













# TRIPURA



**T**ripura, locally called 'Twipra', is one of the oldest princely states of ancient India ruled by the Maharajas of the Manikya dynasty. It was an independent administrative unit under the Maharaja. During British rule, it was formally merged with India on 15 October 1949, and later gained statehood in January 1972. It is known for being a picturesque state comprised of vibrant cultures of the 19 ethnic tribes (accounting for 30% of the population) and the Bengali people. It shares a domestic boundary on the eastern side with the states of Mizoram and Assam. It is also in close proximity to Myanmar & Bangladesh. Its strategic location makes it a very important international gateway. The infrastructure of the state provides smooth connectivity with the rest of the country.

## TRIPURA

	Area: <b>10,492</b> sq km	Installed Power Capacity: <b>662.55 MW</b>	
	Population: <b>36.74 lakhs</b> (According to 2011 census)	National Highways: Total Length— <b>853.81 KM</b>	
	Literacy Rate: <b>87.22%</b> (According to 2011 census)	Number of Districts: <b>8 districts</b>	
	GSDP current Prices (2021-22- Adv): <b>Rs. 64,778.08 cr.</b>	Airport: <b>Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport</b>	
	HDI Rank (2019): <b>25th</b>	Nearest Railhead: <b>Agartala, Udaipur and Dharma Nagar</b>	

## TRIPURA INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION INCENTIVE SCHEME (TIIPIS), 2022

- **Capital Investment Subsidy @ 30%** on fixed capital investment up to Rs.100 Lakhs per enterprise. For thrust sector subsidy shall be 40% up to Rs. 125 Lakhs per enterprise. For Large scale sector upper ceiling Rs. 200 lakhs. For private infrastructure developer subsidy shall be 30%, upto Rs. 500 lakhs.
- **Industrial Promotion Subsidy** equal to the net amount of the GST actually paid by an enterprise on sales of finished goods up to Rs.80 Lakhs per annum. For Thrust Sector Industries ceiling will be Rs.125 Lakhs per enterprise
- **Power Charges** with a connected load of above 20HP @ Rs.5.00 per unit without any upper ceiling. Units with connected load up to 20 HP reimbursed @ 25% of power charges paid up to Rs. 15.00 Lakhs per enterprise per annum. For Thrust Sector Industries, ceiling shall be Rs.25 Lakhs.
- **Reimbursement of Interest** on Term Loans at 4% up to Rs 5 lakhs per enterprise per annum. For thrust sectors reimbursement @5% up to Rs.12 Lakhs per enterprise per annum.
- **Procurement Preference @15% on all purchases** through tenders by State Government Agencies on products manufactured in Tripura subject to 20% value addition in the State.
- **100% Reimbursement of Standard certification charges/ fees/ expenses** one-time for standard certifications in 12 selected areas issued by National and International Bodies. In addition one full time reimbursement of fees payable for getting technical know-how/technology transfer from any recognized National/International Organization.
- **Employment Cost Subsidy @100%** shall be reimbursed to eligible MSMEs belonging to the thrust sector on contribution made towards EPF and ESI Scheme.
- **Export Promotion Subsidy** shall be paid on exporting goods through the Land Custom Stations in the State @ 10% on value of export up to Rs. 50 Lakhs per annum.
- **State transport subsidy** shall be provided @50% of transportation cost incurred for movement of secondary raw materials from outside the State.



## CONNECTIVITY

- 6 National Highways with total length of 853.81 km (2020)
- NH-8 connects Tripura to the rest of India.
- Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala- second-busiest airport in the Northeast-handles around 20 flights daily- with a capacity of handling 1,000 domestic and 200 international passengers during peak hours, Also, the airport has the second-largest cargo complex amongst the North East States.
- Integrated Terminal Building of Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport -newly upgraded to become 3rd international airport in the Northeast, after Guwahati and Imphal. The first-ever international flight service from Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport to Chittagong is expected to take off in the year 2023
- Broad-gauge railway (202.76 km); Agartala is connected to important junctions like Guwahati, New Jalpaiguri, Sealdah, and Anand Vihar at New Delhi ; To enhance connectivity, various sections like Agartala - Udaipur, Udaipur - Garjee, Garjee - Santirbazar, Belonia - Sabroom has been connected by broad gauge line in Tripura.

