

On National Space Day ‘Dream big, innovate’: Animesh urges students

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. National Space Day 2026 was celebrated at Auditorium No. 1 of Pragma Bhavan here on Tuesday to inspire students and create greater awareness about the importance of space science and technology. The programme was jointly organised by the Tripura Space Applications Centre (TSAC) and the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC).

The event was inaugurated by Science, Technology and Environment Minister Animesh Debbarma, who highlighted the historic significance of Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the Moon on August 23, 2023. He said the achievement marked a new chapter in India's space research and established the country's capabilities on the global stage.

Urging students to develop

a scientific temperament, Debbarma said curiosity, fresh ideas and innovative thinking are essential for progress in science and technology. He highlighted the contributions of Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma and underlined the importance of artificial satellites in meteorology, agriculture, disaster management and other sectors.

The Minister said ISRO has consistently achieved success in space research and stressed the need for humans and machines to work together. "Our state may be small, but our dreams must be big," he said, calling upon the younger generation to contribute innovative ideas towards the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

Dr. Shyam S. Kundu, Head of SASD at NESAC, spoke about scientific opportunities available to students in Tripura and the North-East and encouraged them to explore entrepreneurship and

startups. He also highlighted the NE-SPARKS initiative, under which 800 students from the region, including 100 from Tripura, visited an ISRO centre in Bengaluru.

Principal Secretary Chaitanya Murti said the objective of National Space Day was to familiarise students with India's achievements in space science and encourage them to pursue science-based careers.

During the programme, the Minister unveiled the souvenir Geo-Spectrum. Students and teachers from around 15 schools participated, while 13 schools took part in a quiz. Ramakrishna Mission School secured first place, followed by Umakanta Academy English Medium School and PM-SHRI Sekerkote Higher Secondary School.

The Minister also presented awards to the quiz winners and the top ten achievers of the Junior Mathematics Olympiad 2025.

Ram Prasad meets Shah, discusses Tripura's dev prospects

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. Tripura Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker Ram Prasad Paul on the late evening of Monday last met Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah at his residence and held discussions on the overall development of Tripura, the current situation in the state and future prospects.

Sharing details of the meeting, Paul said the courtesy call was "extremely cordial and significant" and that several issues concerning the state were discussed in detail.

According to Paul, the discussions focused on ways to make efforts more effective in the coming days to transform Tripura into a developed, prosperous and self-reliant state. The Deputy Speaker said views were also exchanged on the aspirations of the people of Tripura and the support and potential initiatives of the Central Government for the state's future development.

Paul said Amit Shah's experience, advice and guidance would provide further inspiration to those working for Tripura's progress.

Describing the meeting as significant for the state's future, Paul reiterated his commitment to Tripura's development and the welfare of its people.

"We remain committed to the development of Tripura, the welfare of its people, and the resolve to build a developed Tripura," Paul said.

The meeting comes amid continued efforts by the state government and ruling alliance to strengthen Tripura's development agenda and deepen cooperation with the Central Government across various sectors.

After Minister Bikash's assurance Surrendered NLFT members lift national highway blockade

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. Tension prevailed in the Hatai Kotor Sadhupara area of Teliamura on Tuesday after surrendered NLFT insurgents staged a road blockade on the Agartala-Assam National Highway, pressing for the fulfilment of their seven-point demands. The blockade disrupted traffic movement along the busy highway for some time.

The situation was brought under control after Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash

Debbarma intervened following instructions from Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha. The Minister held discussions with the agitators and assured them that a meeting would be convened on August 21 to discuss their demands in detail and work towards a solution. Following

the assurance, the protesters withdrew the blockade and traffic movement resumed.

The surrendered NLFT members alleged that they had not been adequately informed about the benefits, rehabilitation packages and other facilities offered by the government after their surrender. They claimed that despite raising their grievances over a prolonged period, no effective solution had been reached, prompting them to resort to the road blockade.

The agitators warned that if their demands are not satisfactorily addressed during the August 21 meeting, they may launch a larger agitation.

Minister Bikash Debbarma appealed to the protesters to resolve their grievances through dialogue, stating that road blockades cannot provide a permanent solution to

any problem. He assured the surrendered NLFT members that their concerns would be seriously considered and that they would be fully informed about the government benefits and rehabilitation facilities available to them.

The Minister also said previous governments had failed to play their expected role in the development of the tribal community over the past 35 years. He asserted that the present government is working continuously for the socio-economic upliftment of tribal people and improvement of their living standards.

With the crucial meeting scheduled for August 21, attention now remains focused on whether the seven-point demands of the surrendered NLFT members will be resolved through dialogue or lead to renewed agitation.

