ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In its endeavor for socio-economic development, Government of Tripura has embarked upon a path based on active involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, elected urban bodies and the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council along with cooperation of the peace loving people of the State.

In the past years, the State has got number of distinctions, awards and prizes at national level, in recognition its achievement in various fields. These include a wide range of activities covering increase in production and productivity in agriculture and allied sectors, development of human resources, issues relating to governance, viz. e-governance, implementation of the Aadhaar project and President’s Colour for the Tripura Police. The present compilation aims at collating all such awards for information of the people of the State and outside.

I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency, the Governor of Tripura, the Council of Ministers, elected people’s representatives of the Tripura Legislative Assembly, the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council, the 3-tier Panchayati Raj Institutions, all my colleagues and above all people of the State whose active help and cooperation has enabled us to achieve these laurels. It is hoped that these awards and recognitions will continue to inspire the people and the administration to develop Tripura as a model State in future.

7th August 2012

(S. K. Panda)
Tripura got the award for achieving the **HIGHEST REDUCTION IN MALE AND FEMALE LITERACY RATE** DURING THE DECADE (2001-2011)

The award, comprising of a trophy and a certificate, was handed over by Her Excellency, the President of India on the 8th September 2011 at Delhi.
As per the 2011 Census, Tripura achieved an average literacy rate 87.75 per cent with a gender gap of 9.03 per cent (male- 92.18 and female – 83.15 per cent). Corresponding figures for the 2001 Census were 73.2 per cent with a gender gap of 16.1 per cent (male – 81 and female 64.9 per cent). This amounted to a reduction of 7.07 (16.1 – 9.03) per cent in male and female literacy rate during the decade 2001-2011, which was the highest reduction in the country.
NAGAR RATNA AWARD – 2011

The Agartala Municipal Council was awarded Nagar Ratna Award in recognition of its performance in transparency and accountability for the year 2011.

The award comprising of a certificate and a trophy was given by Her Excellency, the President of India, to Shri Prafullajit Sinha, Chairperson, Agartala Municipal Council in a function held at New Delhi on the 8th July 2011.
Ms Sarmistha Datta survived a polio attack at the age of six months and got post-polio residual paralysis with fifty percent loco-motor disability. Notwithstanding this, Ms Datta, a Post Graduate in Chemistry with background in Human Rights and Financial Management, pursued her career. As the Deputy Director, Social Welfare and Social Education, she rendered excellent services in welfare of the children, socially and economically disadvantaged groups.

In recognition of her performance, she was given the national award. It comprised of a medallion, a citation and cash award of Rs. 15,000/-. The award was handed over by Her Excellency, the President of India, in a special function held on the 3rd December 2009 in New Delhi.
President's Colour was awarded to Tripura Police for their outstanding success in combating three decade-old insurgency in the state and ensuring that there was no human rights abuse. Tripura is the fourth state after Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Tamil Nadu to receive this rare distinction.

Presenting President's Colour (Flag) to Shri Sanjay Sinha, Director General of Police in a colourful March Past and ceremony held at AD Nagar Police Ground, Agartala on the 11th January 2012, His Excellency, the Vice President of India observed that "it is a rare honour for Tripura Police. Our President and the entire country view it as a mark of pride and bravery."
The Prime Minister’s award for Excellence in Public Administration in the team category for the year 2010-11 was given to a four-member team of the undivided North Tripura District for the project “Village Health and Nutrition in complete convergence mode”. Implementation of a number of schemes like National Rural Health Mission, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, Mid-Day-Meal, etc. were taken up on a convergence mode by pooling fund, manpower with active involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institution and mobilization of the target group through generation of awareness, effective monitoring and feedback system.

The award comprising of a citation, a medal and Rs. 1.00 lakh in cash was handed over by Hon’ble Prime Minister to the team headed by Ms. Saumya Gupta, the District Magistrate & Collector, North Tripura District in a function held in the Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on the Civil Services Day on the 21st April 2012.
Excellence Award for implementation of MGNREGA was given to North Tripura District for the year 2008-09. The award was given to the District in recognition of its achievement in generation of mandays, coverage of women, transparency, etc. in implementation.

The award, consisting of a memento and a certificate, was given to Shri Swapan Saha, DM & Collector, North Tripura District in a function by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India held at New Delhi on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, on the 2nd October 2010.
Krish Karman Award for the year 2010-11 was conferred on Tripura in recognition of the outstanding performance in production of food grain in Category-III States (having production of food grain less than one million tons).

The award, comprising of a trophy, a citation and Rs 2.00 crore in cash, was handed over by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to Shri Aghore Debbarma, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Tripura in a special function held at New Delhi on the 16th July 2011.
Shri Subhash Ranjan Roy, Nehal Chandra Nagar, Sepahijala District was awarded N.I. Devassy Kutty Memorial best Coconut farmer award for the nontraditional States in the year 2006. The Award consisting of a cash amount of 25,000/- and a shawl was given by Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Food in a function organized by Coconut Development Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Kochi.
Shri Sushil Majumder, Laxmibil, Sipahijala District was felicitated on the 26th February 2010 as one of the innovative farmers. He was given a certificate of merit for his success in cultivation of tuberose, marigold and vegetables in presence of the Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Cooperation.
e-PANCHAYAT AWARD – 2011-12

First prize for

IMPLEMENTATION OF e-PANCHAYAT MISSION MODE PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 WAS AWARDED TO TRIPURA

The prize, comprising of a citation and cash prize of Rs. 50 lakhs, was handed over to Shri Manik Dey, Hon’ble Minister for Panchayat, Tripura by Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon’ble Union Minister for Rural Development on the 24th April 2012 in the Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhavan during the National Conference to celebrate the National Panchayati Raj Day, in presence of Shri V. Kishore Chandra Deo, Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar, Union Minister for DoNER.
Second prize for

