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Tripura University gets first Teachers' Council

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Agartala, Jan 31: Tripura University formed the first Teachers' Council in its history. A the list of elected members were notified on January 30 without any election as only one panel submitted nomination. The newly constituted council for the 2026-28 term is expected to strengthen institutional governance by ensuring wider participation of faculty members and promoting transparency in academic and administrative decision-making.

As per the official notification released by the university, Prof. Anirban Guha has been elected President of the Teachers' Council. Dr. Kalicharan Jha and Prof. Subhrabaran Das will serve as Vice Presidents. Dr. Krishnendu Dhar has been appointed Secretary, while Dr. Sudipta Pal and Dr. Mousami Debbarma have been chosen as Joint Secretaries. The post of Treasurer has been entrusted to Dr. Prasenjit Sinha. The newly elected Teachers' Council is expected to act

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■ CONTINUED FROM PAGE ▶ 01 as a strong representative body of the teaching community. It will play a crucial role in addressing academic challenges, safeguarding faculty interests and fostering a healthy atmosphere for teaching and research. By offering a formal platform for dialogue, the council will help bridge the gap between teachers and the university administration, leading to more coordinated and inclusive governance. The leadership team is also expected to focus on raising academic standards through the promotion of research, innovation and quality teaching practices. With their collective experience and vision, the council is likely to contribute to policy formulation that benefits students and faculty alike, ensuring sustainable institutional growth.

University authorities have expressed optimism that the active involvement of the Teachers' Council will further enhance Tripura University's reputation as a premier institution of higher learning in the North-East region. Emphasis on cooperation, professionalism and academic integrity will guide the council in meeting emerging challenges in higher education.



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TU VC soon, 5 names at Rastrapati Bhaban

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Agartala, Feb 1: Tripura University is likely to get new vice-chancellor soon as the Ministry of Education has already sent a list of five names through the Prime Minister's office to Rastrapati Bhawan for presidential consent. President Draupadi Murmu will choose one of them for the coveted post.

It is learnt that the five names includes Prof Debabrata Das of Assam Central University, Silchar, Prof Deepak Sinha of Nagaland University, Bijita Sinha Agarwal of Indraprastha state University, New Delhi, Prof Rajib Mohon Panth of Assam University, Silchar and Deepak Acharjee of a Delhi University. It is learnt that out of the five the three front runners are Debasish Das, Bijita Singh Agarwal and Rajib Mohon Panth. They are being considered both due to their professional record as well as high level connections. Apart from a professor of repute Debbarata Das is an advisor to the Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma and reportedly a personal friend also. Bijita Singh Agarwal is also a member of the Central Women Empowerment Committee and recently visited

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TU to host National Seminar on Reimagining Development: Gender, Power and Sustainability

Times News

Agartala, Feb 11: Tripura University is set to organise a one-day National Seminar on "Reimagining Development: Gender, Power and Sustainability" on February 12, 2026, at the Conference Hall of the Central Library, Tripura University. The seminar is being jointly organised by the Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Economics, Tripura University, with the aim of promoting critical academic discussions on inclusive and sustainable development from a gender perspective. The seminar will bring together renowned academicians and development professionals from different parts of the country to deliberate on the interconnected themes of gender equality, power structures and sus-

tainability. The programme will commence at 10:00 am and is expected to witness the participation of faculty members, research scholars, students and representatives of various social organisations.

Eminent speakers invited for the seminar include Prof. N. Manimekalai, Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi; Prof. Aarti Srivastava from the Department of Higher and Professional Education, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Ministry of Education, Government of India; Prof. Ritu Dewan, Professor and Director (R), Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai; and Ms. Ashmita Sharma, Executive Director, Society for Labour and Development, New Delhi. Each speaker

will address key aspects of development through their respective areas of expertise. Prof. Manimekalai is expected to highlight gender justice and policy interventions, while Prof. Srivastava will focus on the role of education in shaping equitable development models. Prof. Dewan will present an economic perspective on gender and power relations, and Ms. Sharma will discuss labour rights, social equity and sustainable livelihoods, particularly in relation to women and marginalised communities.

