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Kokborok art, music, culture 7-day workshop held in TU

■ NEC Report

Agartala, Jul 31: Demonstrating how higher education can effectively integrate classroom learning with community engagement, a seven-day workshop on the Preparation, Collection and Documentation of Kokborok Speakers' Art, Music, Folk Songs, Folk Dances and Folk Tales of Tripura concluded on Friday at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC), Tripura University. The workshop was organised by MONDRA – A Social Welfare Society, in association with the Department of Kokborok and Other Minority Languages, TTAADC, and in collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tripura University, with financial assistance under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), North Eastern Council (NEC). The valedictory programme was graced

by Prof. Debabrata Das, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Tripura University, as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished guests included Prof. Asesh Gupta, Mr. Bijesh Debbarma, Principal Officer of the Department of Kokborok and Other Minority Languages, TTAADC, Mr. Nanda Kumar Debbarma, eminent Kokborok scholar and author, and Dr. Deepak Upadhyaya from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Debabrata Das lauded the collaborative initiative between MONDRA and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, describing it as an exemplary model of Experiential Learning that aligns closely with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He observed that the programme successfully connected academic knowledge with field-based learning, encouraging students to engage directly with indigenous communities while documenting their cultural heritage.

TU's 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for VBSA' begins today

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 01. The state-level launch of the nationwide campaign 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' will be held tomorrow, August 2, at Tripura University, Suryamaninagar. The programme is being organized under the aegis of My Bharat, Tripura, functioning under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the event virtually. Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu will attend as the chief guest, while the Vice-Chancellor of Tripura University will preside over the ceremony. Students from across the state, volunteers of

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TU's 'Nasha

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My Bharat and NSS, youth organizations, government officials, and distinguished personalities are expected to participate in the programme.

The event will feature direct virtual interactions, an oath-taking ceremony for a drug-free society, cultural performances, and awareness activities aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, aiming to build a drug-free India.

Governor launches Neshamukt Yuba Abhiyan

■ NEC Report

Agartala, Aug 2: Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu participated in the virtual launch of the 'Neshamukt Yuva Bikashit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Conference Hall of the Academic Building of Tripura Central University this morning. The event was jointly organized by MY Bharat and Tripura Central University.

Speaking at the event, Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu urged every citizen of Tripura to actively participate in the 'Neshamukt Yuva Bikashit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'. He said that this is not just a government programme, but a people's movement. He urged parents to make their children aware of the dangers of drugs, teachers to guide their students on the right path, leaders in the society to set an example through their own behavior and the youth to say "no" to drugs and also inspire their peers to make the same commitment. He further said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India has been taking consistent and effective steps against drug addiction since 2014. He said that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the nodal ministry to reduce the demand for drugs, has formulated the National Action Plan for Drug De-

mand Reduction (NAPDDR). This integrated action plan has given special emphasis on drug addiction prevention, public awareness, identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation.

He mentioned that the Neshamukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), launched on August 15, 2020, is one of the major programs of NAPDDR. Although this program was initially implemented in 272 drug-prone districts of the country, it has now been expanded to every district of the country. He said that this initiative is being implemented based on three main pillars: drug supply control through the Narcotics Control Bureau, public awareness and promotion activities through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and treatment and rehabilitation through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Governor said that Tripura is particularly vulnerable to illicit drug trafficking due to the geographical location of the state and the risky nature of the international border. He said that the state's most valuable resource, the youth, is being actively targeted by drug cartels, which is having a serious negative impact on their health, family and overall social life. He also mentioned that a joint effort of the Central and State Governments, educational institutions, civil society and the common man is essential to eradicate this menace.





Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu attends the launching of "Nasha Mukut Yuva for Vikshit Bharat- Sankalp Abhiyan at Tripura Central University on Sunday.

Guv calls for public participation in anti-drug campaign at Tripura Univ

Times News
Agartala, Aug 02

Governor N Indrasena Reddy on Sunday urged people across the state to actively participate in the "Nasha Mukta Yuva Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan", saying the initiative was not merely a government programme but a people's movement against drug abuse.

The governor was speaking at the virtual launch of the nationwide campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the conference hall

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Guv calls for public participation

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of the Academic Building of Tripura University. The programme was jointly organised by MY Bharat and Tripura University. Addressing the gathering, he appealed to every citizen of Tripura to contribute to the campaign. He urged parents to educate their children about the dangers of drug abuse, teachers to guide students in the right direction, community leaders to lead by example, and young people to reject drugs and encourage their peers to do the same. He said the Government of India had been taking sustained measures against drug addiction since 2014 under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The governor said the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the nodal ministry for reducing drug demand, had formulated the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR). According to him, the plan focuses on drug abuse prevention, public awareness, identification of substance abuse, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation. He said the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), launched on August 15, 2020, was one of the flagship initiatives under the NAPDDR. Initially implemented in 272 districts identified as

vulnerable to drug abuse, the campaign has since been extended to all districts across the country, he said. According to the governor, the initiative is based on three key components: curbing the supply of narcotics through the Narcotics Control Bureau, public awareness and outreach through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and treatment and rehabilitation through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Referring to Tripura's geographical location and international border, Nailu said the state was particularly vulnerable to illegal drug trafficking. He said drug trafficking networks were targeting young people, affecting

their health, families and society, and stressed that coordinated efforts by the Centre, the state government, educational institutions, civil society and the public were essential to address the problem. The governor also administered the pledge for a drug-free India to those present at the programme.

Among those present were Tripura University Vice-Chancellor Prof Debabrata Das, Special Secretary of the Social Welfare and Social Education Department Tapan Kumar Das, West Tripura District Magistrate Dr Vishal Kumar, MY Bharat Tripura Director Mehboob Alam Laskar, MY Bharat volunteers, faculty members and students of Tripura University, and other dignitaries.

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে নেশামুক্ত যুব বিকশিত ভারত সংকল্প অভিযান

সংবাদ প্রতিনিধি

আগরতলা, ৩ আগস্ট : ত্রিপুরা কেন্দ্রীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের একাডেমিক ভবনের কনফারেন্স হলে প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদীর দ্বারা 'নেশামুক্ত যুব বিকশিত ভারত সংকল্প অভিযান'-এর ভার্চুয়ালি উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে অংশগ্রহণ করেন রাজ্যপাল ইন্দ্রসেনা রেড্ডি নাথু। মাই ভারত এবং ত্রিপুরা কেন্দ্রীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের যৌথ উদ্যোগে এই অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়। অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের উপাচার্য প্রফেসর ড. দেবব্রত দাস, রেজিস্ট্রার প্রফেসর ড. সমীর শীল প্রমুখ।

অনুষ্ঠানে বক্তব্য রাখতে গিয়ে রাজ্যপাল ইন্দ্রসেনা রেড্ডি নাথু ত্রিপুরার প্রত্যেক নাগরিককে "নেশামুক্ত যুব বিকশিত ভারত সংকল্প অভিযান"-এ সক্রিয়ভাবে অংশগ্রহণের আহ্বান জানান। তিনি বলেন, এটি শুধুমাত্র সরকারের একটি কর্মসূচি নয়, বরং একটি জন আন্দোলন। তিনি অভিভাবকদের সন্তানদের মাদকের ভয়াবহতা

সম্পর্কে সচেতন করার, শিক্ষকদের শিক্ষার্থীদের সঠিক পথে পরিচালিত করার, সমাজের নেতৃত্বস্থানীয় ব্যক্তিদের নিজেদের আচরণের মাধ্যমে দৃষ্টান্ত স্থাপন করার এবং যুবসমাজকে মাদকের বিরুদ্ধে "না" বলার পাশাপাশি তাদের সমবয়সীদেরও একই অঙ্গীকারে উদ্বুদ্ধ করার আহ্বান জানান। তিনি বলেন, প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদীর নেতৃত্বে ২০১৪ সাল থেকে ভারত সরকার মাদকাসক্তির বিরুদ্ধে ধারাবাহিকভাবে কার্যকর পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করে চলেছে। তিনি জানান, মাদকের চাহিদা হ্রাসে নোডাল মন্ত্রক হিসেবে সামাজিক ন্যায় ও ক্ষমতায়ন মন্ত্রক ন্যাশনাল অ্যাকশন প্ল্যান ফর ড্রাগ ডিমান্ড রিডাকশন প্রণয়ন করেছে। এই সমন্বিত কর্মপরিকল্পনায় মাদকাসক্তি প্রতিরোধ, জনসচেতনতা, শনাক্তকরণ, কাউন্সেলিং, চিকিৎসা এবং পুনর্বাসনের উপর বিশেষ গুরুত্ব দেওয়া হয়েছে।

