compensation Scheme-2012" during 2020-21. In order to

improve the physical and mental health of the inmates, meditation and yoga training is being imparted in all the jails. Vocational training in different trades such as weaving, tailoring, cane and bamboo basketry, carpentry, book binding, baking, computer training have been introduced recently.

Information & Cultural Affairs:

162. State Government has introduced 5 Civil Awards and 10 Statehood Day Awards for outstanding contribution in the field of Sports, Music, Women Empowerment, Science and Environment Protection, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fish Cultivation, Animal Husbandry, Art and Craft, Education, Industry and Entrepreneurship. The I.C.A. Department organised 111 cultural programmes all over the State in 2020-21 for promotion of the rich and diverse culture of the State. The Government has notified a policy for Screening and Empanelment of Cultural Artist/Organisation and preparation of a database is under way. The Government has also formed and notified a society to develop and look after the Golaghati **Krishak Samman Park** at Sepahijala District. A web Portal will be developed for self-employed people. Manikya Festival will be organised involving cultural artists across the country. National Modern Art Gallery cum Cultural Hub will be established at Pushpabanta Palace with the support of Ministry of Culture.

Revenue:

163. “Service to the Citizen” is the primary motto of the State Government with an objective of ensuring the service availability to each citizen in a time bound manner. State Government has enacted ‘The Tripura Guaranteed Services to Citizens Act and Rules, 2020’.

164. Tripura has made considerable progress under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), whereby, citizens get textual and spatial land records data online. Revenue Department, Government of Tripura has also successfully developed a web based single window solution called Jami Software, a Land Records Management System, for maintenance and updating of Record of Rights, Land Mutation, Maps and registration of immovable property. The Government in the Revenue Department is also planning to adopt National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS), developed by Government of India to provide online document registration services to the public. The Department is also preparing an action plan for conducting and completing field survey and settlement works using GPS devices and GIS maps in a time bound manner.

Labour:

165. Welfare of labourers is part and parcel of industrialization. Our Government gives topmost priority to the welfare of the labourers. During 2020-21, 2,453 beneficiaries have been enrolled under Nirman Shramik Kalyan Prakalpa and an amount of Rs.4,78,80,126/- has been transferred directly to 18,650 beneficiaries under 8(eight) different schemes of Tripura Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (TBOCWW Board). An amount of Rs.73.33 lakh has been provided to Skill Directorate for conducting skill up-gradation training to registered construction workers under TBOCWW Board. In order to facilitate Ease of Doing Business in Tripura, Labour Department has made necessary amendments in Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 and others labour laws. Under the Tripura Employees' State Insurance Society, total 9938, 512 and 136 patients have been provided Primary, Secondary and Super-specialty treatment respectively during the year.

166. 28,575 beneficiaries under **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)** have been enrolled in the State, making Tripura the first ranking State in North East. PM-SYM is an old age protection and social security scheme for unorganized workers. Under National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self Employed, 1217 workers have been enrolled in the State and Tripura holds 1st position in North East.

167. I would like to inform this August House that extension of ESI dispensaries in 3(three) uncovered districts namely Unakoti, Khowai and South is under progress. Further, Child Labour and Bonded Labour Act will be enforced stringently.

Co-operation:

168. For the socio economic development of small and marginal farmers, State Government has given emphasis on formation of Co-operatives in Dairy and Fishery Sector. State Government has been trying to form at least one Co-operative Society in each of the Gram Panchayats and ADC Villages. As of now, 305 new Co-operatives including 60 in Fishery sector, 30 in Dairy sector and 8 in Women Co-operative Societies have been formed during the year 2020-21 upto 31st December, 2020. Steps have been taken to turn all the Co-operative Societies into profit making entities.

169. To support the Government's Policy of 'Ease of Doing Business', the Co-operative Department has made it mandatory for all Co-operative societies to do online registration in E-district platform from 1st January, 2021. In compliance of the decision of the State Government to provide medicines at affordable price to the poor people, MARKFED and 10 LAMPS, PACS & PMCS have been selling Generic Medicines through 17 counters attached with

different State, District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals. Initiative has been taken for opening of more 40 Generic Medicine Counters by MARKFED across the State.

170. Besides, our Government has taken steps to revamp the Co-operative Societies with a view to make them self-reliant and efficient so that it can play a key role in socio-economic development of the State. It is expected that, the Co-operative Societies will become another source of '**Bikalpa Rojgar**' especially for the youths and unemployed people of Tripura. 3(three) ICDP projects in North Tripura, Unakoti and Dhalai will be extended for further one year.

Employment & Manpower:

171. Creation of employment opportunities for the educated youths of our State is a priority area of this Government. In 2020, as approved by the Council of Ministers, Joint Recruitment Board under the Directorate of Employment Services and Manpower Planning has been constituted for recruitment in Group-C (non-technical) and Group-D Posts for Government Departments through written examination. Advertisement has been published for 4,000 vacancies of LDCs and Multi-Tasking Workers and online applications have been received through the Portal of Joint Recruitment Board.

