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Civic reception in honour of Vice President

State is progressing under the leadership of chief minister

The Government of India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have prioritized development of the Northeast region, resultantly almost doubling the fund for the region. But the local administration should see that proper utilization of the fund is ensured and while distributing fund transparency and accountability should be ensured, stated the Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu yesterday at the civic reception organized in his honour at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan. He also suggested no deviation of fund so as to reach the beneficiaries directly. To ensure that he spoke in favour of digitization and zero tolerance to corruption at all levels of the administration and governance.

At the civic reception programme during his two-day visit to the state, the Vice President also digitally launched the Smart Resilient Roads project of Agartala Smart City. He said, development of India will be incomplete without the development of Northeast region. And Tripura, under the leadership of the chief minister, is progressing well. Although Agartala was not in the list of Smart Cities initially, after much discussion it was incorporated alongwith other capital cities of the region irrespective of their size. Under the Smart City Project Rs. 439 crore has been allotted for developing weather resilient roads. The project will not only decongest the city but will also have facilities like better lighting, dedicated parking, and other public utilities. To make the project a success, the people of Agartala also have to cooperate and participate in the process.

Appreciating the role of the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the development of the state the Vice President said, the state government has taken various steps for the socio-economic development of people as well as for creating good connectivity. He said, massive infrastructure initiatives have been undertaken in the Northeast as part of the Act East policy and Tripura is having fare share of the same. He expressed satisfaction having learnt about the initiative to revive the waterways of pre-independence period, developments on the air connectivity front, rail connectivity specially for transporting agro-produces of the local farmers by introducing Kisan Rail etc. The Vice President, terming the state government's initiative for the development of State tree Agar a welcome step, said, with the coming of Mukhyamantri Agarbatti Atmanirbhar Mission this sector is expected to bring in business worth Rs. 2000 crore by the year 2025.

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He said that as the Government of India has raised the duties on Agarbatti sticks local Agarbatti industry is benefitting from it.

Speaking on the occasion chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb said, among the Northeastern states Agartala Smart City project is in the forefront as far as progress of implementation is concerned. To get Agartala in the list of Smart Cities, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu played a significant role. He said, Tripura is now among the fast developing states of the country. It has also secured a high rank in the NITI Aayog report for its progress in the field of education, health, IT, agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry, infrastructure etc. Integrated Command and Control System has been first launched in Tripura only. The government is working with priority to development in agriculture, industries, marketing of goods, export etc. sectors, thus opening un a new avenue for income generation. With the sincere support of the Prime Minister Tripura is now making headways in almost all directions.

In his welcome address the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma said, keeping the Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas thought of the Prime Minister the government is working for the welfare of all sections of the society. In the coming days Tripura is going to develop as a commercial corridor.

Union minister for social justice and empowerment Pratima Bhowmik said, the government is working with the 'vocal for local' policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards building Atmanirbhar Bharat. Among others present on the occasion were education minister Ratan Lal Nath, chief secretary Kumar Alok, top officials of the central and state government and dignitaries.
