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## CM Inaugurates New Amtali School Building, Unveils Multi-Crore Education Projects Across Tripura

Tripura Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha on 22nd April, 2025 inaugurated the newly constructed building of Amtali Higher Secondary School, reaffirming the state government's commitment to quality education and infrastructure development. At the event, the Chief Minister also virtually inaugurated new school buildings in five other institutions namely Henry Derozio Academy, Gandhigram Higher Secondary School, Taltala Higher Secondary School, Indranagar (English Medium) High School and Nandannagar Higher Secondary School. These projects were completed at a combined cost of approximately Rs 28 crore. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister emphasized the state's mission to transform Tripura into an educational hub. "No nation can progress without education," he stated, adding that the government has prioritized quality education in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Dr. Saha highlighted several ongoing educational reforms under the 'Nipun Tripura' initiative, including the launch of new textbooks from pre-primary to Class 2. Besides, Holistic Progress Report Card has been adopted for evaluation of students. The two-month school preparation module Vidya Setu has been released.

To promote digital education, Vande Bharat and 5 e-learning channels have been opened. Smart classes are running in 854 schools of the state. The Chief Minister laid emphasis on quality education as well as technical education. The Chief Minister said that the state government is making various policies and programs related to education and they are being implemented properly. Apart from this, the present government is working for the development of the neglected, poor, women and minority groups. Financial assistance is being provided through scholarships, loans etc. to deserving students. He said that the state government is also working on the promotion of quality education. For this purpose NCERT curriculum is being introduced in schools. Bengali medium schools are being converted into English medium schools. For betterment of students Super-30 scheme has been launched. Under this scheme in the financial year 2024-25, 1 student cracked IIT, 3 student cracked NIT and 3 cracked MBBS. Besides, Chief Minister Merit Award, Talent Search Examination has been launched. A total of 125 schools in the state have been converted into Vidyajyoti schools. "Prayas" scheme includes distribution of free workbooks, radical reform of TBSE examinations, provision of examination on uniform paper, introduction of vocational education along with Chief Minister Merit Award for the children of defence personnel. In the financial year 2024-25, 44 new school buildings have been constructed, out of this 41 buildings for secondary education, 2 for elementary education and 1 for Samagra Sikha project have been implemented costing Rs 153 crores.

Beside this under Education department various infrastructural up gradation work of 346 schools were completed. Among them, 110 secondary education and 161 elementary education schools are covered. Additionally, Rs 80.87 crore was spent on major and minor renovations in 75 schools under the Samagra Shiksha scheme. He said that there are plans to construct new buildings in 30 schools in the financial year 2025-26. Additionally 123 schools are planned for infrastructural development and renovation. Initiatives have been taken to fill up the posts of various teaching and non-teaching staff. Under CM-SATH scheme 200 meritorious students were receiving scholarships. Since 2018–19, over 1.23 lakh girl students have received free bicycles. Initiatives also include the establishment of 'Nipun Corners' in over 4,227 schools, automated monitoring of PM-POSHAN programs, and the development of 3,134 kitchen gardens for midday meals. ICT tools, smart classrooms, tinkering labs, and skill education have also been introduced.

To support inclusive education, over 3,520 disabled students have received mobility aids. TLM parks have been set up in 378 schools, and more than 2.22 lakh students have been sent on educational trips. Libraries in over 4,000 schools have received books worth □4.2 crore, while science and math clubs have been introduced in 999 schools. Hostels have also been built under Kasturba Gandhi and Netaji Subhash Chandra schemes. Under the Rani Lakshmibai scheme more than 1.42 lakh girls have undergone self-defense training. The CM also announced new coaching centers for science and English across subdivisions, with special emphasis on the Sadar subdivision, which will host three such centers.

Higher education is also witnessing a boost with initiatives like the establishment of Dhammadeepa International Buddhist University, Aryabhatta University, and others. The government plans to fill 201 assistant professor and 13 principal posts and has initiated the process to upgrade key institutions, including Tripura Institute of Technology. Sachin Deb Barman Smriti Govt. Sangeet Mahavidyalaya has started recruitment for the post of Instructor (Music). 140 meritorious higher education aspirants who scored good results in TBSE and CBSE boards were recently given free scooty. CM also said that the proposal to establish new degree colleges in Ambasa, Kakraban and Korbook has been kept in this year's budget. The event was also addressed by the Deputy Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Ram Prasad Pal, Education Secretary Ravel Hemendra Kumar, and Director of Education Nripendra Chandra Sharma. Dukli Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Bhulan Saha presided over the program. As part of the Chief Minister's "Dharitri Diwas" celebrations, a tree was planted on the school campus. A unique "QR Codes for Flora" initiative was also launched, allowing students to digitally catalog plants with scannable codes revealing their scientific and environmental details.

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