## WHY TRIPURA?

- Tripura acts as a “Gateway” between Northeast India and Bangladesh and natural partner in India's Act East Policy being land bridge to ASEAN.
- 856-kilometer-long border with Bangladesh (on three sides- north, west, and south), constituting 85% of the state's border presents a huge international trade potential.
- The trade between Tripura and Bangladesh in 2022-23 amounts to Rs.758.09 crores.
  - o The rail link connecting Agartala and Akhaura rail line, is expected to be made operational by 2023.
  - o Currently, two integrated Check Post (ICP) at Agartala & Srimantapur.
  - o Another ICP at Sabroom under construction is expected to be completed by 2023.
  - o Also, 5 (five) Land Custom Stations(LCS), at Muhurighat, Khowaighat, Dhalaighat, Manughat, Old Ragnabazar
- The Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Sabroom is emerging as a commercial capital in the NER.
- Internet Gateway to the Northeast since 2016 with the establishment of a network with a submarine cable through Bangladesh
- The 'SWAAGAT' portal –Single Window System of the State-has on boarded 11 State Departments covering 60+ services to provide fast track statutory clearances for businesses within a time limit of 30 days.
- 4th highest literacy rate amongst all Indian States
- 2nd largest rubber producing state in India & 5th largest tea-producing state
- Natural gas is available in non-toxic form (with 97% methane)
- 10 major rivers in the state generate an annual flow of 793 million cubic meters



## FOCUS SECTORS:

### RUBBER:

- Tripura is the 2nd largest producer of natural rubber in the country.
- There are more than 1 lakh rubber growers and 86,892 hectares of plantation, yielding 90,712 MT of natural rubber.
- The state also has the 2nd largest Rubber Park in the country in Bodhjunnagar.
- Potential for production of >50,000 items of daily use (gloves balloons, toys, erasers, mattresses, slippers, tyres of vehicles and airplanes, gas tubes, etc.)
- Rubber-based industrial units for products like rubber thread, tread rubber, rubber compound etc. have already come up in the State.

### BAMBOO:

- 3,246 km sq of bamboo bearing area; home to 21 species of bamboo out of 130 species available in India.
- Tripura Bamboo Mission has catalysed a remarkable increase in annual turnover in the sector over a period of nine years.
- Bamboo Park set up in R.K.Nagar, West Tripura to promote bamboo processing industries.
- Mechanised Agarbatti manufacturing cluster at Kumarghat Industrial Estate, Unakoti District.
- Opportunities: Bamboo ethanol, bamboo particle board, bamboo furniture, briquette, mechanized incense stick, bamboo powder etc



## AGRO-HORTI FOOD PROCESSING

- Favourable agro-climatic conditions for growing various fruit and horticultural crops; organic cultivation and unique flavours.
- Pineapple, jackfruit, orange, litchi, cashew, coconut, and mangoes are the major fruits.
- The Queen Pineapple of Tripura, which is the state fruit, has also received a GI tag and is presently being exported to Dubai and other parts of the Middle east.
- Biggest producer of Jackfruits in India; successfully exported jackfruit to the UK.
- Ginger, turmeric, and chilli are the major spices
- Rice mills, flour mill, cashew processing, spice manufacturing, bakery and biscuits manufacturing have emerged as a growth sector with the use of modern technology.
- A Mega Food Park with the cost of USD 1.19 Mn has been set up in Tulakona, West Tripura to promote the food processing industry.



## AGARWOOD:

- Second largest agar plantation in India with 12-15 million of Agarwood trees
- Tripura Agarwood Policy 2021 announced by the government setting a target of 2000 Cr Agar Economy by 2025 and additional 2000 hectares of agar plantation.
- Opportunities: Agar contract Farming, Inoculation, Quality Planting Material/ Agar Nursery/ Tissue Culture based planting material development, establishment of Manufacturing of Agarwood products like for Agarwood oil, chips, perfume, Incense products, Medicinal products etc.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Considered the second-best IT destination in the Northeast.
- Two IT Parks of 46,338 sq feet at Agartala - highest in Northeastern States.
- STPI provides infrastructural facilities like high-speed internet connectivity, a 24x7 power supply, and other basic facilities to attract IT Entrepreneurs.
- Introduction of Tripura IT/ITeS Policy, 2022 that provides capital investment subsidy; floor rental subsidy, subsidy for plug and play seat, Reimbursement of SGST and power subsidy for IT/ITeS Enterprises
- Good network of schools and colleges offering IT courses, including Central University, Private University (ICFAI), Engineering Colleges, Polytechnic Institutes and ITIs etc. spread across the State.



# TOURISM

- Natural rich topography, the abode of rich floral and faunal biodiversity, unique landscapes, and moderate climate throughout the year
- Today the state attracts more than 5 lakh domestic and foreign tourist every year.
- Diverse cultural streams and faiths, traditional art, music and festivals, beautiful handloom, and handicrafts make it an irresistible tourist destination.
- Spellbound rock-cut sculptures of archaeological significance, famous historical ruins (such as the ones at Unakoti), Buddhist pilgrimage sites, wildlife sanctuaries and the royal places like the Neermahal palace that add to the charm.
- Opportunities: Adventure Tourism, Floating Hotels, Helicopter services, Health, and Wellness Tourism.





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