Melagarh hospital patients denied basic amenities

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. Patients and their attendants visiting Melagarh Hospital are reportedly facing serious inconvenience as the public toilet on the premises has remained locked for a long time, while a drinking water machine has allegedly been non-functional for more than two years. The public toilet, constructed under the initiative of Melagarh Municipality, is reportedly inaccessible, leaving patients and their relatives struggling to meet basic sanitary needs. The problem is compounded by the failure of a Water ATM installed under the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide safe drinking water. The machine, which was intended to supply drinking water to patients and the public at a nominal cost, has reportedly remained unused for over two years and has deteriorated due to prolonged disuse. Patients and their families have expressed resentment over the continued lack of basic facilities at the hospital. They have demanded that the municipality and concerned departments immediately reopen the toilet and repair the Water ATM. The prolonged failure to maintain these essential services has raised questions over the implementation and upkeep of public infrastructure at the hospital.

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police station and formally arrested him after completing the required legal procedures.

Police registered a case under relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), along with provisions applicable to offences against persons with disabilities. The accused was produced before the court on Tuesday. Police said a detailed investigation into the alleged offence is underway.

Startup Tripura, Skyroot join hands to create space-tech opportunities for NE Talent

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. Startup Tripura has partnered with Skyroot Aerospace to connect young engineers, students and aspiring innovators from Tripura and the wider North-east with emerging opportunities in India's private space sector.

Under the talent outreach campaign "Skyroot for North East Talent," the initiative seeks to identify and encourage talented youth from the region and provide them with pathways into aerospace and space technology. The campaign carries

the message, "The next Indian rocket may be built by engineers from Agartala," highlighting the potential of Northeast talent in India's growing space economy.

Startup Tripura's collaboration with Skyroot Aerospace is aimed at creating a direct link between the region's technical community and one of India's prominent private rocket-development companies. The initiative is expected to generate greater awareness among students and young professionals about careers in aerospace engineering, rocket propulsion, avionics, software systems, satellite technology,

testing and advanced manufacturing.

The initiative also reflects Startup Tripura's broader focus on promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and technology-driven career opportunities among the state's youth. By encouraging young engineers to explore advanced sectors, the programme seeks to create a transition from classrooms and laboratories to real-world space technology and innovation.

Interested candidates can connect with Skyroot's dedicated Northeast talent channel at NETalent@skyroot.in.

5-month drinking water crisis leaves Athuk Tuthang residents in distress

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Aug 18. Residents of Athuk Tuthang under Mandai RD Block are facing severe hardship due to an acute shortage of drinking water that has reportedly continued for nearly five months. With no permanent water supply in place, many families have been forced to depend on rainwater for drinking and other daily needs.

Locals said the situation becomes particularly critical during dry spells, when rainwater is unavailable. Despite repeated appeals, no lasting so-

lution has yet been provided by the block administration, they alleged.

The water crisis has also placed a heavy financial burden on daily-wage workers. According to residents, a worker earning around Rs 500 a day has to spend nearly 750 to purchase a drum of water. A family requiring around five drums a day therefore spends approximately 750 on water alone—half of the worker's daily income.

Residents said it has become extremely difficult to manage food and other household expenses with the remaining Rs 250, particularly for families supporting children, spouses and elderly parents. Some families are reportedly struggling even to arrange adequate food after meeting their daily water requirements.

The affected residents fur-

ther alleged that they have repeatedly brought the matter to the attention of public representatives, but a permanent solution has not been found. They urged local MLA Swapna Debbarma and MDC Jiten Debbarma to visit Athuk Tuthang, assess the situation personally and take immediate steps to ensure a regular supply of drinking water.

Speaking to the media, residents expressed frustration over having to depend on rainwater for their survival for months. They appealed to the administration to intervene urgently and establish a permanent water supply system in the area.

With the crisis entering its fifth month, residents are now questioning how much longer they will have to wait for a basic necessity that remains out of reach for their families.

Census-2027: Aug 20 deadline sparks concern among enumerators

Observer Reporter

Udaipur: Aug 18. Teachers and government employees engaged in Census-2027 work in Udaipur sub-division have urged the Gomati District Magistrate to intervene over instructions to complete the enumeration process by August 20, despite the officially prescribed deadline of August 30. Census operations began on August 1 across three blocks and one municipal council in the sub-division. Enumerators and Supervisors are conducting surveys, preparing maps, numbering houses and collecting and uploading information on 34 points through a mobile application. Employees said the workload makes accurate completion within 20 days dif-

ficult. Enumerators were initially reportedly given 10–15 days to prepare detailed maps before beginning subsequent stages. However, several blocks have now directed them to finish the entire process by August 20. The burden is particularly high in Matabari Block, where some Enumerators have been assigned multiple areas. Many have been allotted 200–250 households, while some have around 300. Employees fear the shortened deadline could lead to errors in household data. Teachers also said they have worked on Sundays and holidays. They sought adequate time to ensure accurate enumeration and clarity on responsibility for any errors arising from the compressed schedule.

