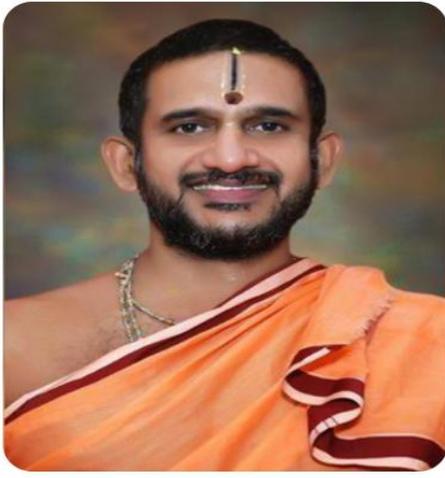
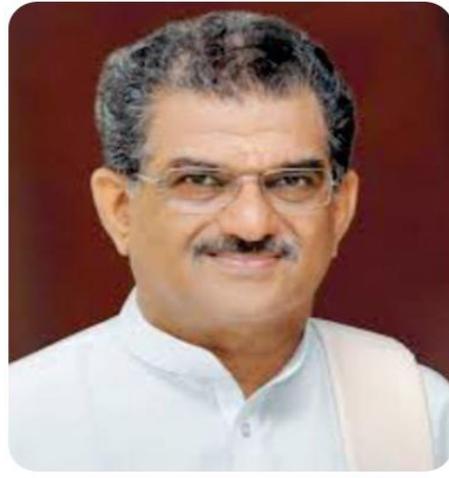


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# ASHTALAKSHMI DARSHAN

## YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM BATCH-5

Organised by

North Eastern Council (NEC)

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)



NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL

In Collaboration With Visiting States

**Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh**

Duration of the Program

**4th Jan to 17th Jan 2026**

Host Institute

**Tripura University**

(A Central University Suryamaningar, Tripura)



TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

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MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF  
NORTH EASTERN REGION



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## **“Ashtalakshmi Darshan” Youth Exchange Programme**

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**Government of Karnataka**  
**Department of Technical Education,**  
**Bengaluru**

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January 04<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Tripura University, Agartla, Tripura

## ASHTALAKSHMI DARSHAN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

**Organized by: North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong,  
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Government of India**

### ★ Programme Overview

The Ashtalakshmi Darshan initiative is a strategic youth exchange programme designed to foster national integration, cultural understanding, and mutual respect between the Northeast and other regions of India.

The Northeast, often referred to as Ashtalakshmi, symbolizes the eight states of the region.

- Rich in ethnic diversity, languages, and traditions, the region remains underexplored by students from mainland India.
- This programme enables selected youth from across India to experience the Northeast first hand through immersive academic and cultural engagement.

### 🎓 Student Selection & Consent

- **Selection of students** : Students are nominated by their respective States/Union Territories and forwarded to the Ministry of DoNER along with details of Nodal Officers and Guides.
- **Consent Form** : Selected students must submit a Consent Form, countersigned by parents or institute heads, agreeing to participate and abide by programme regulations.

### 🏫 Host University in North Eastern Region

The visiting states will be hosted by a premier University in one of the eight North eastern States. Each university will host one or more visiting state batches.

## Programme Duration & Activities

### **Total Duration: 14 Days**

Activities Include:

- Orientation on arrival
- Classroom sessions on:
  - o Geography & Biodiversity
  - o Ethnic Diversity, Culture & Festivals
  - o Developmental Initiatives & Sustainable Practices
  - o Administrative Structures
  - o Economy, Tourism, Industry & Environmental Challenges
- Field visits to:
  - o Heritage & historical sites
  - o Biodiversity hotspots & eco-sensitive zones
  - o Spiritual, educational & industrial locations
- Cultural exchange programmes
- Concluding/valedictory session
- Feedback & evaluation
- Certificate distribution

### Expenditure & Reimbursement

· The programme is fully funded by the North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER as detailed in the Scheme.

**During the Programme:** Airfare (to and fro), accommodation, and logistics during the programme are covered by the Host Universities.

**Local Transportation( Home State):** Visiting Students must arrange travel to the nearest airport in their home state/UT. Reimbursement of up to ₹1500 (for 2nd Class Train, bus, or taxi fare) will be provided on arrival at the host institute. The same amount will be reimbursed for the return journey.

