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State-Level Tribal Folk Dance Competition held

Each community of the state has its own culture. The present state government is taking plans for further developing these cultures, enunciated Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia after inaugurating the State-Level Tribal Folk Dance Competition at Rabindra Bhawan yesterday. It is to be noted that this event was supposed to be conducted on the occasion of Republic Day but it was not possible then due to Covid-19 situation. Tribal Welfare Minister said, education is the key to the development of any community. Culture is equally important in taking the society ahead towards development. A healthy cultural exercise helps to build beautiful society. Each community needs to stay aware to keep its own culture alive. Besides, the youth have to be encouraged to work for noble cause.

Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury, as a Chief Guest said, Tripura being a small state is a mixture of different communities and tribes. The language, food, traditions may be different, yet there is unity in diversity in the state since a long time. This unity needs to be further strengthened rising above the differences. He said, the present state government from the start has been working with sincerity towards cultural development of different communities of the state. He called on everyone to come forward to build Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura. MLA Rampada Jamatia, as special guest, said, the present state government with the assistance of the central government is taking plans for welfare of the tribals of the state. Due to this effort, the cultural Risa also has gained popularity in the world.

TTAADC MDC Padmalochan Tripura, Principal Secretary of Tribal Welfare department Puneet Agarwal and Director Dr. Bishal Kumar also also spoke on the occasion. Buratali Tribal Folk Dance Academy of Sabroom became the winner of the State-Level Folk Dance Competition, second prize winner was Tiyari Hukumu Bodol of Lefunga and third prize winner was North Twibandal Tribal Cultural team from Sepahijala district. The winners were handed over trophies by the guests at the event. Besides 5 runner-up teams received consolation prizes.
