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TU's JMC dept pays tribute to legendary photojournalist Raghu Rai

Times News

Agartala, May 8: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC), Tripura University, on Friday organised a memorial programme titled "Remembering Raghu Rai" to pay tribute to legendary Indian photojournalist Raghu Rai, who passed away on April 26 at the age of 83. The event brought together students, faculty members and research scholars from various departments to honour Rai's extraordinary contribution to Indian photojournalism and his enduring legacy in visual storytelling and documentary photography. The programme

began with a floral tribute to Rai's portrait. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sunil Kalai, Head (I/C) of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication highlighted Rai's remarkable documentation of major social, political, and historical events in India. Emphasising the significance of timing in photography, he stated that moments once missed can never be recreated.

As part of the memorial, eminent Tripura based photographer Rajeeb Debnath delivered a presentation focusing on Raghu Rai's photographic techniques, composition and narrative style that shaped generations of photographers. Prasenjit

Debnath, Guest Faculty of B.Voc (Film & Video Production), Tripura University, spoke on the historical relevance and lasting impact of Rai's work, discussing some of his most iconic photographs, including his coverage of the Bangladesh Liberation War and the Bhopal gas tragedy. Dr. Shankar Nath Tiwari and Dr. Sindhu Pudhuyal from the department of Sanskrit and philosophy respectively also attended the programme. The event concluded with a silent march from the JMC department to the university's Open Theatre, where participants observed a minute of silence in memory of the departed photojournalist.

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Union Minister Pradhan holds meeting with TU Chancellor

Observer Reporter

Agartala: May 08. Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan today said he held a productive meeting with Chancellor of Tripura University Ahmed Javed to discuss key issues related to higher education and institutional development in the Northeast region.

The Union Education Minister said the interaction focused on strengthening higher education, promoting academic excellence, and enhancing the institutional capacity of universities in the region. Highlighting the significance of Tripura University, Pradhan described the institution as a premier central university of the Northeast with a crucial role in advancing quality education, research, innovation, and human resource development. He further stated that the university's contribution would be important in achieving the national vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047," aimed at transforming India into a developed *See on P-3*

Union Minister

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nation through inclusive growth and educational advancement.

The discussion also underscored the importance of collaborative efforts to improve educational infrastructure and create greater academic and research opportunities for students across the Northeast.

TRIPURA OBSERVER
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Tripura University celebrates Rabindra Jayanti with focus on rural reconstruction

Observer Reporter

Agartala: May 09. Tripura University celebrated the 165th birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore on Saturday with a special programme focusing on rural reconstruction, education and cultural integration.

The commemorative event was organised by the Department of Rural Management and Development (MRMD) and began with floral tributes to the statue of Gurudev near the Open Theatre of the university campus. The celebration featured Rabindra Sangeet, academic discussions on Tagore's philosophy of rural reconstruction, and a Shruti Natok presentation.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shyamal Das presided over the programme and highlighted the enduring relevance of Tagore's rural-based knowledge systems and his educational and social philosophies in today's academic landscape.

Registrar Prof. Samir Kumar Sil reflected on Tagore's upbringing and stressed the importance of encouragement within families in nurturing greatness.



He also underlined the need for cultural integration in the university's developmental vision. Delivering the keynote address on "Rabindranath and Rural Reconstruction," Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik explained Tagore's economic ideas and linked his experiments at Sriniketan with contemporary models of sustainable development.

The programme was welcomed by Prof. Arobindo Mahato, who highlighted the influence of Tagore's educational philosophy on generations of scholars from Visva-Bharati. Similar views

were echoed by Dr. Rajesch Chatterjee.

Adding cultural vibrancy to the event, scholars from the Department of Music performed the Rabindra Sangeet "Hey Nuton," while artists of the "Neel Kantha Social and Cultural Organization" staged a powerful Shruti Natok based on Tagore's symbolic play "Raktakarobi." The programme witnessed the participation of faculty members, administrative staff and a large number of students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Samrat Goswami.

TU observes Rabindra Jayanti

■ NEC Report

Agartala, May 9: The Department of Rural Management and Development (MRMD) at Tripura University today organized a commemorative program to celebrate the 165th birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The celebration commenced with a floral tribute to the Statue of Gurudev, near Open Theatre, Tripura university followed by a series of programmes including Rabindra Sangeet, academic talk on Rabindranath and Rural Reconstruction, Shruti Natok etc.

The program was graced by the Vice-Chancellor of Tripura University, Prof. Shyamal Das, who presided over the occasion. In his address, Prof. Das emphasized

the enduring relevance of Tagore's rural based knowledge and endurance with educational and social philosophies in the contemporary academic landscape..

Prof. Samir Kumar Sil, Registrar of Tripura University, also attended the occasion, offered a poignant reflection on Tagore's upbringing. He highlighted that Tagore's evolution into 'Gurudev' was deeply rooted in the encouragement he received within his family, Prof. Sil urged the audience to recognize the importance of praising children for every achievement, as a supportive environment is the true crucible of greatness. Prof. Sil also highlighted the importance of cultural integration within the university's developmental goals.

A highlight of the event was the keynote address on "Rabindranath and Rural reconstruction" delivered by Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik, Faculty from the Department of Economics. Prof. Bhowmik provided deep insights into Tagore's economic thought, linking the poet's historical experiments in Sriniketan to modern sustainable development models.

