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National Integration Camp inaugurated
This camp will act like a bridge between
diverse languages, cultures & traditions – CM

Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha inaugurated the first-ever National Integration Camp 2025 in Tripura yesterday, emphasizing that such platforms will foster unique bonds across India's diverse languages, cultures, and traditions. Addressing the inaugural function at the Urban Haat, Purbasha Complex, the Chief Minister said, "The youth are the future of the country and the architects of nation-building. This camp aims to strengthen patriotism among young people through cultural exchange and mutual understanding."

The five-day camp is being organized jointly by the Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Tripura, and the Tripura State Bharat Scouts & Guides, with support from Bharat Scouts & Guides, New Delhi. Delegates from 18 states, including the host state, are taking part.

Highlighting the theme "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat", the Chief Minister noted that the camp features folk music, folk dances, patriotic songs, food stalls, traditional attire exhibitions, integration games, cleanliness drives, and campfires. He also outlined the contribution of Scouts & Guides in Tripura, stating that the state currently has 6,070 members, 214 unit leaders, and 365 open rovers and rangers, with 38 members having received the President's Award. Throughout the year, the organization conducts social initiatives including anti-drug campaigns, International Yoga Day celebrations, participation in Independence Day parades, blood donation camps, and tree plantation drives. "Scouting and guiding is not merely about wearing a uniform—it represents responsibility, commitment, and service to the nation and society," the Chief Minister said, expressing confidence that the camp would deepen national unity.

Sports Minister Tinku Roy, in his address, stressed that the motto of Scouts & Guides, "Be Prepared", reflects the need to remain ever ready for service to the nation. He said India's cultural diversity is unparalleled and serves as the foundation of its unity. He also underlined the importance of students focusing on skill development alongside academics. Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by L. Darlong, Director of Youth Affairs & Sports. Bharat Scouts & Guides Assistant Director Analendra Sharma also spoke on the occasion. Among others present were West Tripura Zilla Parishad's acting Sabhadhipati Bishwajit Shil and MLA Swapna Das Paul. To mark the occasion, the Chief Minister along with other dignitaries unveiled a commemorative souvenir. Members of the state Scouts & Guides, both from the current generation and senior ranks, were felicitated during the program.