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<u>Chief Minister at Appointment Letter Distribution programme</u> Work for the Welfare of the Nation and its People with Innovative Thinking Aligned with Technology: Chief Minister

Politicians can only make decisions for the development of the state and country, but the responsibility for implementing those decisions lies primarily with government employees. Therefore, to keep the state's development moving forward, the government is continuing the recruitment process. Stating this, Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha inaugurated the appointment letter distribution ceremony yesterday at the Mukta Dhara Auditorium for the posts of Junior Engineers (Diploma) in Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical divisions under the PWD. A total of 184 candidates received offer letters for the Junior Engineer (Diploma) posts. The Chief Minister, along with other dignitaries, handed over appointment letters symbolically to a few recipients.

In his address, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Saha cite Tripura as an example of development in context development of different parts of the country. As a citizen of the state, this recognition is a matter of great pride. This has been made possible due to the sincere efforts of people at all levels in the state. He emphasized that while the government recruits based on its needs, every appointee must work for the welfare of the nation and the people with innovative thinking aligned with modern technology. He urged everyone to maintain transparency and integrity in their work. The Chief Minister noted that in terms of per capita income, Tripura ranks second in the Northeast after Sikkim, and in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), it ranks second after Assam. This fiscal year's budget has increased by nearly ₹4,000 crore compared to the previous year. This increase was possible due to transparency and impartiality in the functioning of the state. Prime Minister Modi continuously monitors and reviews the implementation of welfare schemes meant for the common people. He added that as of June 27, a total of 19,484 individuals have been recruited into government service, including under the die-in-harness scheme. With 74 recruited under that scheme on July 1 and today's 184 Junior Engineer recruits, the total number now stands in 19,742. The Chief Minister also shared that there are 982 engineering seats in NIT, 990 at polytechnics, and 1,093 in Techno College and University. Major infrastructure projects like the western and eastern bypasses of Agartala, the flyover from Radhanagar to IGM Chowmuhani, the multi-storied parking at Motorstand, and the flyover in Udaipur will bring significant changes to the state's connectivity. He expressed hope that the under-construction 51 Shaktipeeth Temple Park at Banduar in Udaipur will become a prominent tourist destination in India. He also mentioned development projects under the PM-DevINE scheme, including a ₹202 crore Dental College, a 200-bed Mother and Child Health Unit at AGMC & GBP Hospital in Agartala, and a de-addiction centre at Bishramganj.

In his speech, Power Minister Ratanlal Nath stated that the current government is ensuring transparency in the recruitment process and is prioritizing merit and quality in hiring. Over the past seven years, the government has worked extensively to develop essential infrastructure that impacts people's daily lives. Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy said that ₹7,000 crore has been allocated in this year's budget solely for infrastructure development. The government is committed to fair recruitment based on skill, transparency, merit, and impartiality. The welcome address was delivered by the Secretary of the PWD, Kiran Gitte. Other attendees included the Chief Minister's Secretary Dr. P.K. Chakraborty and engineers from various government departments.