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**Republic Day 2021 tableau to highlight
eco-friendly tradition of Tripura**

This year the Republic Day tableau of Tripura will highlight the eco-friendly tradition of Tripura in daily life specially the tribal people. In this tradition bamboo plays a very important role. One of the Northeastern states, Tripura is home to 19 tribes and life of all the tribes is associated with bamboo in one way or the other. So, the tableau on the theme 'ECO-FRIENDLY ATMA-NIRBHAR TRIPURA' will see dominant use of bamboo.

However, focus will be on socio-religious aspect of Tripuri tribe. Bamboo, being an integral part of their life, can be seen in use in a worship called 'Lampra Wathop Mwtai'. Equally their rich cultural heritage is showcased through a dance called 'Lebang Boomani'. In this dance young boys and girls visit jhum field to drive away or catch the insects called Lebang by using bamboo splits.

Modeled on the theme 'ECO-FRIENDLY ATMA-NIRBHAR TRIPURA', glimpses of tribal rural life and culture are displayed with a tribal woman flanked by two tribal men and different species of bamboo on the outer part of the tableau. Models are also seen wearing bamboo-masks. The middle portion of the tableau displays socio-economic life of tribes, as different bamboo utility items are displayed. The rear portion is embellished with handicrafts of the state and models symbolising socio-cultural tradition.