For further details, students should contact their respective Nodal Officers and refer to official communications from the Ministry of DoNER and Host Universities.

# ತ್ರಿಪುರಾ ಯುವ ವಿನಿಮಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಜಿ.ಎಸ್. ಎಸ್. ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್.ಕೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು

ಧಾರವಾಡ: ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಹತ್ವಾಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿಯ ಈಶಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದ ಅಷ್ಟಲಕ್ಷಿ ದರ್ಶನ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಯುವ ವಿನಿಮಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ನಗರದ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ ಜನತಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಕೆ.ಎಚ್. ಕಬ್ಬೂರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ, ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ 5 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಯರು ಮತ್ತು 5 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 10 ಜನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಎನ್. ಎಸ್. ಎಸ್. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಶಿವರಾಜ ದಾನವಾಡ್ಕರ್ ಅವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ, ತ್ರಿಪುರಾ ರಾಜ್ಯದ, ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಅಗರ್ತಲಾದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ, ದಿನಾಂಕ 4 ಜನವರಿ 2026ರಂದು, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಜಕತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯಿಂದ ವಿಮಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಬೆಳೆಸಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಯುವ ವಿನಿಮಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ

ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವೇದವತಿ ತಿವಾರಿ ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಜನತಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಇಂತಹ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳಾದ ಡಾ. ಅಜಿತ್ ಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ



ಅವರು, ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಶುಭ ಹಾರೈಸಿ ಬೀಳ್ಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಾಲಕರು ಸಹ ಇಂತಹ ಅದ್ಭುತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಧನ್ಯವಾದ ತಿಳಿಸಿ ಸಂತಸ ಪಟ್ಟರು. ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಾಚಾರ್ಯ

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- Arrival of Delegates
  - High Tea and Welcome Ceremony for Delegates
  - Dinner
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## Day 2: (05.01.2026)

- 05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time
  - 06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga (Tripura University Play Ground)
  - 07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast
  - 10:00–12:30 hrs – Orientation and Ice-breaking
  - 12:30–13:30 hrs – Lunch
  - 14:00–15:30 hrs – Inaugural Session (Tripura University Auditorium)
  - 15:30–16:30 hrs – High Tea
  - 17:00–19:30 hrs – Cultural Exchange Programmes: Showcasing Traditional Art, Dance, and Music
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## Day 3: (06.01.2026)

- 05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time
- 06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga
- 07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast
- 10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 1: North East India – Ethnic Mosaic and Strategic Geography
- 11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break
- 11:30–12:30 hrs – Academic Session 2: North East India – Physiographic Division of Northeast India
- 13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch
- 14:30–15:30 hrs – Academic Session 3: North East India – Commonalities and Uniqueness of North East India

- **15:30–16:00 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **16:00–17:00 hrs – Sports and Recreational Activities (Tripura University Campus)**
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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#### **Day 4: (07.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
  - **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
  - **10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 4: Discover Arunachal Pradesh – Land of Natural Wealth and Diversity**
  - **11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **11:30–12:30 hrs – Academic Session 5: Discover Arunachal Pradesh – Energy and Ecotourism**
  - **13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
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  - **15:30–16:00 hrs – Tea-break**
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#### **Day 5: (08.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
- **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
- **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
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- **11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break**
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- **13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
- **14:30–15:30 hrs – Academic Session 9: Assam – Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Startups**
- **15:30–16:00 hrs – Tea-break**
- **16:00–17:00 hrs – Sports and Recreational Activities**

- **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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**Day 6: (09.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
  - **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
  - **10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 10: Manipur – Identity and Border Economy**
  - **11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **11:30–12:30 hrs – Academic Session 11: Manipur – The Powerhouse of Indian Sports**
  - **13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
  - **14:30–15:30 hrs – Academic Session 12: Manipur – Culture, Faith and Festivals**
  - **15:30–16:00 hrs – Project Assignment Distribution**
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**Day 7: (10.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
  - **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
  - **08:30–19:30 hrs – Visit to Industrial, Spiritual, Ecological, Heritage and Historical Sites  
(Sepahijala, Udaipur, Melaghar)**
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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**Day 8: (11.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–19:30 hrs – Visit to Spiritual, Cultural, Heritage, Ecological and Adventure-based  
Tourism Sites  
(Chabimura, Dumbur)**
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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**Day 9: (12.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
- **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
- **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**

