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**Chief Minister at Buddha Purnima Festival**

**The state government continues to work for public welfare by embracing the teachings  
of non-violence, love, compassion, and peace preached by Lord Gautama Buddha**

Lord Buddha spread the message of non-violence, love, compassion, and peace throughout the world. The state government is committed to following these teachings for the welfare of its people. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the Buddha Purnima Festival at Benuban Buddha Vihar on 12th May 2025. The Chief Minister mentioned that the Buddha Purnima festival is no longer limited to the followers of Buddhism alone, it holds significance for all peace-loving people across the world. On this full moon day in the month of Baishakh, Lord Buddha was born, attained enlightenment, and achieved Mahaparinibbana. Hence, this day has three fold significance

The Chief Minister emphasized that we should all try to apply Lord Buddha's teachings in our own lives, practicing restraint in our behaviour. Only then can the true essence of Buddha's guidance be realized. He stated that India has always believed in the path of peace and non-violence, but any attack on the country will be dealt with firmly. He further mentioned that the current state government has undertaken various plans for the development of religious tourism centres, which also play an important role in the overall development of tourism in the state. At the beginning of the program, the Chief Minister offered prayers to Lord Buddha. On the occasion of Buddha Purnima, a drawing competition was organized for children. The Chief Minister distributed prizes among the winners.

Among others present at the event were Agartala Municipal Corporation Mayor and MLA Dipak Majumder, West Tripura District Magistrate Dr. Vishal Kumar, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Viveknagar, Swami Shubhakarananda Maharaji, Director of Mahabodhi All Tripura Branch, Venerable Dhammaloka, Chancellor of Dhammadipa International Buddhist University, Venerable Dr. Dhammapiya, and Chief Abbot of Benuban Buddha Vihar, Venerable Khyamachhara.

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