রাজ্যপাল বলেন, রাজ্যের ভৌগোলিক অবস্থান এবং আন্তর্জাতিক সীমান্তের ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ

প্রকৃতির কারণে ত্রিপুরা অবৈধ মাদক পাচারের জন্য বিশেষভাবে সংবেদনশীল। তিনি বলেন, রাজ্যের সবচেয়ে মূল্যবান সম্পদ যুবসমাজকে লক্ষ্য করে মাদকচক্র সক্রিয়ভাবে তাদের আসক্তির দিকে ঠেলে দিচ্ছে, যা তাদের স্বাস্থ্য, পরিবার এবং সামগ্রিক সমাজজীবনের উপর মারাত্মক নেতিবাচক প্রভাব ফেলছে। এই অভিযান দূর করতে কেন্দ্রীয় ও রাজ্য সরকার, শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান, নাগরিক সমাজ এবং সাধারণ মানুষের সম্মিলিত উদ্যোগ অপরিহার্য বলেও তিনি উল্লেখ করেন।

অনুষ্ঠানে রাজ্যপাল উপস্থিত সকলকে নেশামুক্ত ভারতের শপথবাক্য পাঠ করান। অনুষ্ঠানে অন্যান্যদের মধ্যে উপস্থিত ছিলেন সমাজকল্যাণ ও সমাজশিক্ষা দপ্তরের বিশেষ সচিব তপন কুমার দাস, পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলার জেলাশাসক ডা. বিশাল কুমার, মাই ভারত-ত্রিপুরার পরিচালক মেহবুব আলম লস্কর, মাই ভারতের স্বেচ্ছাসেবক, ত্রিপুরা কেন্দ্রীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষক-শিক্ষার্থী-সহ বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিগণ।

Tripura University introduces UG programme in Journalism

Agartala: Aug 04. In a significant step towards strengthening professional media education in the State, Tripura Central University has introduced an undergraduate programme in Journalism and Mass Communication. Admissions to the new course, offered under the Institute of Multidisciplinary Studies (IMD), have commenced for the 2026–27 academic session, university sources said on Tuesday.

According to the university, the programme will provide students with professional training in journalism, digital media, filmmaking, photography, public relations, advertising, corporate communication, broadcasting and digital content creation.

The programme has been introduced under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Debabrata Das as part of the university's efforts to promote multidisciplinary, skill-based and employment-oriented higher education.

Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dr. Sunil Kalai,

said the department had long advocated the introduction of journalism education at the undergraduate level. He said providing professional journalism education immediately after higher secondary schooling would enable students to develop industry-oriented skills from the beginning of their academic careers.

University sources said the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication has expanded steadily since the launch of its postgraduate programme in 2009 through curriculum development, research, digital journalism, documentary filmmaking, photography and collaboration with the media industry. Its alumni are currently working in newspapers, television, digital media, public relations, government communication, filmmaking and academia.

The undergraduate curriculum includes reporting, multimedia storytelling, mobile

journalism, photography, video production, podcasting, advertising, public relations, digital marketing, media entrepreneurship, communication research and the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in media.

The university has invited applications for admission to the programme for the 2026–27 academic session. Students who have passed Higher Secondary (10+2) or an equivalent examination are eligible to apply. The university has encouraged students interested in journalism, filmmaking, photography, digital content creation, public relations and communication studies to take advantage of the opportunity.

According to the university, the introduction of the undergraduate programme marks a new phase in professional media education in Tripura and is expected to play a vital role in developing the next generation of skilled and creative communication professionals. *(Press Release)*

TU hosts 12th Nat'l Handloom Week Students urged to explore heritage & entrepreneurship

Times News

Agartala, Aug 04: The 12th National Handloom Week was marked at Tripura University on Tuesday with a programme that placed India's textile heritage at the centre of discussion, while also highlighting the

employment and entrepreneurial opportunities available in the sector.

