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TRIPURA STATEHOOD

Uttam in Road to Self-Rule

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"While India celebrates 100 years of its independence, then Tripura will also be completing 70 years of its statehood. This is a very good time for new initiatives and innovations. We have to move ahead while fulfilling our duties. Let us all witness the great part of development together."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Tripura, an erstwhile princely state, merged with the Indian Union after independence on 15th October 1956 and became a Union Territory without a legislature with effect from November 3, 1956 and a popular ministry was installed in Tripura on July 1, 1961. [Tripura became a full-fledged State on 21st January, 1972](#) and is the third smallest state in the country located in the North Eastern Region.

The State is surrounded by the neighbouring countries Bangladesh to its west, east and south. The length of its international border with Bangladesh is about 861 kms (i.e. about 54 percent of its total border), while it has 50 km border with Assam and 37 km border with Myanmar. Forest area is over 60 per cent of its land and the net area cropped in the State is only 1.75 lakh ha. 144 per cent of geographical area. A large part of this land is upland hills, hilly and valley, with altitudes varying from 20 to 980 metres above sea level. Rough majority of the population lives in the plains.

State is connected with the rest of the Country by National Highway 6, which runs through the hilly terrain in Cochar District to Assam followed by zigzag roads of hilly regions of Meghalaya and then to Imphal, Assam.

Demographic Profile

Tripura is the second most populated state in North-Eastern Region after Assam. The estimated population of the State in 2011 is 48.74 lakh, out of which male population is 25,64,000 and female population is 23,10,000. As per Census 2011, population was 46,74,411, out of which 25,76,374 males and 20,98,037 females. The date of Census 2011

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