According to the organisers, the seminar seeks to challenge traditional development narratives and explore alternative frameworks that integrate gender sensitivity with sustainability goals. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding how power dynam-

ics influence access to resources and opportunities, and how inclusive policies can contribute to balanced and long-term development.

The event is also intended to provide a platform for interdisciplinary exchange among economists, sociologists and development practitioners, encouraging young scholars to engage with contemporary debates on gender and sustainability. University authorities expressed optimism that the seminar would strengthen academic discourse in the region and contribute to policy-relevant research.

With increasing global concern over inequality, climate change and social justice, the national seminar is expected to play a significant role in rethinking development strategies that are inclusive, just and sustainable for future generations.

Reverberating session of Kokborok poetry in TU

Tapash Debbarma

5 February 2026 marked a historic and memorable day in the history of the Kokborok Department of Tripura University. For the first time, Kokborok Sahitya Sabha, in collaboration with the university's Department of Kokborok, organized a Kokborok Poets' Meet titled "Tayung, do akon..." Around sixty Kokborok poets from different parts of Tripura recited their self-composed poems.

This event seemed to be the fruition of a long journey of struggle and perseverance—beginning with the Certificate Course in 1994, followed by the Diploma in 2001, the Undergraduate program in 2012, the Postgraduate program in 2015–16, and finally the launch of the PhD program in the 2018–19 academic session. Today's poetry conference thus felt like a new sunrise in the sky of Kokborok literature.

From morning to evening, the hall of the Kokborok Department resembled a boat floating upon an ocean of poetry. Each poem was like a wave—sometimes gentle, sometimes intense. Some poets painted with the colors of love, some ignited the flames of protest, some filled the air with the green freshness of nature, while others lit lamps of hope in the darkness of socio-political realities.

Guest poet Shyamal Ray Chowdhury, in his poem, said: "The sun will set forever one day"—a line that symbolically portrayed the in-



evitability of life's ultimate truth through the image of the setting sun.

Sharmila Debbarma's poem "Gandhari" called upon us to open our eyes to justice.

Young poet Lincoln Murasin's poem "My New Disease is Called Fear" stirred the conscience of the audience.

The Bhagirath of modern Kokborok poetry, Nandakumar Debbarma, and distinguished litterateur-composer Bikash Ray Debbarma did not recite poems but enlivened the gathering with their songs.

The poems of Pradyut Debbarma and Madhusudan Debbarma were adorned with sweet poetic embellish-

ments. Their verses flowed like nectar into the hearts of listeners, each word resonating with melody.

Utpal Debbarma, along with reciting poetry, created a harmonious fusion of word and rhythm through the vibrant beats of the tabla.

Renowned poets Dipali and Se-fali Debbarma highlighted women's rights and cultural heritage in their poems. Their works acted as mirrors of society, reflecting the struggles and strength of women.

Prasenjit Debbarma creatively composed an innovative poem by selecting words and lines from the titles and verses of established writers' poems, plays, and songs. He shared, "After breaking a silence of twenty-

one long years, I have gained the rare opportunity to return to the world of poetry. Crossing the silent plains of stillness, today I journey again toward the light of words. I too have recited a poem in search of truth—where within the folds of questions lies a humble attempt to touch the undiscovered truth."

Current and former students of the Department of Kokborok, along with young poets, illuminated the future with their poetic expressions. Their works reflected the brilliance of new ideas, bold experiments in diction, and a distinct touch of modernity in structure.

The poems of the young generation alternated between the tender-

ness of love, the intensity of protest, and fresh perspectives on nature's beauty. They proved that Kokborok literature is growing richer and stronger in the hands of the new generation. These young poets are like the breeze of a new season—rooted in the past, yet blossoming toward the future.

A Confluence of Generations

This conference brought together four to five generations of Kokborok poets. On one side stood the Bhagirath of modern Kokborok poetry, Nandakumar Debbarma; on the other stood his students—the young poets of today's university. It was a confluence like that of river and sea, where past and present merged seamlessly.