Organised by the Weavers' Service Centre, Agartala under the Ministry of Textiles, the event was held at the Conference Hall of Pariksha Bhawan.

Tripura University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Debabrata Das, Registrar Samir Kumar Shil, and Ajit Sukla Das, IAS, Additional Secretary and Director of the Directorate of Handloom, Handicraft & Sericulture, were among the dignitaries present.

Speakers underscored the role of Weavers' Service Centres in preserving traditional craftsmanship while modernising the sector. Since its launch in 2015, the initiative has expanded to 29 centres nationwide, conducting awareness drives in



universities, schools and clusters. Officials urged students to see the handloom industry not only as a cultural responsibility but also as a promising avenue for entrepreneurship and income generation, capable of taking Indian textiles to global markets.

A quiz competition on handlooms and handicrafts added an interactive element, with students displaying impressive knowledge of India's textile traditions.

The programme also showcased flagship schemes of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), including: Cluster Development Project – financial assistance up to Rs 2 crore per cluster. India Handloom Brand – promoting high-quality handloom products with environmental standards. Handloom Mark – assuring consumers of authenticity. Weavers MUDRA Scheme

– concessional credit for working capital and term loans. Dhaga application – digital access to yarn supply services.

Organisers thanked Tripura University authorities for their support and stressed the importance of preserving traditional craftsmanship while creating sustainable livelihoods for artisans.

Tripura University Scholar joins SRM University as Assistant Professor

Observer Reporter

Agartala/Chennai: Aug 05. The Department of Economics at Tripura University has achieved a significant milestone with the appointment of Dr. Kiran Bhowmik, a recent PhD graduate in Economics, as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Chennai. The achievement is particularly noteworthy as Dr. Bhowmik is the first PhD graduate from the department to secure a faculty position at the prestigious university.

Established in 1985, SRMIST is one of India's leading private deemed universities, accredited with the highest NAAC A++ grade and

home to over 60,000 students across diverse academic disciplines.

Congratulating Dr. Bhowmik, Tripura University Vice-Chancellor Professor Debabrata Das extended his best wishes for a successful academic career. Faculty members of the Department of Economics also described the appointment as a proud moment that reflects the department's growing academic reputation and research excellence.

Hailing from Udaipur in Tripura, Dr. Bhowmik overcame financial challenges to pursue higher education. He completed his Honours degree in Economics from Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya before earning both his Master's degree and PhD from Tripura

University under the supervision of Professor Subhrabaran Das. His doctoral research focused on agricultural transformation and tribal livelihoods in Tripura.

Apart from his academic achievements, Dr. Bhowmik was recognised as an NPTEL Motivated Learner for completing advanced courses from IITs and served as a Research Associate in studies conducted for the Sixteenth Finance Commission.

Academicians believe this achievement not only honours Dr. Bhowmik's dedication but also enhances the national recognition of Tripura University's Department of Economics, inspiring aspiring researchers from the state to pursue excellence in higher education and research.

TU students, alumni take initiative to install Bir Bikram bust

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 12. In an effort to acknowledge the contributions of erstwhile Manikya dynasty ruler and architect of modern Tripura, Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur, present students and alumni of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Tripura University have taken the initiative to install a bust of the former ruler on the university campus.

The initiative is being undertaken under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Kalai, in association with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and its alumni. Renowned sculptor Ruhit Debbarna is currently sculpting the bust.

Once the bust is completed, the students and alumni will formally approach the university authorities seeking approval for its installation at a suitable location on the campus.

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The initiative comes ahead of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya's birth anniversary on August 19 and aims to honour his significant contributions to the development and modernisation of Tripura.

ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে নেশামুক্ত ভারত অভিযান 'জনগণনা ও 'জনকল্যাণ' বিষয়ক আইসিওপি কর্মসূচি

আগরতলা, ২৪ আগস্ট। ভারত সরকারের তথ্য ও সম্প্রচার মন্ত্রকের অধীনস্থ 'সেন্ট্রাল ব্যুরো অব কমিউনিকেশন (সিবিসি)-এর আগরতলা ফিল্ড অফিসের উদ্যোগে ২৪ আগস্ট ২০২৬ তারিখে ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে দুই দিনব্যাপী 'ইন্টিগ্রেটেড কমিউনিকেশন অ্যান্ড আউটরিচ প্রোগ্রাম' (আইসিওপি)-এর আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিস্ট্রার অধ্যাপক সমীর কুমার শীল প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে এই প্রদর্শনীর উদ্বোধন করেন। সেখানে উপস্থিত বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিদের মধ্যে ছিলেন-সুভাষ দত্ত (এডিএম ও কালেক্টর, পিপি, সিপাহীজলা), অধ্যাপক ইন্দ্রনীল ভৌমিক (প্রক্টর, ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়) এবং ড. ভ্যানলালমুয়ানা ডার্লং (ডেপুটি রেজিস্ট্রার, ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়)। সমাবেশে ভাষণ দিতে গিয়ে অধ্যাপক সমীর কুমার শীল 'সেন্ট্রাল ব্যুরো অব কমিউনিকেশন'-এর এই উদ্যোগের প্রশংসা করেন। তিনি জানান, শিক্ষার্থীদের কল্যাণে আয়োজিত এ ধরনের সচেতনতামূলক কর্মসূচিকে ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় স্বাগত জানায়। মাদক-মুক্ত ক্যাম্পাসের গুরুত্বের ওপর জোর দিয়ে তিনি শিক্ষার্থীদের মাদক অপব্যবহারের বিরুদ্ধে জিরো টলারেঞ্জ বা কঠোর অবস্থান বজায় রাখার এবং লক্ষ্য অর্জনে পড়াশোনায় মনোনিবেশ করার আহ্বান জানান। এছাড়া, 'ইচ্ছাশক্তি

থাকলে উপায়ও বেরিয়ে আসে'-এই বার্তা দিয়ে তিনি শিক্ষার্থীদের অনুপ্রাণিত করেন। সম্মানিত অতিথি হিসেবে বক্তব্য রাখার সময় সুভাষ দত্ত 'নেশা মুক্ত ভারত অভিযান', 'জনগণনা ২০২৭' এবং 'বিশ্বাস, উন্নয়ন ও জনকল্যাণের ১২ বছর'-এর তাৎপর্য তুলে ধরেন। তিনি শিক্ষার্থীদের মাদক অপব্যবহারের ক্ষতিকর প্রভাব সম্পর্কে সচেতন থাকতে এবং একটি সুস্থ ও দায়িত্বশীল সমাজ গঠনে অবদান রাখার আহ্বান জানান। অধ্যাপক ইন্দ্রনীল ভৌমিকও শিক্ষার্থীদের মাদক থেকে দূরে থাকার এবং শিক্ষা ও ভবিষ্যৎ লক্ষ্যের ওপর মনোযোগ নিবদ্ধ করার আহ্বান জানান। দ্বিতীয় অধিবেশনে 'নেশামুক্ত ভারত অভিযান', 'জনগণনা ২০২৭' এবং 'বিশ্বাস, উন্নয়ন ও জনকল্যাণের ১২ বছর' শীর্ষক তিনটি বিষয়ের ওপর ভিত্তি করে একটি প্রদর্শনীর আয়োজন করা হয়। ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের দর্শন বিভাগের সহকারি অধ্যাপক ড. সিদ্ধু

