

## Tripura at a Glance

Tripura-a tiny state, is one of the seven states in the north eastern region of India located between 22 degree and 56 minutes and 24 degree and 32 minutes north latitude and between 90 degree and 09 minutes and 92 degree and 20 minutes east latitude. It is surrounded by Bangladesh on the north, west, south and south-east while in the east it has a common boundary with Assam and Mizoram. There is a common belief that the name of the State has originated from "Tripura Sundari" - the presiding deity of the land which is famous as one of the 51 pathos of Hindu Pilgrims. Apart from this traditional view, it is believed that originally the land was known as "Twipra" meaning a land adjoining the water. It is fact that in days of yore the boundaries of Tripura were extended up to the Bay of Bengal when its rulers held sway from Garo hills to Arakan.



Tripura a formerly princely state was ruled by the Maharajas of Manikya dynasty till its accession to the Indian Union on 9<sup>th</sup> September' 1947 (an agreement of merger of Tripura with the Indian Union was signed by the Regent Maharani on this day). The administration of the state was actually taken over by the Government of India on 15<sup>th</sup> October' 1949 and became a union territory without legislature on 1<sup>st</sup> November' 1956 and a popular ministry was installed on 1<sup>st</sup> July' 1963. The state attained state hood on 21<sup>st</sup> January' 1972. It was an independent administrative unit under the Maharajas even during the British rule.

<b>Location</b>	<b>22° 56' ; 24° 32' North and 91° 09' and 92° 20' East.</b>
<b>Land</b>	Total area 10.492 Sq. Km., International Border with Bangladesh-856 Km, Border with Mizoram-109 Km and with Assam-53 Km.
	60% Hilly Terrain, 60% Forest area (39% Reserve Forest)
	24% Net Sown Area
	Average size of Holding 0.56 Hectare.
	Irrigation 42% of Net Cropped area.
<b>Climate</b>	Temperature varies between 10 to 35 Degree Celsius,
	Average Annual Rainfall 2,200mm,
<b>Population</b>	Total Population 31,99,203 as per 2001 Census,
	Rural Population 26,53,453
	Urban Population 5,45,750.
	Male 16,42,225
	Female 15,56,978.
	Population Density 305 per sq. Km.,
	Schedule Caste-5,55,724 Schedule Tribe-9,93,426
	Sex ratio-948
	Overall literacy rate(%)- 73.2
<b>Major Language</b>	Bengali, Kokborok and English.
<b>Economy</b>	The economy is primarily agrarian. The primary sector (Agricultural) contributes about 64% of total employment in the state and about 23% of the State Domestic Product (SDP).
	A variety of Horticultural/ Plantation Crops are produced in Tripura like Pineapple, Orange, Cashew nut, Jackfruit, Coconut, Tea, Rubber, Forest , Plantations etc. There is ample scope for increasing the area under such plantations as well as the productivity.

## Administrative set up of the State: 8 districts

### 1. North Tripura District:

Headquarters at Dharmanagar, comprising six(6) R.D.Blocks viz, Panisagar, Kadamtala, Dasda, Damcherra, Jampui Hill & Jubarajnar (New)

### 2. Unakoti District:

Headquarters at Kailashahar (New), comprising three(3) R.D.Blocks viz, Gournagar, Kumarghat & Pecharthal

### 3. Dhalai District:

Headquarters at Ambassa comprising six (6) R.D.Blocks viz, Salema, Durga Chowmuhani (New), Ambassa, Manu, Chawmanu & Dumburnagar

### 4. Khowai District:

Headquarters at Khowai (New) comprising six (6) R.D.Blocks viz, Khowai, Teliamura, Kalyanpur, Tulashikhar, Padmabil & Mungia kami.

### 5. West Tripura District:

Headquarters at Agartala comprising six (6) R.D.Blocks viz, Mohanpur, Jirania, Dukli, Hejamara, Mandwi & Lefunga(New).

### 6. Sepahijala District:

Headquarters at Bishramganj (New) comprising five (5) R.D.Blocks viz Melaghar, Boxanagar, Kathalia, Bishalgarh & Jampuijala.

### 7. Gomati District:

Headquarters at Udaipur (New) comprising seven (7) R.D. Blocks viz, Matabari, Kakraban, Amarpur, Killa, Ampu, Karbook & Silachari (New)

### 8. South Tripura District:

Headquarters at Belonia comprising six (6) R.D.Blocks viz, Rajnagar, Hrishyamukh, Bagafa, Julaibari (New), Satchand & Rupaichari.

## Sub-divisions in the State: 23 nos.

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01. Dharmanagar	13. Jirania (New)
02. Kanchanpur	14. Mohanpur (New)
03. Panisagar (New)	15. Bishalgarh
04. Kailashahar	16. Sonamura
05. Kumarghat (New)	17. Jampuijala (New)
06. Gandacher	18. Udaipur
07. Ambassa	19. Amarpur
08. Kamalpur	20. Karbook (New)
09. Longtharai Valley	21. Belonia
10. Khowai	22. Santirbazar
11. Teliamura	23. Sabroom
12. Sadar	

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**No. & Name of Autonomous Districts Council:** 1(one),

Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (**TTAADC**)

**Nagar Panchayat:** 15

**Municipal Council :** 1 (Agartala Municipal Council -35 Wards)

**Panchayat Samity :** 23

**Gram Panchayat :** 511