

Eco-friendly tradition to get highlighted in Republic Day tableau



This year the Republic Day tableau of Tripura will highlight the eco-friendly tradition of Tripura in daily life specially the tribal people. In this tradition bamboo plays a very important role. One of the Northeastern states, Tripura is home to 19 tribes and life of all the tribes is associated with bamboo in one way or the other. So, the tableau on the theme 'ECO-FRIENDLY ATMA-NIRBHAR TRIPURA' will see dominant use of bamboo.

However, focus will be on socio-religious aspect of Tripuri tribe. Bamboo, being an integral part of their life, can be seen in use in a worship called 'Lampra Wathop Mwtai'. Equally their rich cultural heritage is showcased through a dance called 'Lebang Boomani'. In this dance young boys and girls visit jhum field to drive away or catch the insects called Lebang by using bamboo splits.

Modeled on the theme 'ECO-FRIENDLY ATMA-NIRBHAR TRIPURA', glimpses of tribal rural life and culture are displayed with a tribal woman flanked by two tribal men and different species of bamboo on the outer part of the tableau. Models are also seen wearing bamboo-masks. The middle portion of the tableau displays socio-economic life of tribes, as different bamboo utility items are displayed. The rear portion is embellished with handicrafts of the state and models symbolising socio-cultural tradition.

Tripura celebrates Statehood Day - 2021: Achievements get highlighted



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Statehood Day – 2021 was celebrated across the state on January 21 in befitting manner. The central programme of the Day was held at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan, Agartala. Governor Ramesh Bais inaugurated the programme in presence

of the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, deputy chief minister Jishnu Debbarma, revenue minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma, education minister Ratan Lal Nath, agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy, tribal welfare minister Mewar Kumar Jamatia, food and civil supplies minister Manoj Kanti Deb, chief secretary Manoj Kumar, DGP V.S. Yadav, special secretary of information and cultural affairs department Abhishek Chandra and other dignitaries.

On the occasion of the Statehood Day this is the first time that the state government has introduced several civil awards and Statehood Day awards. Civil awards were given to five persons and Statehood Day awards went to nine persons for their outstanding contribution to different fields. On this occasion a documentary titled “Bikasher Pathe Tripura” (Tripura on Road to Progress) was also screened.

Addressing the audience the Governor Ramesh Bais said, with active support of the Central government and successful implementation of different citizen-centric programmes by the state government Tripura is marching towards attaining self-reliance. He said, behind the attainment of statehood the state has a long history, adding that the evolution of democratic structure gained momentum

with the merger on October 5, 1949, which was followed by several phases of administrative evolution as well.

The governor in his speech also upheld the recent developments specially during the last two and half years, in the field of agriculture, education, tribal welfare, tourism, housing, rural development, infrastructure and connectivity, digitization etc. Recognising the difficult time that the state faced due to COVID-19, he hoped that we would soon come out of this crisis with the continuous service of the frontline warriors and necessary action. And referring to the ongoing vaccination he hoped that dark days will be over very soon.

Speaking on the occasion the chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb stated that after coming of the present government the state is marching ahead on different fronts very fast. And Tripura has already carved a niche in the front race among the Northeastern states. He said, specially after Narendra Modi's taking over as Prime Minister in 2014, the overall outlook about the Northeast has changed. Now, Northeast is developing and for that mental frame and confidence are necessary. This region is now moving forward with a new direction.

The chief minister has presented the success scenario of the state one by one, saying that Tripura is one of the three states having successful implementation of public distribution system as 100 per cent people of the state have been brought under e-PDS; under Saubhagya Yojana 100 per cent households have got electricity connection; 100 per cent implementation has been achieved in AADHAAR card; 100 per cent beneficiaries have bank accounts; earlier only ST/ST girl students used to get bi-cycles, now all the class-IX students are getting bi-cycles; under Ayushman Bharat Jan Aarogya Yojana success has been 86.56 per cent in terms of e-Card distribution. The chief minister also put forward many other examples of achievement like increase in drinking water coverage from 3 per cent to 22 per cent, collection of solid waste from 90 per cent houses, works for infrastructure development, development in the field of agriculture and horticulture and so on.

Presiding over the occasion the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma spoke about the rich cultural heritage of Tripura, the change in outlook of the people, the confidence for self-reliance etc. in the tenure of this government. Among others who spoke on the occasion included

revenue minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma, chief secretary Manoj Kumar.

State government announces new civil awards

Tripura Vibhushan Samman has been awarded to Padmashri Dipa Karmakar for her remarkable contribution to sports. The Government of Tripura on the occasion of Statehood Day, for the first time in the state has introduced the Rajya Nagarik Samman 2021. Governor Ramesh Bais handed over the Tripura Vibhushan Samman to Dipa Karmakar in the Statehood Day programme organised at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan hall no.1. As part of the award she also received a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh along with a certificate, a memento and a Risa. Tripura Bhushan Samman went to little master Arshiya Das. The chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb handed over the award to Arshiya Das in the Statehood Day programme for her outstanding contribution to sports. Her award also carried a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh along with a certificate, a memento and a Risa.

Noted violin player of the state, Subal Biswas was honoured with Sachin Debbarman Smriti Samman for his special contribution to music (instrumental). The deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma handed over the award which included a

cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a certificate, a memento and a Risa. Maharani Kanchanprabha Devi Smriti Samman was awarded to Dr. Madhabi Debbarma for her notable contribution to women empowerment. Revenue minister Narendra Chandra Debbarna handed over the award comprising a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh along with a certificate, a memento and a Risa. Dr. Abhinav Kant was handed over an award for his contribution to science and environment protection by the Agriculture minister Pranajit Singha Roy. The award included Rs. 1 lakh, a certificate, a memento and a Risa.

The Government of Tripura, apart from these awards, has also introduced Sunagarik Puraskar, Shreshtha Udiyoman Udyog Puraskar etc. awards in the field of Agriculture and Horticulture, fish cultivation, animal husbandry, inspiring for arts and village arts, education and Shreshtha Samabay Samiti Puraskar on Statehood Day. On this occasion, 9 persons have received Statehood Day Award.

Among these awards, the Sunagarik Puraskar was awarded to Achinta Bhattacharjee. Shreshtha Udiyoman Udyog Puraskar was awarded to Cakes n Buns Delight. Rupak Choudhury was awarded for his contribution to the field of agriculture and horticulture. Suman

Rudra Pal was awarded for his contribution to the field of fish cultivation. Swapan Debnath was awarded for his contribution to the field of animal husbandry. Debabrata Das was awarded with Gramin Shilpo Puraskar. Tirthamoyee Aluminium Products was awarded for its contribution to the industrial sector. Singichara PACS Ltd of Khowai received Shreshtha Samabay Samiti Puraskar. Prasanta Sen was awarded for his contribution to the field of teaching. The awards were handed over by the Governor Ramesh Bais, chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, food minister Manoj Kanti Deb, tribal welfare minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia, chief secretary Manoj Kumar, Tripura Police DG V.S Yadav, ICA Special Secretary Abhishek Chandra. These awards carried award money of Rs. 20,000 along with a certificate, a memento and a Risa. Prasanta Sen donated his award money to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.



New building of Krishna Chandra Girls H.S. School in Kamalpur being inaugurated by the education minister Ratan Lal Nath today.

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