পৌড্যাল এবং গণিত বিভাগের সহকারি অধ্যাপক ড. শৌভিক ভট্টাচার্য বিষয়গুলো বিস্তারিতভাবে ব্যাখ্যা করেন এবং শিক্ষার্থীদের সাথে মতবিনিময় করেন। এছাড়া একটি উন্মুক্ত কুইজ প্রতিযোগিতারও আয়োজন করা হয় এবং প্রতিযোগিতায় বিজয়ীদের পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হয়। তৃতীয় অধিবেশনে আসামের করিমগঞ্জের একটি বেসরকারি নিবন্ধিত সাংস্কৃতিক দল 'সপ্তর্ষি কলা কেন্দ্র'-এর পরিবেশনায় একটি সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। অনুষ্ঠানটিতে ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীরাও গান পরিবেশন করেন। সাংবাদিকতা ও গণসংযোগ, দর্শন, রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান, ইতিহাস, সংস্কৃত, ভাষাবিজ্ঞান ও জনজাতীয় ভাষা, শারীরিক শিক্ষা এবং লিবারেল আর্টস বিভাগের গবেষক ও শিক্ষার্থীরা 'ইন্টিগ্রেটেড কমিউনিকেশন অ্যান্ড আউটরিচ প্রোগ্রাম'-এ সক্রিয়ভাবে অংশগ্রহণ করেন। (প্রেস রিলিজ)

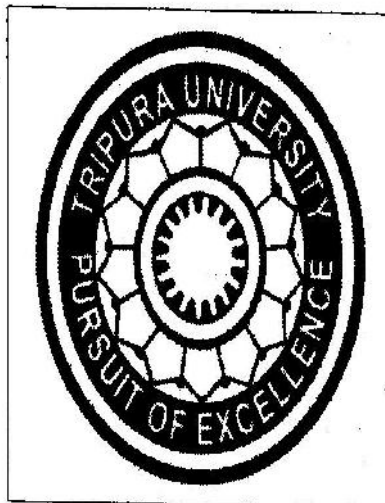
80 TU students for NPTEL internship

■ NEC Report

Agartala, Aug 25: As many as 80 students associated with Tripura University's NPTEL Local Chapter (LC 1064) have been shortlisted for the NPTEL Winter Internship 2026, based on their academic performance in NPTEL courses during the January–May 2026 session. The shortlisted candidates have already been informed about the internship application process through email and have been encouraged to apply.

The list includes students achieving NPTEL STAR, Topper, Elite, and Elite & Silver categories, reflecting their strong performance in online learning and professional skill development. Among the shortlisted candidates is Kiran Bhowmik, who has been recognised in the Elite and Elite & Silver categories. Kiran Bhowmik, from the Department of Economics in Tripura University, is presently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of

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Depending on the nature of the work, logistics and mutual convenience, the internship may be offered for 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12 weeks. The stipend structure has also been announced. Candidates under-

taking a two-week internship will receive Rs. 7,500, while stipends for four, six, eight, ten and twelve weeks will be Rs. 15,000, Rs. 22,500, Rs. 30,000, Rs. 37,500 and Rs. 45,000, respectively. NPTEL will also make efforts to arrange accommodation in hostels within the host institute premises. However, hostel accommodation will depend on availability and the applicable local institute guidelines, and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

The achievement of the 80 shortlisted students highlights the growing participation of Tripura University learners in national-level online education and skill-development initiatives. The opportunity is expected to provide students with valuable academic, research and practical exposure while strengthening their professional capabilities. Eligible students have been advised to complete the application process within the stipulated period and make effective use of this opportunity.

CBC's communication, outreach prog continues at TU

Times News

Agartala, Aug 25: The Central Bureau of Communication, Field Office, Agartala continued the second day of its Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme at Tripura University on 25th August, 2026. The two-day programme was organized to create awareness among students and research scholars on important government initiatives.

The exhibition and awareness sessions were led by Dr. Sanjib Kumar Bhowmik, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Education, and Dr. Shouvik Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Tripura University. The programme focused on three key themes—NashaMukt Bharat Abhiyan, Census 2027, and 12 Years of Trust, Development and Pub-

lic Welfare. Speaking on NashaMukt Bharat Abhiyan, the resource persons highlighted the harmful effects of drug and substance abuse on individuals, families and society.

They stressed the importance of youth participation in creating a drug-free India and encouraged students to spread awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and promote healthy and productive lifestyles. On Census 2027, the students were sensitized about the importance of the Census as a major source of demographic, social and economic data for planning and policy formulation. 12 Years of Trust, Development and Public Welfare highlighted various initiatives and achievements of the Government of India during the past twelve years, particularly in areas such as social welfare, infrastructure, education, healthcare, financial inclusion,

women and youth empowerment, and inclusive development. The resource persons interacted with the students and research scholars and responded to their queries on the themes. An open quiz competition was also organized as part of the programme to enhance awareness and encourage active participation among the students.