- **10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 13: Meghalaya – State Profile**
  - **11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **11:30–12:30 hrs – Academic Session 14: Meghalaya – Industry**
  - **13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
  - **14:30–15:30 hrs – Academic Session 15: Meghalaya – As a Music Concert and Creative Industry**
  - **15:30–16:00 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **16:00–18:30 hrs – Rural Immersion, Trekking, and Interaction with Local Community Members**  
*(Khowai, Kamalpur, Ambassa)*
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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#### **Day 10: (13.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
  - **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
  - **10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 16: Mizoram – People, Land & Culture**
  - **11:00–11:30 hrs – Tea-break**
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#### **Day 11: (14.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
- **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
- **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
- **10:00–11:00 hrs – Academic Session 19: Nagaland – The Eco-Cultural Lens: Discovering Nagaland’s Treasure**
- **11:00–11:15 hrs – Tea-break**
- **11:15–12:15 hrs – Academic Session 20: Nagaland – Made in Nagaland: The Youth, The Culture**
- **12:15–13:15 hrs – Academic Session 21: Nagaland – Nagaland’s Entrepreneurial Awakening**
- **13:15–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
- **14:00–15:00 hrs – Special Lecture on “Ashtalakshmi Darshan: Inspiring Youth for the Journey towards Viksit Bharat”**

- **15:00–15:15 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **15:15–18:30 hrs – Visit to Cultural, Heritage and Historical Sites (Agartala City)**
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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#### **Day 12: (15.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
  - **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
  - **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
  - **09:30–10:30 hrs – Academic Session 22: Sikkim – Small State, Big Impact**
  - **10:30–11:30 hrs – Academic Session 23: Sikkim – Cultural Kaleidoscope of Sikkim**
  - **11:30–11:45 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **11:45–12:45 hrs – Academic Session 24: Sikkim – Clean Meals, Bold Trails**
  - **13:00–14:00 hrs – Lunch**
  - **14:30–17:30 hrs – Project Presentation and Submission**
  - **17:30–18:00 hrs – Tea-break**
  - **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**
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#### **Day 13: (16.01.2026)**

- **05:30–06:00 hrs – Wake-up Time**
- **06:00–07:00 hrs – Yoga**
- **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
- **10:00–11:00 hrs – Interaction with Eminent Personalities**
- **12:30–13:30 hrs – Lunch**
- **14:00–15:00 hrs – Academic Session 25: Tripura – Borderland Heritage and Harmony: State Profile**
- **15:00–16:00 hrs – Academic Session 26: Tripura – Economy and Rural Livelihood**
- **16:00–16:15 hrs – Tea-break**
- **16:15–17:15 hrs – Academic Session 27: Tripura – Border Trade and Land Customs**
- **17:30–18:30 hrs – Valedictory Ceremony and Certificate Distribution**  
*(Followed by Participant Feedback and Cultural Performances)*
- **19:30–20:30 hrs – Dinner**

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**Day 14: (17.01.2026)**

- **07:30–08:30 hrs – Breakfast**
- **09:30 hrs – Departure of Delegates**  
*(Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport)*

# **RAPPORTEUR on ASHTALAKSHMI DARSHAN**

## **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

**5TH BATCH, Organized by MDoNER, NEC, Hosted by Tripura University**

**Date 04.01.2026– 17.01.2026**

### **Day 1: (04.01.2026)**

A total of 39 delegates from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka arrived on the evening of 4th January, 2026. The delegates were housed in the New Guests House of Tripura University. The team from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh comprising of 10 female student delegates and 5 male delegates accompanied by two faculty members from their institution namely Shri Pushpendra Kumar and Shri Jayakaran V. The state of Karnataka is represented by two teams, one from Bengaluru and another one from Dharwad. The team from Bengaluru is led by Dr Lavanya Hegde with 5 female delegates and 5 male student delegates.

