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Press Release

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb today held meetings with several Union Ministers in New Delhi.

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister met Union Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and expressed his wishes on Shri Patel's appointment as a Union Minister.

Shri Deb spoke to the Union Minister about the urgent need for development of archaeological and tourist locations in the state of Tripura considering the state's tremendous potential. Hon'ble Chief Minister requested the Hon'ble Union Minister to consider the setting up of an ASI Office in Tripura along with appointment of senior level personnel to ensure effective conservation of heritage in the state. Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Patel assured the Hon'ble Chief Minister that this request shall be positively considered and also assured the Hon'ble Chief Minister about expediting of various exiting tourism related projects under Swadesh Darshan and Prasad Scheme in Tripura.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister then met Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and congratulated him on his appointment as the HRD Minister in the Union Government. Shri Deb raised the urgent request of initiating the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Dharmanagar and Udaipur from this academic session in the best interests of the students of Tripura. Shri Deb also informed the Union Minister about various efforts being made by the State Government for improvement of quality of education in Tripura which were appreciated by the Central Minister. Hon'ble Chief Minister also requested the setting up of an NCERT regional office in Mohanpur for which the Hon'ble Union Minister that this request from the State Government shall be positively considered and decision shall be taken in

best interests of the state. Hon'ble Chief Minister also urged the Union Minister, Shri Nishank to initiate the inspection and related procedures for setting up of a Navodaya Vidhyalaya in Pecharthal.

3. Hon'ble Chief Minister then met Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. He apprised the Union Minister that the OTPC Gas Power Plant at Palatana can more effectively contribute to the development of the state through revenue sharing between the ONGC and the State Government. Shri Pradhan assured the Hon'ble Chief Minister of all possible cooperation from the Central Government on this issue. Moreover, Shri Pradhan also directed the Ministry officials to ensure work in an expedited manner for the operationalisation of CNG Station at Sepahijala.

4. Hon'ble Chief Minister then went on to meet Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries at his office in New Delhi. During this meeting, Hon'ble Chief Minister informed the Hon'ble Union Minister about the impending proposal for development of dairy sector in Tripura made to the Central Government. Hon'ble Union Minister assured the earliest consideration of this proposal in the best interests of the state. As far as the development of Fisheries is concerned, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has time and again spoken about ushering a Blue Revolution through the robust development of fisheries sector in the country. According highest priority to this sector, soon after the new Central Government was formed last month, a separate Ministry of Fisheries has been created. During this meeting, Hon'ble Union Minister assured the Hon'ble Chief Minister of earliest sanctioning of unreleased fund instalments of previous years 2017-18 & 2018-19 for the development of fisheries in Tripura. This meeting was also attended by the Hon'ble Ministers of State in this Ministry, Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi and Shri Sanjeev Kumar Balyan.
