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**Press Release**

Hon'ble Union Minister of Tourism (Independent Charge), Mr. K.J. Alphons paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb in Civil Secretariat, Agartala today. During this visits state tourism minister Pranajit Singha Roy was also present. Hon'ble Union Minister is visiting Tripura in relation to the International Tourism Mart 2018, an annual tourism programme organised by the Ministry of Tourism in order to showcase the various tourist destinations in the North East India.

In his discussions with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Union Minister, Shri KJ Alphons informed that he was deeply impressed with the hospitable people and culture of Tripura and informed that there is a vast scope for growth of tourism in the state.

Hon'ble Chief Minister informed the Hon'ble Union Minister about the extensive plans of the State Government for further developing various marvelous tourist destinations in the state such as Neermahal, Unakoti, Chabimura, Ma Tripura Sundari temple among others in order to attract tourists from across the world. Hon'ble CM's vision of Transforming Tripura into a Model State puts extensive focus on holistic development of tourism in the state.

Hon'ble Union Minister stated that the Union Government shall extend their whole hearted support for creation of robust infrastructural facilities under its various flagship programmes such as Swadesh Darshan, Prasad etc.

The 7th edition of International Tourism Mart is being organised by the Union Ministry in Tripura this year in association with the Department of Tourism, Government of Tripura. The 7th International Tourism Mart was inaugurated in programme organised today in Pragya Bhawan, Agartala in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Tripura, Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb and the Hon'ble Union Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism, Mr. KJ Alphons.

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