Meanwhile, the team from Dharwad is made of 5 female student delegates and 5 male student delegates accompanied by faculty member Shri Shivaraj N. Danawadakar. The arriving teams were separately welcomed for each team in the presence of Prof. Somdev Banik, Dean Students Welfare, Tripura University, Professor Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Head of Department, Dept. of Forestry and Biodiversity, former Director Internal Quality Assurance Committee and former Dean Students Welfare, Tripura University, and the Nodal Officer and the Co-Ordinator of the programme.



Day 2: (05.01.2026)

Yoga session from 6:00 to 07: 00 Hrs was conducted as the first programme of the day. The Yoga session was led by Ahsan Huda Y, Research Scholar, Dept. of Physical Education, Tripura University. This was followed by breakfast at the New Guests House. Orientation and Ice-breaking was conducted at the Auditorium of the Tripura University Guest House which included dividing the thirty students into seven teams of five students to make them engaged and interact and integrate amongst themselves. An inaugural session was conducted from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Maharaja Bir Bikram Auditorium of Tripura University. The session was graced by Chief Guest Prof. Shyamal Das, Vice Chancellor (i/c), Tripura University, and Shri Richard L. Jongte, Dy. Advisor, NEC(IPR), MDoNER, GOI. as the Guest of Honor. The programme had special invitees Shri Debasish Pal, Finance Officer Tripura University, and Prof Somdev Banik, Dean Students Welfare Tripura University. An exciting cultural exchange evening was held after the inaugural session with performances from the visiting delegates and the artists and instrumentalists from Tripura University representing various ethnicities and cultures.





Day 3: (06.01.2026)

The day started with a Yoga session in the early hours of 6:00 to 7:00 in the department of Physical Education led by Yoga instructor Mr Ahsan Huda Yumkhaibam. Three academic sessions on the overall mosaic of North East India were conducted to kickstart the academic sessions. Professor Indraneel Bhowmik of the Dept. of Economics, Tripura University and former DSW, Tripura University gave a powerful presentation on the Ethnic Mosaic and Strategic Gate way. This was followed by a short tea break. The academic session 2 of the day titled Physio graphic Divisions of Northeast India was delivered by the nodal officer of the programme Dr Thiru Selvan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Forestry and Biodiversity. The last session of the day was deliberated by Prof. Somdev Banik, DSW, Tripura University on the academic topic Commonalities and Uniqueness of NorthEast India. The students had great learning experience from each speaker. After the long academic sessions, the delegate students had a recreation time playing foot cricket led by Dr Pawan Kumar Singh, Director of

Sports Board, Tripura University. The day ended on a well-balanced note of academics and recreation.



Day 4: (07.01.2026)

As physical and mental fitness is very much needed for the overall development of the youths, the 4th day of the programme started with Yoga on the usual schedule. Three academic sessions were held on the theme of state Arunachal Pradesh titled Academic Session 4: Arunachal Pradesh-Land of Natural Wealth and Diversity, Academic Session 5: Discover Arunachal Pradesh-Energy and Tourism, and Academic Session 6: Discover Arunachal Pradesh-Strategic Backbone of Northeast. The first two sessions of the day were delivered by Prof. Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Head of Dept., Dept. of Forestry and Biodiversity, Tripura University. The academic session 6 was given by Dr Sourabh Deb, Assistant Professor, Tripura University. The two speakers with having profound knowledge of the state have provided a clear picture of the affairs of the state on the selected titles. The second cultural exchange event of the programme was held at the Maharaja Bir Bikram Auditorium of Tripura University with myriads of

performances from artists from the Dept. of Music, Tripura University under the generous guidance of Dr Utpal Das. The delegates also presented several performances representing the rich cultural heritage of their home states.





Day 5: (08.01.2026)

The 5th day of the programme started with the Yoga session followed by three academic sessions on the theme state of Assam. The Academic Session 7 titled Culture, Identity & Heritage was delivered by Dr Jay Saha, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Sanskrit, Tripura University. This was followed by Academic Session 8: Assam–Economics Landscape: Resources & Key Industry Sectors, which was transmitted by Dr Mithu Anjali Gayan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Tripura University. The final lecture of the day Academic session 9: Assam–Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Startups was provided by Dr Sindhu Poudyal, Assistant Prof. Dept. of Philosophy, Tripura University. Each session was highly interactive and immersive as the students were seen to be engrossed in the lecture and also interacting with the resource persons. To freshen up the minds of the young people a Sports and Recreation session was done at the grounds of the department of Physical Education, Tripura University with handball as the highlight. The students were divided into 3 teams and each showed great stamina and agility. Other sports included badminton and volley ball.



