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Inauguration of two-day Songrangma Festival at Birchandra manu

The state has vibrant traditional arts and culture. We have to move forward by keeping this cultural heritage. CM Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the 21st state-level Songrangma festival at Birchandra manu in Shantir bazar subdivision on 25th August, 2022. Chief Minister said that the state and central government are working together for the welfare of the tribal people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has elected Droupadi Murmu as the President from the tribal community for the first time. A proposal has been taken to increase the number of seats in TTAADC to 50 for the development of the tribal. The central and state government have taken efforts to improve the socio-economic status of the tribal.

Chief Minister said that different developmental works are going on in 12 Aspirational blocks of the state. The education system is being expanded to improve the education of tribal students. New boarding house is being built. Daily stipend has been increased from rupees 50 to 65. The government is providing different financial assistance to tribal students to get higher education. Chief Minister also said that the state government has announced a 2-day holiday for Garia Puja. Holiday has been declared on the birthday of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur. Work is underway to set up 18 Eklavya schools for the education of students from the tribal community. Rivers and hills are being named according to tribal traditions. Parliament has passed a bill to recognize the Darlong community as ST.

Chief Minister said that 47 percent work for resettlement of Bru migrants has been completed. The rest will be rehabilitated very quickly. For the overall development of Tripura, state's jackfruit, queen pineapple, fragrant lemon, fruits, bamboo cane industry, risa etc. are now being exported abroad. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central and state government is working towards the development of the tribal community. Chief Minister urged the tribal and non-tribal to work together to build a better Tripura. Tribal Welfare Minister Rampada Jamatia, MLA Ranjit Das, MDC Sanjib Reang, MDC Padmalochan Tripura, District Magistrate of South Tripura Saju Vahid A, Superintendent of Police Kulwant Singh were present at the programme.
