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## Clarification of published news

The news item published in "Tripura Observer" dated, 04.09.2025 under caption "Truck drivers block NH, protesting Puja donations at gun point" has come to the notice of Home Department.

As per report of SP, North District, it is clarified that, no such incident was reported regarding the collection of puja subscription on the road at gunpoint by the local Puja committees under North Tripura District.

In a bid to curb incident relating to forced puja subscription, several administrative meeting were conducted involving all puja organizers and civil administration. Proper instructions were also conveyed to all puja organizers by the DM & Collector, North Tripura District for not collecting Puja subscription by stopping vehicles on road.

It is to be mentioned here that on 03.09.2025 afternoon some truck drivers gathered at Kherenjuri under Churaibari PS and tried to block the NH-08. Accordingly, Police staff reached at the spot and talked with the drivers. However, due to immediate intervention of the administrative stake holders the issue was resolved.

However, to prevent such incidents, Churaibari PS has taken the following measures:-

- (i) Awareness programs were conducted with the members of the local Puja committee regarding the protocols to be followed during collection of Puja subscription.
- (i) Fixed pickets have been stationed at Sale Tax Gate, Rail Gate and Churaibari ST Para.

One vehicular mobile patrol and 02(wo) motorcycles mobile patrols have been deployed to conduct duty regularly in the areas of Churaibari to Sanichera on NH-8 and Churaibari to Premtala and other areas.

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