Day 6: (09.01.2026)

The state of Manipur was the showcase theme state of the programme where three dynamic speakers native to Manipur had provided well rounded lectures. The Academic Session 10: Manipur–Identity and Border Economy, orated by Dr Ksh. Premchandra Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Tripura University. Dr Bronson Kumar Khangembam, Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Tripura University delivered a power-packed performance on Manipur The Power house of Indian Sports. Ms Jyotshna Rani Khundrakpam, Assistant Professor, and HOD (i/c), Dept. of Archaeology, Tripura University carried the delegates deeper into the Culture, Faith and Festivals of Manipur. The formal occasion of the day was concluded with the Project Assignment Distribution to evaluate their performance in the programme.



Day 7: (10.01.2026)

The first internal visits of the state of Tripura begun on the 7th day of the programme. The bus departed from the Tripura University Guest House sharp 8:30 Hrs reaching the 1st destination to the Neer Mahal Water Palace in Melaghar. The team had a wonderful experience learning about the palace, taking boat rides to reach the palace. The next stop was at the Bhubaneshwari Temple, Udaipur where delegates had a spiritual affair. Plunging deeper into the spiritual realms the team visited the Ma Tripurasundari Shaktipeeth (Matabari Temple) in Udaipur. The Akhaura Border Check post/ or the Agartala Land Port of Tripura being the only airport within a municipality area and the only second land port where parades are marched from 16:00 to 17:00 Hrs was chosen as a site for national heritage. The team had first hand experience of seeing the parade from

the two neighbouring countries to show that peace and cordial brotherhood exist between them. The BSF officers and personnel generously offered us tea and had interactions with the team members. The delegates went for viewing and shopping of handmade artifacts and handloom wears at the Purbasha State Emporium as the last event of the day.



Day 8: (11.01.2026)

The 8th day of the programme was dedicated for an immersive trip to (locally known as Chakwrakma or Chakrak Chabimurama) famous for rock carvings on steep mountain face on the banks of the Gomati River in Gomati District of Tripura. The site is located about 75 km away from the Tripura University campus. The rock faces in which the beautiful images of the gods are carved is termed the Devta mura, bearing carvings of Lord Shiva, Vishnu, Kartika, and Mahisasura Mardini Durga. The idol of Maa Durga measuring about 20 feet is the biggest of the rock carvings which date back to 15th to 16th centuries. The team member had an amazing experience with a boat ride on the mighty Gomati River. The lush forests and the clean waters invoke the spiritual effervescence of the young

minds of the Yuva of the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme. About an hour drive the delegates met some families of Reang(Bru) ethnic community at Chapiya/Chapia Village also known as Tauberra Chapia located in Gomati District and had intimate discussions about their lifestyle, food habits, livelihood, housing styles, culture and customs. They had a brief interaction on loom weaving displaying their intricately woven wrappers and shawls and demonstrating the weaving tools made from bamboos, wood, and palm tree trunks. Driving further into the interior of Tripura, the team moved to the scenic Dumbur Lake and had a scrumptious feast at the Narkel Kunja a popular resort island among the 48 islands of the lake. The lake derived its name from Dumboor of the Lord Shiva due to its resemblance. The team travelled a total of roughly 300 kms in the to and from journey and reach the campus at around 21:15 Hrs.





