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## First State Conference of Tripura Newspaper Society

## Real development of society is not possible without the cooperation of media: Chief Minister

Media is the mirror of society. Real development of society is not possible without the cooperation of media. So it is desirable to present the news with a positive attitude. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the first state conference of Tripura Newspaper Society at Rabindra Bhavan yesterday. In his speech, Chief Minister said that despite the growth of different social media, we have to rely on newspapers. So it is better to present news that people will believe. Care must also be taken to ensure that a news item never becomes a personal attack. Chief Minister said that one of the responsibilities of the media as the fourth pillar of democracy is to pointing out the mistakes of the government. But it should be done in a positive way. The state government is aware of the various demands of journalists and owners associated with media for the development of media. The government is sincere in fulfilling their demands. Initiatives will definitely be taken in this regard.

At the programme, President of Tripura News Paper Society and Senior Journalist and Editor of Syandan Patrika, Subal Kumar Dey said in his welcome speech that media helps the government by providing accurate and constructive news. The media speaks to protect the interests of the people. Arun Nath, joint convener of Tripura News Paper Society and senior journalist, said that media generally works to protect democracy. Media is constantly working to bring democratic rights to the people. At the programme, he highlighted many problems faced by journalists and urged the Chief Minister to take necessary initiatives to simplify the process of getting pension for journalists.

At the programme senior journalist of the state Shrota Ranjan Khisa was felicitated by Tripura News Paper Society. Chief Minister handed over certificate and shawl to him.

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