

CM visits Bodhjungle Industrial Estate



The government has given utmost importance to industrial development and expansion of trade to build a self-dependent Tripura. The government has taken different steps in this regard. Income opportunities will be created with the setting up of industries, enunciated Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha during his visit to Bodhjungle Industrial Estate today. During his visit there, the Chief Minister interacted with local industrialists in an interaction session and got acquainted about the setbacks they face.

The Chief Minister during the interaction session had also emphasized upon maintaining law and order in the Industrial Estate for the development of industries. He said, the police have to keep strict watch to ensure safety of the industrialists. He also directed TSECL

authority to keep continuous power supply in the Industrial Estate. He asked the TIDC to reopen all those industry units in the area that have been already closed. He emphasized upon marketing of the products produced there. He said, utmost importance has to be given to export of the products for development of the industries.

Others present along with the Chief Minister during the visit were TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy, Chief Secretary J. K. Sinha, Secretary of Home department Saradindu Choudhury, Tripura Police DG Amitabh Ranjan, West Tripura District Magistrate Debapriya Bardhan and Jirania SDM Jiban Krishna Acharya. Welcome speech was delivered by Secretary of Industry & Commerce department Abhishek Chandra.

State celebrates 114th birth anniversary of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya

A statue of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya will be placed on the island next to Kaman Chowmuhani. Moreover, the cremation ground of the royal family of Battala will be renovated soon. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha announced this while inaugurating the 114th birth anniversary celebrations of

Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur Debbarman on August 19, 2022. At the beginning of this programme organized at Rabindra Bhavan by Ministry of Information and Cultural Affairs, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha along with other guests paid their respects by garlanding the portrait of Maharaja Bir Bikram.



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Chief Minister said that Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya has done a lot of work for the development of agriculture, health, communication system during his time. He completed the thought which his predecessors Birchandra Manikya, Radha Kishore Manikya and Birendra Kishore

Manikya Bahadur started working for the overall development of the state's tribal and non-tribal people. During his time, state affairs were administered on the advice of tribal heads. Judging from that aspect, Maharaja was respectful towards the democratic thought even at that time. Chief Minister also said that Maharaja Bir Bikram was a cultural personality with creative mind. Even as a Hindu king, he gave equal respect to all religions. Banks, treasury were established in the state during his tenure. Maharaja tried to develop the state of Tripura using his experience from traveling to Europe and America.

Chief Minister also said that it is not possible to create a golden future by distorting the history. The present central and state governments are always trying to appreciate the historical personalities of the country. Therefore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself unveiled the full-length statue of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya at the old airport in Agartala. The history of the monarchical period of Tripura was kept secret during the previous government. But the present state government is working for the real development of the people of the state

under the vision of Prime Minister. A proposal has been sent to the Central Government to increase the number of seats in Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous District Council to 50. Its sole purpose is to enable 19 ethnic groups to participate in the development of the ADC area. Also, this government is working towards the socio-economic upliftment of the people by constructing Eklavya schools, providing special education for drop-out tribal students, starting honorarium for social workers, taking RISHA to national and international level.

At the programme, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma said, Maharaja Bir Bikram was the glory of Manikya Dynasty. He was multi-talented, full of humanity and possessed a unique personality. Deputy Chief Minister also said that the kings of Tripura were averse to propaganda and were philanthropist. Art and culture are the greatest assets of this state and Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya created brotherhood among the tribal and non-tribal of the state by nurturing this wealth. He was the only king who wanted to reduce his power by introducing a constitution in the state.

At the programme, Information and Cultural Affairs Minister, Sushanta

Chowdhury said that the role of Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya in awakening the sense of brotherhood among the tribal and non-tribal people in the development of Tripura was unique. He was the shaper of modern Tripura. The current government is working for the development of the state by following his ideals and thoughts. Maharaja is immortal through his actions at a young age. We all need to pass the history of monarchical period to the present generation. The government and the people have to work in the way shown by the Maharaja so that the divisive forces cannot be active in the state in the future. Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation, Dipak Majumder, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA Rehati Mohan Das were also present in the programme. Director of Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Ratan Biswas delivered the welcome address at the programme. Later, a wonderful cultural programme was performed on the stage.

**Kailasahar sub-divisional level
Teacher's Day on September 5**

A preparatory meeting was held on August 18 regarding the celebration of

Kailasahar sub-divisional level 61st Teacher's Day on September 5. The meeting was held at the office of the Kailasahar School Inspector and was presided over by Vice Chairperson of Kailasahar Municipal Council Nitsh Dey. A preparatory committee was also formed with Chairman of the Municipal Council Chapla Debroy and School Inspector Benumadhab Chakraborty being the conveners of the committee. The programme on September 5 will be conducted at Unakoti Kalakshetra at 11:30 am. Five retired teachers will be felicitated in the programme. Educationist Dipak Ranjan Pal will be joining the programme as the chief speaker. Headmasters/Headmistresses and representatives of different schools under the sub-division, official of Information & Cultural department and OSD of Education department Kartik Debbarma were present during the meeting.

Pucca houses in Khowai district under PMAY-G

Target was taken in the previous financial year to construct Pucca houses for 18 thousand 15 families in Khowai district under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin. Under the scheme, Pucca houses

have been constructed for 2 thousand 275 families in Khowai block, for 2 thousand 44 families in Tulashikhar block, for 1 thousand 817 families in Padmabil block, for 1 thousand 1 families in Teliamura block, for 1 thousand 580 families in Kalyanpur block and for 783 families in Mungiakami block till August 17. Each house was constructed at the cost of 1 lakh 30 thousand rupees. This was informed by Khowai District Administration.

Workshop by forest department for SHG members

Under the aegis of Sonamura sub-divisional forest office a daylong workshop was held with the SHG members at Melaghar town hall on August 16. Chairman of Sepahijala forest division Ratan Das inaugurated the workshop. District forest officer Pritam Bhattacharya and Sonamura sub-divisional forest officer Sumit Deb were also present there. In the workshop forest officials discussed about various schemes and opportunities of the forest department for earning livelihood. Members of three SHGs participated in the workshop.