Day 9: (12.01.2026)

After a two-day retreat from the academic sessions, the day 9 of the programme began with a Yoga session in the scheduled time and place. This day was designated for the enlightening of the affairs of Meghalaya (the abode of the clouds). Two resource persons with rich knowledge of Meghalaya were engaged to deliver the lectures. The Academic Session 13: Meghalaya–State Profile was delivered to the attending delegates by Ms Jyotshna Rani Khundrakpam, Assistant Professor, and HOD (i/c), Dept. of Archaeology, Tripura University. The two remaining topics on Meghalaya-Industry, and Meghalaya–As A Music, Concert and Creative Industry were presented by Ms Fidiarity Kharumnuid, Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, Tripura University. The speakers, young and dynamic, kept the student delegates engaged and aroused huge interest to visit the state. By 14:30 Hrs an appointment was made at the Block Panchayat Resource Center (BPRC) Belbari RD Block Office located at Belbari, West Tripura. The student delegates had a highly interactive session with the relevant officials and local community members especially belonging to Debbarm a community,

learning about the government schemes available for the rural upliftment including, sanitation, potable water, healthcare and education facilities. The special highlight was on the discussion of livelihood and economic activities by the rural people which the community members as well the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM) representative state had elaborated on identification of major crops or produce to amplify economic returns from those activities. They had expressed that goat and pig is their main livestock which has greatly been encouraged by technical and financial inputs from TRLM. They have however expressed that lack of cold storage technologies has incurred in loss of crops which needs to be addressed immediately. They have also reported that schemes like the (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) PMAY and had received financial support through the Swachh Bharat Drinking Water and Sanitation, Mission, Dept. of Ministry of Jal Shakti, which make the rural areas open defecation free. They had also informed that they have good medical facilities and have availed the Pradhan Matri Jan Arogya Yojana, with the Ayushman card. The session was quite fruitful as delegates learn about the effective governance and the paucity and lapses which needs to be mended for wholesome development. This highly educational stakeholder interaction was followed by a trek in the vicinities and alleys of Sinai Kami Village, Champaknagar in Ampa Block of Gomati District, Tripura. The Sinai Kami Village, mainly inhabited by the Rupini and Kalai communities is recognised as the cleanest village of Tripura which was indeed noticed by the delegates. The village had houses with large home gardens basically practicing agroforestry cropping, with main crops being pineapple, jackfruit, litchi, pigeon pea, betelnut, dragon fruit, to name a few of the diverse crops.

Day 10: (13.01.2026)

The academic sessions for this day were dedicated for the state of Mizoram. The lectures covered several important aspects of Mizoram that brings an overview of the state for the delegates. The titles of the academic sessions were People, Land & Culture which was delivered by Madam Lalmalsawmi Sailo, Associate Professor from MBB University, Agartala; and m Mizora Mizora m–Tribal Roots & Community delivered by Madam Laldawnpuui, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography, Holy Cross College, Agartala. The other topic which is very much relevant not only for Mizoram but for the whole Ashtalakshmi states was Mizoram Tourism and Border Trade. A grand Cultural Exchange Programme –Bamboo, in the presence of Honorable VC i/c, Prof Shyamal Das, and other office bearers and

faculty members of the university was held at the MBB Auditorium of Tripura University. More than 10 items were performed in the cultural event which included participation from all visiting delegates, and several students from Tripura University especially from Music Department, Microbiology Dept. the most noteworthy performance was the Ashtalakshmi Sangeet presented to the crowd by Sangeetarati group led by Sushree Shila Dasgupta. One prominent performance was the Vande Mataram dance rendition from Ms Trupti, a delegate of the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange programme.



Day 11: (14.01.2026)

There were 3 academic sessions which brought the profile and the identity of the state delivered by speakers of Naga communities. The title of the Academic Sessions included Nagaland–The Eco-Cultural Lens: Discovering Nagaland’s Treasures which was delivered by Dr Augustine Zimik, Assistant Professor Dept. of Library and Information Science. The second academic session on Made in Nagaland: The Youth, The Culture was highlighted by Miss Lumgailu Panmei, research Scholar, Dept. of Forestry and Biodiversity, Tripura University. The last session on Nagaland titled Nagaland’s Entrepreneurial A Nagaland waking was deliberated by Dr Paramjinang Moita, Semi Professional Assistant, Central Library, Tripura University. In the evening the delegates visited Albert Ekka Park and the Heritage Park in Agartala for historical and heritage site visits within Tripura. The evening was illuminated by the august presence of Shri Kiran Gitte, IAS, Secretary Industries and Commerce, Health and Family Welfare, PWD, and General Administration, Tripura. The special lecture was titled “Ashtalakshmi Darshan: Inspiring Youth for the Journey towards Viksit Bharat” which was a very inspirational, enriching and though provoking talk for the student delegates.