172. A Vocational Guidance Programme on soft-skills and spoken English for competitive examinations and to increase employability have been started in all the Carrier Centres/Model Carrier Centres of the State. 2(two) model Carrier Centres will be set up, which will help the intending candidates for preparation of competitive exams. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic situation, 191 online counselling programme had been conducted for the job aspirant students in different social media platform and 8,385 students were benefitted. The

Directorate has also started publication of “Weekly Carrier Bulletin” from this year to provide employment news to job seekers of the State. The District Employment Exchange in Kailashahar is being upgraded to Model Carrier Centre.

173. It is proposed to provide free coaching to intending candidates through all Carrier Centres/Model Carrier Centres of the State for preparation of Banking and Staff Selection Examinations. It is also proposed to collect online Employment Information Report from all employers, which will help in viewing of employment trends in the State.

Institutional Finance:

174. **Hon’ble Speaker**, marching forward on the path of “**Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas**” 8,99,747 bank accounts have been opened under **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** in the State. Out of these, 7,92,334 accounts have been Aadhaar seeded and 3,92,991 Account holders have been issued active RuPay card. Under **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**, during 2020-21, 2,35,177 people have been sanctioned loans for a total amount of Rs.1387.24 Cr by all Banks, Micro Finance Institutions and Small Finance Banks in the State and this will benefit the small traders and businessmen. The Central Government has launched social security schemes intended to provide insurance and pension coverage to vulnerable sections of the society. Under **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana** which provides insurance cover to individuals, in case of accidents leading to death or disability, 5,51,254 accounts have been opened in the State. Further, 2,05,987 accounts have been opened under **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana** and 78,654 beneficiaries have been covered under **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**.

175. With the aim to encourage SC/ST/Women Entrepreneurs, **STAND UP INDIA** Scheme is facilitating bank loan ranging from Rs.10 lakhs to Rs.1.00 Cr for setting up of Greenfield enterprises. Under **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme**, 447 loanee were benefitted and an amount of Rs.9.15 Cr have been sanctioned during 2020-21. Under **Kisan Credit Card**, banks have sanctioned an amount of Rs.327.51 Cr against 84,953 proposals. There are 548 bank branches, 548 ATMs and 25 Micro-Financial Institutions in the State. The rural people of the State are availing micro loan facilities from these institutions.

Finance:

176. For the benefit of pensioners, Pension Grievance Software is being implemented with the help of NIC, which will help pensioners for raising any kind of issues quickly. A software for automatic pension proposal generation is under process in Finance Department. We propose to launch automatic pension proposal generation module in 2021-22, which will help quick preparation of pension proposal.

177. Submission of online Bills has been started on pilot basis. We propose to launch online Bills throughout the State during 2021-22 which will enable our treasuries to become totally online.

178. Delegation of Financial Powers Rules (DFPRT), 2019 has been amended to simplify the process of public procurement and to make it more transparent.

Budget Estimates for 2021-22:

179. In the Budget Estimates for 2021-22, no new tax measures are proposed. The increase in tax revenues in 2021-22 shall be achieved largely through better tax administration.

180. Now, I would like to highlight the Receipts and Expenditure projected in Budget Estimates of 2021-22. The collection of State's Own Tax Revenue is projected Rs.2412.00 Cr in Budget Estimates of 2021-22 with a growth rate of 11% over the Revised Estimates of 2020-21. The collection of States Own Non-Tax Revenue is projected Rs.349.00 Cr in Budget Estimates of 2021-22. The Total Receipts from the Centre (including Share of Central Taxes and Deficit Grant) have been projected at Rs.15595.09 Cr in Budget Estimates 2021-22 as against Rs.11949.88 Cr in the Revised Estimates for 2020-21. The Total Gross Borrowings for the year 2021-22 are estimated at about Rs.3493.98 Cr.

181. The overall Total Receipts including adjustment of Opening Balance in Budget Estimate 2021-22 are estimated to be about Rs.21951.07 Cr. The Total Expenditure in the Budget Estimates for 2021-22 is projected at Rs.22724.50 Cr This includes Revenue Expenditure of Rs.20073.24 Cr and Capital Expenditure of Rs.2651.26 Cr.

182. The overall position is summarized below:

			(Rs. in Crore)
Sl. No.	Items		Amount
(A)	Revenue Account		
1	Receipts (including adjustment of Opening Balance)	18456.09	
2	Expenditure	20073.24	
3	Deficit (-) / Surplus (+) (A1-A2)	(-)1617.15	
(B)	Capital Account		
1	Receipts from Loans & Others (including Public Account)	3494.98	
2	Disbursements	2651.26	
3	Deficit (-) / Surplus (+) (B1-B2)	843.72	
(C)	Total Receipts (A1+B1)	21951.07	
(D)	Total Expenditure (A2+B2)	22724.50	
(E)	Total Deficit (-) / Surplus (+) (C-D)	(-)773.43	

183. **Hon'ble Speaker**, It has been continuous endeavour of our Government to develop our state keeping in mind the mantra of development “**Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Viswas**”. By performing relentlessly for improving Sustainable Development Goal Index of our State and trying to realize the vision for new India of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modiji, our State will obviously become “**Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura, Atmanirbhar Tripura**”.

184. With these words, I commend the Budget Proposals for 2021-22 for consideration and approval of this August House.

Jai Hind. Bharat Mata Ki Jai.
