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<u>Inauguration of MLA Hostel virtually at Rabindra Bhavan and foundation stone laying</u> of 7 Projects

Visit to Tripura Symbolizes My Affection for North East Region: President

India today has emerged as the fifth strongest economy in the world. By 2025, the country is expected to be recognized as a 5 billion dollar economy. North Eastern region including Tripura will play a big role in this. Yesterday President Droupadi Murmu said this while inaugurating the MLA hostel in Capital Complex and laying the foundation stone of 7 other projects at Rabindra Bhavan. President Droupadi Murmu expressed satisfaction that she came to Tripura at the beginning of her tour of visiting different states of the country after assuming the office of President, adding that this visit signifies her affection for the North Eastern region. The President said that there has been great progress in Tripura in the field of education. Tripura is also one of the leading states in the country in achieving success in literacy. Children from different parts of the country come to Tripura to study medicine and engineering. Expressing her satisfaction after laying the foundation stone of the National Law University here yesterday, the President said that this university will play an important role in the study of law not only in the North Eastern region but also in the entire country. She said that the youth of the country has already achieved a lot of success in the field of information and technology. Agartala IIIT will play a significant role in information and technology education following the National Education Policy in future.

At the programme, President DroupadiMurmu said that not only higher education but also primary education should be given priority for the progress and development of the country. Referring to the Vidyajyoti Mission project, she expressed hope that this project will play an important role in the field of education. The President said that today the women of the country are shining the name of the country in different fields. If girls are developed, the development of the society and the country will accelerate. She said that there is a huge potential for the development of Tripura and the North-East region. The ongoing work to improve road, air and rail connectivity in the region will further contribute to the development of the region. The development of trade and tourism in this region will also speed up. She expressed hope that the two train services thatshe was supposed to inaugurate next daywill also improve connectivity in the North-East. Referring to Tripura's close relationship with poet Rabindranath Tagore, the President said, the royal family had a close relationship with Gurudev who stayed at Pushpabanta Palace several times during his visit in the state. Shehoped that the foundation stone of the Pushpabanta Palace Museum would play a major role in strengthening the traditional culture of the state.

Speaking at the programme, Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said, we are very happy that the President is visiting Tripura even in her busiest time. This is her first visit to Tripura after becoming the President. The people of the state are welcoming her. The Chief Minister said that with the Marg Darshan of the Prime Minister and his right leadership, Tripura is moving forward along with other North Eastern states. Tripura is keeping pace with other parts of the country on the development map and its reflection is reflected in different areas.

As part of this process, Tripura Judicial Academy was inaugurated yesterday and the foundation stone of National Law University was laid. He said that the state government has taken special initiatives for the development of tea industry. The brothers and sisters working in the tea garden have been especially encouraged by the visit of the President Droupadi Murmu to the tea garden yesterday. Welcoming everyone at the programme, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma said, today is a historic day. Droupadi Murmu is the first tribal woman to hold such a high office. Herlife is an inspiration to all. He hoped that India would become stronger under her able leadership.

At the programme, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment PratimaBhowmik said that since 2018, the double engine government in Tripura has been working shoulder to shoulder for the development of the people of the state. The current government of the state has laid special emphasis on women empowerment. Over 35 thousand self help groups are working in the state to strengthen this sector. She expressed hope that India would go further under the able leadership of President Droupadi Murmu. State Assembly Speaker Ratan Chakraborty said at the programme that with the blessings of the President, Tripura will move forward in the direction of development. He said that all the steps taken by the present government of the state to empower women deserve special praise. The way the current President Droupadi Murmu has come from a remote village is inspiring to all.

At the programme, President Droupadi Murmu virtually laid the foundation stones of 6 State Government and 1 Central Government projects and inaugurated the MLA Residence at Capital Complex. All the projects thatshe laid the foundation stone for were – development of Jampui-Damchhara road, development of Jatanbari-Mandirghat road via Tirthamukh, Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya Museum and Cultural Centre at Pushpabanta Palace, Durbar Hall and associated buildings, a multi-storied building at Gorkhabasti, 6 higher secondary schools at different places in Tripura, development of 6 schools infrastructure, 9 boys/girls hostels with 100 seats and Indian Institute of Information Technology Agartala. At the programme, Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) ManikSaha welcomed the President with traditional Risa of the state and presented her a memento. Education Minister RatanLalNath and Tourism Minister PranajitSingha Roy were also present at the programme.