ONLINE MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS OF PRI\textls{3}s
FOR THE YEAR 2010-11 WAS AWARDED TO TRIPURA

The prize, comprising of a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 30 lakhs, was handed over by Shri Vilash Rao Deshmukh, Hon’ble Union Minister for Panchayat to Shri R.K. Vaish, Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of Tripura, New Delhi on the 24th April 2011 in the Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi during the National Conference held to celebrate the National Panchayati Raj Day.
AGARTALA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AWARDED AS BEST CITY

Construction of dwelling units at a cost of Rs 1673 lakh under Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) programme was taken up at Kunjaban by the Agartala Municipal Council. The project, with 256 dwelling units along with related amenities, roads, storm water drains, water supply, UGT/pump house, sewerage, electrification, substation, street light, boundary wall, park/garden, community centre, etc., was completed on the 30th June 2010. The complex named “Vivekananda Awasan” is being maintained by the Ramakrishna Mission.

In recognition of success of this project, the Agartala Municipal Council was awarded as the Best City during 2010-11. The award was given by the Hon’ble Union Finance Minister on the 3rd December 2010.
Development of slum areas was taken up in the Teliamura Nagar Panchayat, West Tripura District under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The project was implemented at a cost of Rs 719.18 lakh covering construction of dwelling units along with supporting infrastructure like roads, storm water drains, water supply, street light and solid waste management in twenty slum areas.

In recognition of successful implementation of this project, Teliamura Nagar Panchayat was judged as the Best City in the year 2011-12. The award comprising of a trophy and a cheque of Rs 3.00 lakh was handed over to Shri Manik Dey, Hon’ble Minister for Urban Development by Kumari Selja, Hon’ble Union Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation in presence of Shri Kamal Nath, Union Minister for Urban Development and Shri Montek Singh Ahuwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India in a special function held at New Delhi on the 13th December 2011.
Tripura was chosen for launching of the 12-digit Unique Identification (UID) number (Aadhaar) project of the Government of India, which was started on pilot basis in Mandwi Block in November 2010 and later extended to all over the State.

By January 2012, over ninety percent of the population of the State was enrolled under UID project.

In recognition of covering highest percentage of targeted population, Tripura was awarded Aadhaar Excellence Award, 2011. The award, comprising of a certificate and a trophy, was handed over by Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to Shri Tarun Kanti Debnath, State Nodal Officer, in a special function held at New Delhi on the 29th September 2011.
Best Fisheries Award was conferred on Tripura in recognition of the achievements made in the field of sustainable fisheries development based on proper planning and adoption of modern scientific technologies.

The Award comprised of a Plaque and a Citation was given by the Indian Fisheries Association and the Central Institute of Fisheries Education at the 20th All India Congress of Zoology held at Mumbai on December 29, 2009.
Tripura Vision Centre project, an information technology based intervention, was taken up in the State for provision of primary and preventive eye-care services in the rural and interior areas. This project was implemented jointly by the State Health Department, IL&FS-ETS and Arvind Eye Care Hospital. The project was launched in Melaghar Block in April 2007 and later extended to the other Blocks. This project has got a number of awards as indicated below:

e-India Jury (2009-10) award given on the 5th August 2010 at Hyderabad.

Manthan Award –2010 South Asia 2010” given on the 9th October 2010 at New Delhi.
Jury Choice Award - 2011-12 given on the 15th December 2011 at Ahmadabad, Gujarat.

e-North East Award - 2011-12 given on the 25th November 2011 at Kohima, Nagaland.
Miss Dipa Karmakar has got as many as five Gold Medals in 34th National Games at Ranchi, Jharkhand, five medals including two Gold in the South Asian Gymnastic Championship held in December 2011 in Dhaka and five Gold Medals in Senior level National Gymnastic Championship held in March 2012 in Allahabad. She was also awarded a cash prize of Rs 15.00 lakh by the Chairman, North Eastern Council in recognition of her achievement.
AWARD FOR FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE

The Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Management (FRBM) Act was enacted in Tripura in the year 2005 and was meticulously followed up for achieving the objectives and targets set under the Act.

In recognition of the financial discipline and achievement of FRBM’s target, the State Government was rewarded with a debt waiver of (i) Rs 22.25 crore for the year 2005-06, (ii) Rs 22.25 crore in 2006-07, (iii) Rs 22.25 crore in 2007-08 and (iv) Rs 11.12 crore in 2008-09, total Rs 77.87 crore under the State Debt Consolidation and Relief Facility scheme of the Government of India.

AWARD FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF NLCPR PROJECTS

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has given an award of Rs 20.00 crore to Tripura in the year 2011-12 for successful implementation of projects sanctioned under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).
IBN7’S DIAMOND STATES AWARD – 2011

The State of Tripura was awarded the Best State Award for Water & Sanitation under the category of the Small States on 23.02.2011 at New Delhi.

This was decided by a Jury headed by Dr. Bimal Jalan, Ex-Governor, Reserve Bank of India based on the primary survey done by the International Consulting Group – KPMG.

FELICITATION IN GLOBAL POTATO CONFERENCE – 2008

Shri Dhirendra Sarkar of Santirbazar, South Tripura was awarded for his significant achievement in production of potato as one of the progressive farmers of potato from the North East India in the “Global Potato Conference-2008” held at New Delhi during 9th to 12th December, 2008.

The award, consisting of a memento and a citation, was given by the Deputy Director General of ICAR, Dr. H K Singh.