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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bangladesh Film Festival inaugurated in Agartala**

### **Tripura has an old friendly relationship with neighboring country Bangladesh: CM**



Geographical boundaries can never be an obstacle in the way of building cordial relation. There is a huge potential being created for economic and commercial prosperity with the opening up of new horizons of communication including water and railways between Tripura and Bangladesh, enunciated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the inaugural programme of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bangladesh Film Festival at Hotel Polo Tower in Agartala yesterday. The representatives of Tripura and Bangladesh have exchanged souvenirs. The Film Festival's inaugural programme was organized following Covid-19 guidelines. The films will be showcased following Covid-19 guidelines in April and May this year.

The Chief Minister said, Tripura has an old friendly relationship with neighboring country Bangladesh which is also being reflected in cultural and commercial sectors. He invited the film directors to make use of the huge potential for filmmaking in Tripura. He said, Tripura is becoming a commercial hub of the Northeast. With the decrease in distance, there will be decrease in transport costs as well because of exporting goods using different opportunities including Maitri Setu, international railway via Akhaura, Special Economic Zone. Chittagong port and Haldia port, the distance will decrease in both cases. In this regard, Tripura will become a commercial corridor being the neighboring country of Bangladesh. As a result of it, Bangladesh will also reap benefits.

The Chief Minister also said, the blueprint for next 25 years 'Lakshya 2047' has recently been released which shows the direction in which the state government will be taking the state forward. As a result of this, the new generation will be able to have their education and will be able to establish themselves in life. Besides that, investors will also find proper opportunity to invest in potential industrial sectors of Tripura. He invited the investors of Bangladesh to come forward in commercial development including setting up of industrial factories making use of the potent industrial environment that has been created in Tripura. He said, with the sincere efforts of the Prime Minister, the old friendly relation is facilitating development of both the countries. The present Bangladesh government has set up examples of achieving success in various fields.



Minister of Information & Broadcasting, People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr. Hasan Mohammed in the programme said, the freedom struggle of 1971 shall not be ever forgotten where India has stood with Bangladesh. The people of this region have opened their hearts besides their hospitality. The language, food, attire culture of Tripura and Bangladesh has helped the two regions come closer. This Film Festival will further strengthen this relation. He lauded Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb's efforts in development of Northeastern states as well as of Tripura.

Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury in the programme said, the state government has taken a bunch of plans for industrial and cultural exchange and development. The government plans to set up a Film Institute in the state with the cooperation of Satyajit Roy Film Institute. He also emphasized upon taking far thought initiative not only in cultural sector but also in sports sector. He further said, the state government is also considering to take this Film Festival to different district and sub-divisions of the state instead of keeping it only city-centric. Films not only enrich culture but also generates income opportunities. As a result, those related to Film world will find opportunities. He hoped that Tripura and Bangladesh will forge ahead hand in hand in sports and cultural field. Others present in the programme were Member of Parliament of Bangladesh Shaimum Sarwar Kamal and Mumtaz Begum and other artistes and businessmen from Bangladesh.

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