A vibrant cultural programme was presented by Saptarshi Kala Kendra, a Private Registered Troupe from Karimganj, Assam. Students of Tripura University also participated and presented dances, adding colour and vibrancy to the programme.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions. Certificates of participation were also presented to all the participants. Research scholars and students from various departments participated in the programme.

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Tripura University charts research-led roadmap to improve national standing

Times News

Agartala, Aug 27: Tripura University is set to adopt a research-driven approach to strengthen its academic standing at the national level, with Vice-Chancellor Prof Debabrata Das laying emphasis on innovation, technology-enabled education, industry-academia partnerships and research focused on the Northeast.

Addressing faculty members, researchers, officials, employees and students at an event at the Maharaja Bir Bikram Auditorium, Prof Das outlined his vision for the university and called for a shift from conventional degree-oriented education towards greater emphasis on research, innovation and knowledge creation.

"Universities do not merely prepare for the future; they create the future," Prof Das said, stressing that education, research, innovation and social responsibility would have to progress together. Research would remain a strategic priority, he said. The university would seek not merely to increase the number of research papers but promote high-

quality research, competitive grants, interdisciplinary projects, patents, consultancy and technology transfer.

Artificial intelligence, machine learning, cyber security, biotechnology, healthcare, climate change, sustainability, data analytics and the Indian knowledge system were identified as areas requiring greater attention.

Prof Das also called for research programmes addressing the specific needs and opportunities of the Northeast. Biodiversity, forest and water-resource management, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, climate change and disaster management could emerge as important areas of research, he said.

The university would also encourage systematic research into indigenous knowledge, local languages, traditions, culture, traditional healthcare practices and medicinal plants. The objective, Prof Das said, was to preserve local knowledge while subjecting it to scientific research and giving it wider recognition. The focus on research follows Prof Das's appointment as the university's Vice-Chancellor last month.

He had earlier said that improving teaching, learning and research, along with enhancing students' skills and employability, would be among his key objectives.

Prof Das also called for changes in classroom practices, with the university moving towards student-centric and outcome-based learning and placing greater emphasis on project work, practical training, interdisciplinary education and research-oriented learning.

He said technology would not replace teachers, who would have to perform multiple roles as teachers, mentors, researchers and innovators in an increasingly technology-driven education system. The university is also looking to expand academic collaborations with IITs, IISERs, IISc, central and State universities, national laboratories, government agencies, industries, start-ups and international institutions.

Prof Das said such partnerships could facilitate joint research, faculty and student exchanges, collaborative publications, consultancy and technology development.

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সিডিসি-র নয়া অধিকর্তার দায়িত্বে অশেষ গুপ্ত

সংবাদ প্রতিনিধি

আগরতলা, ২৮ আগস্ট :
ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কলেজ
ডেভেলপমেন্ট কাউন্সিল (সিডিসি)-র
ডিরেক্টর পদে অতিরিক্ত দায়িত্ব
পেলেন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইংরেজি
বিভাগের অধ্যাপক অশেষ গুপ্ত।

গত ২৫ আগস্ট ভারপ্রাপ্ত রেজিস্ট্রার
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সংক্রান্ত বিভিন্ন বিষয় এবং প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক
সমন্বয়ের ক্ষেত্রে সিডিসি-র গুরুত্বপূর্ণ
ভূমিকা রয়েছে।

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কলেজগুলির মধ্যে যোগাযোগ
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বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কাঠামোয়

TU appoints Ashes Gupta as CDC Dir



Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 28. Tripura University has appointed Prof. Ashes Gupta of the Department of English as the Director of its College Development Council (CDC) for three years or until further orders. The appointment is an additional responsibility, and Gupta will continue his regular duties in the English department. The appointment was approved by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Debabrata
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Das and issued through a notification dated August 25, signed by Registrar (in-charge) Prof. Samir Kumar Sil. The order will be placed before the university's Executive Council. The CDC oversees academic and institutional development of Tripura University's affiliated colleges and coordinates with them on higher education initiatives.