

Civic reception accorded to President Droupadi Murmu

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President**

Tripura's vibrant culture is a source of pride for the country. The people of Tripura have developed a beautiful blend of democracy and tradition. President Droupadi Murmu said this while addressing a civic reception at Agartala Town Hall yesterday. It is to be noted that a civic reception was given to President Droupadi Murmu at Agartala Town Hall on behalf of AMC. At the civic reception, the President said that she visited the Durgabari tea plantation yesterday and spoke to the workers there. They said that all of them are getting the benefits of different schemes and services of the central and state governments for the welfare of the poor people. The state government is working to improve the socio-economic standard of the people of the poor sections. This is a true example of SabkaSaathSabka Vikas slogan. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) ManikSaha, Deputy Chief Minister JishnuDev Varma, Urban Development Minister ManojKanti Deb and Mayor Deepak Majumder were present at the programme.

The President said that this is her first visit to Tripura after becoming the President. She thanked the people of the state for their warm welcome on her visit to the state. She congratulated the people of Tripura for completing 50 years as a state this year. She said, how strong the Idea of patriotism and Indianness is in this state can be seen by visiting Albert Ekka Park. Param VirChakra Albert Ekka was martyred in 1971 war. The people of Tripura remember him with reverence. The President said that Tripura's royal family encouraged modernity. She expressed satisfaction that the Agartala Airport was named after Maharaja Bir Bikram. She also expressed satisfaction that she could lay the foundation stone of Maharaja Birendra Kishore museum. Referring to Rabindranath Tagore's spiritual relationship with the royal family of Tripura, the President said that the royal family of Tripura has generously cooperated in the advancement of education, science and cultural fields. The President said that this year Tripura has been awarded as the most transparent state in its category. She thanked the people of Tripura for continuing this culture of transparency. The President said that the Hojagiri folk dance of Tripura is an example of the rich folk culture here. She also highlighted the National Honors given to ThangaDarlong, SatyaramReang and BeniChandraJamatia. She said, without Tripura's SachinDebbbarman, Rahul Debbbarman, modern Indian music cannot be thought of.

The President said that Tripura is one of the first kingdoms of the country that promoted women empowerment. Talented and hardworking women here are working successfully in different fields. Tripura's DipaKarmakar, LaxmitaReang has made the country's name proud in the world of sports. She said that Tripura has played a significant role in strengthening Bangladeshfriendship with India since the beginning. Work is going on to improve the communication system in Tripura through different projects of the Central Government. A few such projects have been laid foundation stone and inaugurated yesterday. The President said that Tripura is constantly progressing in the formation of Educational Hub. There are different institutions for higher education and professional education. Students from other states also come to study here. I believe that a good education system at the school level is the foundation of real education. She expressed satisfaction over the 100 percent enrollment

in basic education. The President expressed hope that the present government would continue the progress of the state.

“We are happy and proud to welcome the President in this city full of royal Memories.” Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this at the civic reception. This city has been associated with many accomplished and talented people. The auspicious entry of the President has made the glorious history of this city brighter. We are happy that several developmental projects have been inaugurated and foundation stones were laid by the the President, which have ushered in a new horizon in the history of the state. Today is a very happy day for us as citizens of Tripura. The people of this city and this state have received your presence. You have risen to the highest office in the country with hard work, dedication and indomitable spirit, which will inspire the people of the country as well as the people of this state. Your career, personality and patriotism will bring a new message to the new generation. You are one of the example for us in empowering women. As the leader of this vast country, I hope that your strong thoughts, consciousness and mentality will inspire the people of the country.

Chief Minister said yesterday that as residents of Tripura we are happy and proud that the Tripura Judicial Academy was auspiciously inaugurated last morning by the President’s ceremonial touch and also laid the foundation stone of the National Law University in Tripura. President Droupadi Murmu also laid the virtual foundation stones of several construction projects including inaugurating the newly constructed MLA Hostel at a grand programme at Rabindra Bhawan yesterday. Chief Minister said, President, you will be happy to know that the state government has taken several groundbreaking steps for the development of the tribal people. Among these, the name of Tribal Welfare Department has been changed to JanjatiKalyan, Agartala Airport has been renamed after Maharaja Bir BikramManikya, Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya’s birthday has been declared as a public holiday, TTAADC has been renamed as Tipra Territorial Council and arrangements have been made for permanent resettlement of Brumigrants.

At the programme, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma said, today is a historic day for the people of the state. Although Tripura is a small state, it has glorious history. Rabindranath Tagore visited this state steeped in history seven times. He said that the present state government has done many things to make the life of the citizens of the state beautiful and secure. The government is continuously working for the welfare of the backward communities. The life of the current President is an inspiration to all Indians including Tripura. This is the first time in the country’s history that a woman from a tribal community has held the highest position in the country. He said that the Prime Minister of the country has shown the whole world that India does what it thinks. India has helped many countries with vaccines during covid pandemic. As Indians we are proud of this.

At the programme, Chief Minister handed over the portrait of the 14th deity temple made of bamboo to the President. Deputy Chief Minister handed over the replica of TripuraSundari temple made of bamboo to the President and Urban Development Minister ManojKanti Deb handed over different items of bamboo. Besides, Mayor of AMC Deepak Majumder presented sarees and shawls made of Tripura silk to the President and also handed over a citation of civic reception to the President.