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Day 12: (15.01.2026)

This day marked the penultimate day for academic sessions which was on the state of Sikkim. The topic Sikkim–Small State, Big Impact was delivered by Prof. Nutankumar S. Thingujam, Head of Department, Dept. of Psychology, Tripura University. With profound knowledge and deep integrity for Sikkim, having served as Professor and Head of Dept., in Sikkim University, he provokes sense of interest to the young delegates to visit Sikkim. The next academic session titled Sikkim Cultural Kaleidoscope of Sikkim was illustrated by Dr Sishir Thapa, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Fine Arts Tripura University. His lecture showcased the intricate arts of Sikkim having influences of the Buddhist, Bhutanese and Tibetan art forms. The last academic session on Sikkim-Clean Meals, Bold Trails, Zoom Calls was given by Dr Roshani Rai, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Tripura University. This session indicated tourism as the ultimate destination for organic food and eco healing tourism activities. The session also highlighted Sikkim as an emerging pilgrimage destination with the erection of Char Dham, and the Ravangla which are set in pristine locations. The student delegates assigned in 7 different groups for project activities presented their poster, reports and videos based on their experiences in the Ashtalakshmi Darshan trips around Tripura and the academic sessions. This activity highlighted the creative nature of the students and their learning and presenting prowess.



Day 13: (16.01.2026)

The last day of the programme and the academic sessions was marked by diverse activities which included interaction with eminent figures from Tripura, the regular academic sessions on the state of Tripura, visit of delegates to the Lok Bhavan to have interaction with the Governor of Tripura, Sri N. Indrasena Reddy, and valedictory session. Three eminent figures graced the day by their due presence, sharing of experience and encouragement for the young delegates. Arjuna Awardee, Shri Mantu Debnath, award in the year 1975, the second Indian in the discipline of Gymnastics). He was the first ever Arjuna Awardee from Tripura, he shared his difficulties, lack of financial and technical expertise and how he overcame all those lacks of and how they have not hindered his determination. Padma Shri Sushree Smriti Rekha Chakma, was recognized with the award in 2024 for her continued excellency in Art (traditional loom and natural dyes). She inspired the young people to maintain and carry forward traditional legacy with integrity and respect. Former Vice Chancellor of Tripura University, Prof Arunoday Saha, renowned economist, awarded Padma Shri for Literature and Education in 2025, graced the occasion and had a deep interaction with the delegates, sharing his experiences, and encouraging them to persevere and excel in this competitive world. Three academic sessions on Tripura were held, with Tripura–Borderland Heritage and Harmony: State Profile being the first session delivered by Prof Sabyasachi Dasgupta. The second session Tripura–Borderland Heritage and Harmony: Economy and Livelihood was expounded by Dr Samrat Goswami, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Rural Studies, Tripura University with special focus on rural agrarian-based livelihood, commodities, and future scope of economic improvement. The last academic schedule of the programme titled Tripura–Borderland Heritage and Harmony: Border Trade and Land Customs was presented by Dr Anjana Kalai, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Business Administration, Tripura University.



The academic sessions were followed by a visit to the Governor's official residence Lok Bhavan. Accompanying the team was Prof Shyamal Das, VC i/c Tripura University, and Prof Samir Kumar Sil, Registrar i/c, Tripura University. Each delegate was warmly received with high tea, and presented with embossed customised pens bearing the Governor's symbol, while accompanying faculty members were greeted with a Uttaryo/ Risha. This was a worthwhile occasion in the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange as students get to meet, greet and be inspired by the wise words of the Governor, Shri Nindrasena Reddy. This occasion armoured the young minds to embolden their spirit and become triumphant Nagarik of our Mahaan Bharat.





The Valedictory session was graced by Prof. Shyamal Das, VC i/c Tripura University, as Chief Guest, with Shri R.K. Polendro Sana, Executive Engineer, NEC, the Guest of Honor, and Prof. Somdev Banik, Dean Students MDoNER as Welfare as Special Invitee. the certificate presentation was preceded by feedback from accompanying faculty members and student representative from each of the three visiting institutes. The distinguished guests provided words of encouragement for the delegates. The programme was closed by a salute to the nation with National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana.