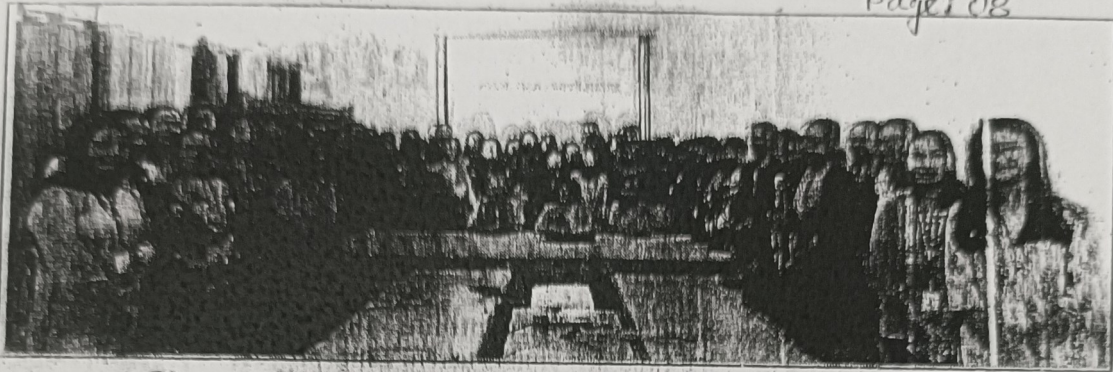
Alumnus Biprajit Debbarma conducted the program with eloquence and grace, making the entire event vibrant and lively. His radiant voice, refined articulation, and timely humor bound each segment into a coherent flow, captivating the audience from beginning to end.

The Organizers' Efforts

The success of the event was made possible through the tireless efforts of the Head of the Department, Khumtiya Debbarma; the Secretary of the Sahitya Sabha, Dr. Biman Debbarma; the President, Ramesh Debbarma; and others. Their dedication was like roots beneath the soil—supporting the great tree that stood tall in the form of this remarkable gathering.

Saptashakti Sangam closing ceremony held at TU

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Agartala: Feb 19. The closing ceremony of Saptashakti Sangam took place at the Conference Hall, Central Library, Tripura University on February 19. The event was attended by educators, research scholars, students, and dignitaries.

Dr. Sindhu Paudial, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Tripura University, was the Chief Guest. Prof. Milan Rani Jamatia, President, Vidya Bharati Shiksha Samity Tripura, presided over the event.

Dr. Poonam Mukherjee, Prant Pramukh, Saptashakti Sangam, Tripura, conducted the

event and presented a detailed report on the activities organized since October 1, 2025. A total of 23 events were held in schools and sanskar kendras, with around 1500 participants, including mothers, teachers, educators, and social leaders.

The objective of the events was to promote women empowerment and highlight the role of women in society and the country. Dr. Sindhu Paudial and Prof. Milan Rani Jamatia discussed the significance of women's roles and the success of the events, respectively.

The program was ended with the vote of thanks by Tandra Gan Chaudhary.

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TU Alumni workshop on Research Methodology

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Agartala, Jan 24: The Tripura University Alumni Association (TUAA) is set to organize a five-day National Workshop on Research Methodology from 25 January to 29 January 2026, in collaboration with Global Authors Publication, New Delhi, and Dynamic Professors Group, New Delhi.

The workshop aims to enhance research skills and methodological understanding among research scholars and academicians. A total of five distinguished academicians from reputed national institu-

tions will conduct intensive training sessions covering key aspects of contemporary research practices. On the first day, Dr. Anish Kumar Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Silchar, will deliver a session on data management for research purposes, with special emphasis on the use of big data repositories in research orientation. The second day will feature Dr. Abhisek Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIIT Vadodara, International Campus, Dlu (U.T.),

who will guide participants on the application of Artificial Intelligence tools in data processing and data visualization. On the third day, Dr. Rakhi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Commerce, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, will conduct a session on questionnaire design, highlighting the use of qualitative and quantitative scales in research. The fourth day will include a lecture by Dr. Rahul Mishra, Director and Assistant Professor (English), Dynamic Professors Group, New Delhi, focusing on the preparation of effective research proposals and synopses.

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