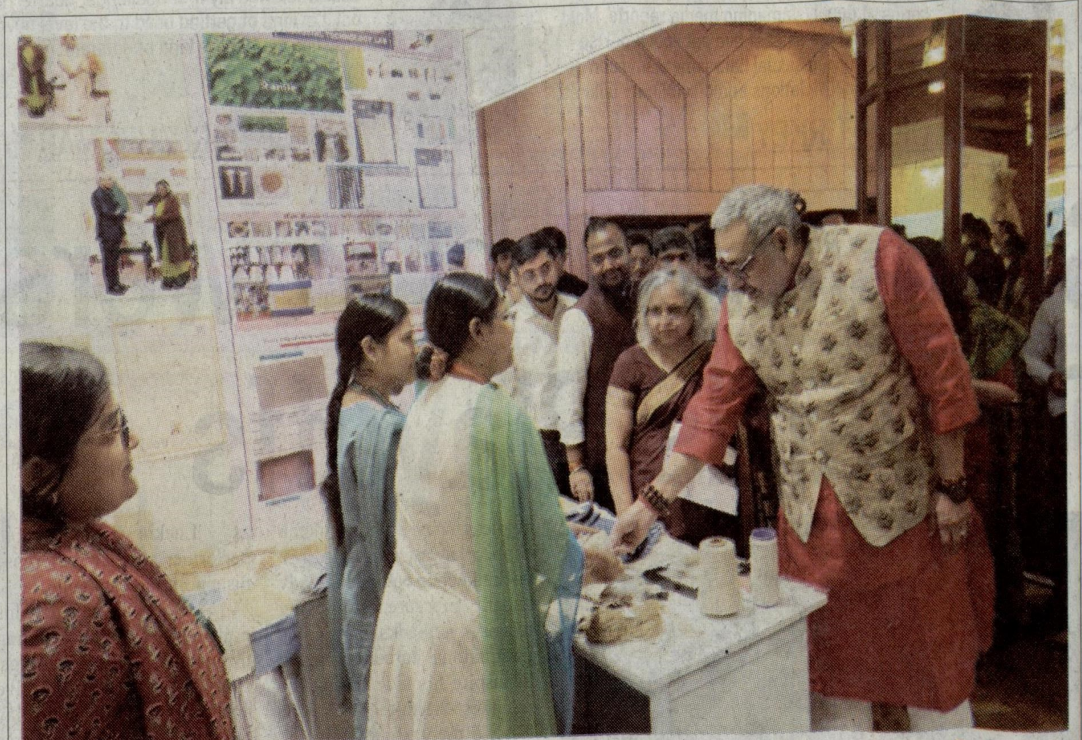
Prof. Arobindo Mahato, Faculty, Dept. of Rural Management and Development and Convener of this programme welcomed the dignitaries and set the context for the day's celebrations. He highlighted the impact of Rabindranath Tagore's approach of education impacted upon large number of scholars from Visva-Bharati.

TU shines at national textile event

■ NEC Report

Agartala, May 20: Tripura University made its mark at a national-level demonstration of New Age Fibre in New Delhi on Tuesday, where Union Cabinet Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh personally visited the university's stall and later acknowledged its work in his concluding address at the event organized by the Ministry of Textiles and the National Jute Board.

It is learned that students and researchers from Tripura University, a central university, set up a dedicated stall at the event, presenting their fibre-based research and product innovations to delegates and visitors from across the country. However, minister Singh took time to walk through the exhibition and stopped at the Tripura University stall, where students walked him through their work. He examined the products on display and engaged with the team present at the stall. Notably, in his concluding address at the event, the Union Minister specifically mentioned the contributions



■ Union Cabinet Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh examines fibre-based products at Tripura University stall during New Age Fibre Demonstration organised by the Ministry of Textiles and the National Jute Board in New Delhi on Tuesday. - NEC Photo

of Tripura University, giving the northeast institution a rare national recognition on a platform shared with stake-

holders from the country's textiles sector.

Meanwhile, the event, jointly organised by the Min-

istry of Textiles and the National Jute Board, served as a platform to showcase emerging research and innovation

in natural and alternative fibres. Tripura University's participation drew considerable attention at the event.

TU invites intel students for admission

■ NEC Report

Agartala, May 30: Tripura University has invited applications from foreign nationals for admission to its undergraduate, integrated master's, postgraduate diploma and postgraduate programmes for the academic session 2026–27, with the online admission process to be completed by June 28. According to the university's Admission Cell, international applicants must first register through the Study in India Portal (www.studyinindia.gov.in) before completing the admission process on the university's FSR Admission Portal (tripuraunivfsradm.samarth.edu.in). Admissions will be subject to verification of academic credentials, passport, visa and other relevant documents as prescribed by the university and Government of India guidelines. The detailed eligibility criteria, programme structure, and fee structure are available in the e-Prospectus 2026–27 on the university website.

Tripura University invites international students for 2026-27 admissions

Observer Reporter

Agartala: May 30. Tripura University has invited applications from eligible international students and foreign nationals for admission to its undergraduate, integrated master's, postgraduate diploma, and postgraduate programmes for the academic session 2026-27.

According to an admission notification issued by the university, international applicants must first register through the Study in India portal and subsequently complete the admission process through the university's Foreign Student Registration (FSR) admission portal by June 28, 2026.

The university stated that admissions will be subject to verification of academic credentials, passport, visa, and other relevant documents in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India and the university.

The detailed eligibility criteria, programme structure, and fee details are available in the e-prospectus hosted on the university website. A separate fee structure will be applicable for students from countries outside the SAARC region, while applicants from SAARC nations will pay fees equivalent to those charged to Indian students.

The university has advised candidates to regularly visit its official website and admission portal for updates regarding admission schedules and notifications. The Admission Cell of Tripura University is coordinating the admission process for international students.