



Message

On the eve of my departure as I bid farewell to you, my tenure as DGP Tripura has been extremely enriching and satisfying.

My prime objective was to streamline the overall functioning of the Tripura Police by ushering in an action plan based systems approach. This initiative was well accepted and implemented by all of you leading to perceptible improvements in all aspects of policing.

In an endeavour to bring in professionalism and accountability, a monthly review system was introduced in all units of the Tripura Police, which has brought in remarkable and visible progress. In order to document the best practices in the various units of the Police, Manuals were prepared for the first time in the TSR, Special Branch, CID, Enforcement Branch, MTF and Security for better focus and guidance in their daily work. I hope the officers would value this practice and continue to utilise it for their benefit.

The future of successful policing lies in nurturing a close rapport with the public. *Prayaas* – our community policing programme has made significant inroads, where public support has resulted in the effective control of crime especially, against women and road traffic accidents. The crime statistics are ample proof of this. This being my dream project, I trust Tripura Police would continue with their good work and carry it forward in the years to come.

I am glad that substantial progress has been made with regard to amending recruitment rules, increasing the number of Police Stations and timely promotions of all ranks, thus, clearing and paving the way for future promotions.

Special emphasis during my tenure was given to revamp and restructure the training to ensure value addition in all ranks. An Annual Training Calendar was introduced for the first time after assessing the training needs. Based on this, the training content and delivery and infrastructure were upgraded to increase the output of the personnel trained. This initiative has resulted in the training of over two thousand personnel in a record period. Today, I am happy to state that the KTD Singh Police Training College has become a full fledged academy in the North East with a Master Plan worth ten crores.



The modernisation plan of the Tripura Police was revisited to improve the much neglected infrastructure by earmarking sufficient funds. The concept of New Look Police Stations with work stations, better barracks and other basic amenities were introduced with the assistance of the Police Modernisation Funds. A large number of prefab huts, solar lights and water tankers were purchased to improve the living conditions of all the TSR Camps in the interior areas. The GO's and NGO's Mess in A D Nagar, Police Training Academy, 1st Battalion TSR, 2nd Battalion TSR, Girls and Boys Hostel and Canteen were refurbished and modernised to provide better facilities to a large section of personnel.

The welfare activities of the Tripura Police was reviewed and revamped thoroughly giving it a new thrust and direction. *Guldasta*, a cooperative society, introduced on the lines of the CSD provides subsidised consumer items for our personnel and has been an extremely popular initiative. It has also received a reward of Rupees one lakh from the Tripura Government for its excellent performance. This welfare project is being extended to other areas with the assistance of the Central Paramilitary force canteen. All Battalion Headquarters, District Police Lines and Police Stations have been remodelled into profit centres by introducing over twenty eight thousand rubber and fruit bearing trees, scientific pisciculture, piggeries and goateries to augment the welfare funds.

TSR - the Pride of Tripura has lived up to its name and shaped into a unique force in the North East. It has played a pivotal role in manning large number of camps in interior areas to control insurgency, tackling serious law and order situations, performing election duty, providing security to the Commonwealth Games, Disaster Management interventions, Commando operations and Jungle warfare. It is therefore aptly referred to, as the backbone of Tripura having its own distinct character and identity that makes it stand apart.

It is a matter of great pride, that in my tenure I was successful in enabling the Tripura Police to be decorated by the President's Police Colours. This achievement par excellence makes the Tripura Police one of the four states in our country to receive this highest distinction. This proves the credentials of the Tripura Police as a unique, professional and committed force.

Today, as I relinquish charge as DGP Tripura, it gives me immense pride and satisfaction for having led an intelligent, outstanding and enthusiastic police force of



over twenty six thousand personnel that have evolved and transformed into a progressive, proactive and public friendly Police. I am confident that you will uphold the dignity and pride of Tripura Police and not compromise on the professional front.

I would like to greet the entire Tripura Police family on the forthcoming festive occasion of *Durga Puja*.

I am overwhelmed by the love, affection and respect received from all ranks. I take this opportunity to wish every member of this dynamic force the very best in life. May Tripura Police earn the goodwill of the citizens and receive many more laurels in the days to come.

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