

## President launches two passenger trains in Tripura



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On the second day of visit to Tripura, the President of India Droupadi Murmu waved off green flag and had launched two passenger trains at Agartala Railway Station today. With this the service of Train no. 12097/12098 Agartala-Jiribam-Agartala Janashatabdi train has been extended till Khongsang, Manipur, whereas service of Train no. 02518/02517 Guwahati-Kolkata-Guwahati Express train has been extended till Agartala. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Pratima Bhowmik, Transport Minister Pranajit Singha Roy, Member of Parliament Rehati Tripura, MLA Mimi Majumder and General Manager of North East Frontier Railways Anshul Gupta were present in the inaugural programme. Prior to the

programme, the President of India Droupadi Murmu looked around Vista Dome coach of Jan Shatabdi Express train. A documentary was also shown in the programme.

## New building of Tripura Judicial Academy inaugurated

The President of India Droupadi Murmu had inaugurated a new building of Tripura Judicial Academy in TIT, Narsingarh yesterday on her two-day visit to Tripura. After the inauguration, the President had also laid the foundation stone for National Law University in the state. Then the President viewed the proposed model for building National Law University. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Law Minister Ratan Lal Nath, Chief Justice of Tripura High Court Indrajit Mohanty, Justice of Tripura High Court T. Amarnath Gour, Justice Arindam Lodh, Justice S. G. Chattopadhyay were present there.

## President inaugurates MLA Hostel & lays foundation stone of 7 projects

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 Droupadi Murmu 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.



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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 that she was supposed to inaugurate next day will 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. She hoped 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. Her life 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 Pratima Bhowmik 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 that she 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 Gorkha basti, 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.) Manik Saha welcomed the President with traditional Risa of the state and presented her a memento. Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath and Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy were also present at the programme.

### **Inauguration of MLA hostel & foundation stone laid for 7 projects**

President of India, Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the newly constructed MLA hostel at Capital Complex yesterday. The President virtually inaugurated the MLA hostel and unveiled the foundation stone of 7 projects from Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan. The MLA hostel has been constructed under the supervision of PWD over an area of 3983 square meters. Rs

52.15 crore has been spent for construction of the MLA hostel. There are 45 suites, library, gymnasium, hall, meeting hall and waiting hall etc. facilities in the MLA hostel.

The President unveiled foundation stone of the proposed upgraded Manpui to Damcherra road of 29.123 km length and the width of the road will be expanded from 3.30 metre to 5.50 metre. Rs 84.79 crore is the estimated cost of development of this road under North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS). The 14.5 km long Jatanbari-Mandirghat road via Tirthamukh will also be widened from 3.30 metre to 5.50 metre. Rs 50.79 crore has been estimated for construction of the road under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS). Maharaja Birendra Kishore Manikya Museum and Cultural Centre with various modern facilities will be built at a cost of Rs. 40.13 crore.

President also laid the foundation stone of a 15 storied administrative building at Gurkhabasti. The upcoming multi-storey building over an area of 16,545 square metre will be housing offices of various departments of the state government. The estimated cost of the building is Rs. 126.00 crore. The infrastructure of 6 schools will be developed at a cost of Rs 52.02 crore. Hostel with 100 seat facility

in 9 schools will be constructed at a cost of Rs 54.81 crore. These two projects will be implemented with the fund of DONER Ministry. The foundation stone of the permanent campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Khowai Chowmuhani of Mohanpur was also laid on this occasion. This project will be implemented as a joint venture of the Central Government, State Government, ONGC and NEEPCO. For this, the State government has provided 50 acres of land and the expenditure of the project has been estimated at Rs 118 crore.

### **Civic reception accorded to President Droupadi Murmu**

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, the state government is working to improve the socio-economic standard of the people of the poor sections. This is a true example of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas slogan. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, Urban

Development Minister Manoj Kanti Deb and Mayor Deepak Majumder were present at the programme.

She expressed happiness that the Agartala Airport was named after Maharaja Bir Bikram and that she could lay the foundation stone of Maharaja Birendra Kishore museum. At the programme, Chief Minister handed over the portrait of the 14<sup>th</sup> deity temple made of bamboo to the President. Deputy Chief Minister handed over the replica of Tripura Sundari temple made of bamboo to the President and Urban Development Minister Manoj Kanti Deb handed over different items of bamboo.

### **President at Durgabari tea garden**

The President of India Droupadi Murmu had visited Durgabari tea garden and tea processing factory at Bamutia during her two-day visit to Tripura yesterday. On this visit she was accompanied by the Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha. The President was warmly welcomed at Durgabari tea garden. There she interacted with the tea garden workers and was informed about how the tea garden workers are receiving the benefits of different schemes of the central government and under Mukhyamantri Cha Shramik Kalyan Prakalp of the state government.