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount (Rs)	Name of Demand Branch
1.	Bikram Shil/ Biswajit Shil/ S/o Biswajit Shil Durga Bari Laxmilunga, West Tripura 799015/ TBAA00006528162/ LBAA00006543141	Sabek Dag No. P.B 298, 321/2051. Hale Dag No. 2298/5137, Khatian No. 1259, Touzi No. 303, Mouza Laxmilunga, Tehsil Debendra Chandra Nagar, Sub Registry Office Mohanpur, Sub Division Mohanpur, P.S Airport, District West Tripura, Tripura (Admeasuring An Area of 02 Satak Dukan (Tila) North: Nepal Sarkar South: Govt Road East: Milan Bala Das West: Apurba Dutta/ Date of Symbolic: 14/08/2026	May 22, 2026 Rs. 19,62,608.00/-	West Tripura
2.	Anirban Nama/ Ratna Das/ S/o Katarum Nama Durgabari, Laxmilunga, West Tripura District West Tripura 799015/ TBAA00006698564/ LBAA00006698563/ LBAA00006723179	Sabek Dag No. 2761, 2764, 2765, Hal Dag No. 2642, 2645, 2646, Khatian No 92, Tauli No. 492, Mouza Lakhilunga, Tuhail Debendra Chandra Nagar, Sub Division Mohanpur, Sub Registrar Office Sadar, P.S. Airport, Dist. West Tripura, Tripura (Admeasuring An Area of 20 Satak North: Property of Swadesh Namah Das South: Road East: Seller Own West: Seller Own/ Date of Symbolic: 14/08/2026	May 25, 2026 Rs. 24,47,617.97/-	West Tripura

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: August 19, 2026
Place: West Tripura
Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Smt. Kabita Roy, W/o- Sri Dipankar Chowdhury, D/o- Anil Roy, resident of Roy Para, Paschim Bhubanban, P.S- West Agartala, Dist- West Tripura, Pin- 799002 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kabita Roy to Kabita Roy Chowdhury and henceforth I shall be known as Kabita Roy Chowdhury in all purpose, Vide affidavit no- Agt/22/Aug sworn before the Notary Public of Agartala Court Premises, West Tripura on 18/08/2026. Kabita Roy Chowdhury and Kabita Roy both are same and one identical person.
Sd/- Kabita Roy Chowdhury

Government of India Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Notice Inviting Request for Proposal (RFP)
Tender Ref No: NSTICHN/TN/PMSETU-II/2026
Tender ID: 2026_DGT_921280_1
Request for Proposal for Selection of Lead Industry Partner (LIP) for Capacity Augmentation of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) and Setting up of National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) located at Chennai under PM-SETU
The Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RDSDE), Tamilnadu invites online applications from eligible organizations for Selection of Lead Industry Partner (LIP) for Capacity Augmentation of National Skill Training Institute and Setting up of National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) located at Chennai under Component II of the Pradhan Mantri Skill Development and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) through <https://eprocure.gov.in>. The RFP document is also available on <https://pm-setu.skillindia.digital.gov.in>. The last date & time for submission of online applications is 25.09.2026 up to 06:00 PM.
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s / Mortgagor / Guarantor/s / Secured Asset/s / Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

Sr No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagors	Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date of E-Auction, Time of E-Auction, Start Time to End Time	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Borrower: M/s. Kakali Drug Distributor Prop.: Rajpradip Deb, S/o Nantu Chandra Deb, Mantri Bari Road, Opp. Smart Bazar, Agartala, West Tripura, PIN- 799001 Proprietor: Mr. Rajpradip Deb, S/o Nantu Chandra Deb, 152A, East College Tilla, 3No. Lake, Ward No. 24, Iswar Patsala School, Agartala College, West Tripura- 799004	Residential Land situated at West Tripura District, Sub Division- Sadar, Revenue Circle- East Agartala pertaining to Khatian No. 683, Tehsil- East Agartala, Mouja- Dag (CS) (Old Plot) No. PB-364-20587/56142 and Hal Dag (RS) (Present Plot) No. 758/1477 measuring 0.0213 Acres classified as Bastu (Nal) class of land in reference to Link Khatian No. 310 and vide Sabek Dag (CS) (Old Plot) No. PB-360-363-364-20587 and Hal Dag (RS) (Present Plot) No. 759/1478 and the land measuring 0.0092 Acres classified as Bastu (Nal) class of Land in reference to link Khatian No. 308 within these 02 (Two) plots of land, total measuring 0.0305 Acres i.e. 1317.6 Sq.Ft. registered vide 2 Sale Deed being No. 2023/SDR/1/3325 & 2023/SDR/1/3272 prepared dated 22.02.2023 and sealed dated 23.02.2023 in the name of Rajpradip Deb. The property is bounded by: North: 8'ft. Pathway, South: Shri Pintu Majumder, East: Suman Deb, West: College Lake.	Rs. 24,85,373.71 (Rupees Twenty Four Lac Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three and Seventy One Paise only) + Unapplied Interest and other charges w.e.f. 14.11.2024	14.09.2026, 2.00 PM to 6.00 PM	1. Rs. 20,00,000.00 2. Rs. 2,00,000.00 3. Rs. 10,000.00	Constructive	10.09.2026 & 11.09.2026 from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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Date: 19.08.2026, Place: Guwahati, Assam

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda