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Seminar on princely Tripura and India's Freedom Struggle at Agartala Press Club

Maharajas played a commendable role in the development of Tripura: Information and Cultural Affairs Minister

It is because of the contribution of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya that we can live peacefully in Tripura. There was a time when there was an attempt to distort history by denying the role of Tripura kings in the development of the state. The Maharajas played a commendable role in the development of princely Tripura. At present, the government is working with the aim of bringing the role of kings in the development of Tripura to the public and taking people from all communities forward. Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs, Sushanta Chowdhury said this while inaugurating a seminar organized by Tripura Digital Media Society at Agartala Press Club on 20th August, 2022. The main topic of discussion was Princely Tripura and India's freedom struggle.

Dr. Ruma Bhattacharya was present as the main speaker in the programme. She discussed India's independence movement and Princely Tripura's close ties with it. Participating in the discussion, Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs said, Dr. Ruma Bhattacharya is researching this topic. We will know a lot about this when her research is published. The next generation will also benefit. Information and Cultural Affairs Minister said that Maharaja Bir Bikram visited Europe and understood the importance of education, culture, health services there and used it for the development of Tripura. He expressed hope that if the contribution of the people of Tripura in the freedom movement is revealed through research, the names of freedom fighters of the state will be remembered with respect along with other freedom fighters of the country.

Discussing about the media in the state, Minister said that media is also an industry. This industry also needs to improve. If someone wants to establish himself as a journalist, the current government will encourage him. Various steps have been taken for this. We want the journalists of this state get recognized as same level as the national level journalists. Incidentally, he said, we want objective news. The people of the state will benefit from it. It will also be good for the state.

Director of Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Ratan Biswas, Press Club Secretary, Pranab Sarkar, Senior Journalist Jayanta Bhattacharya and others were present at the programme.
