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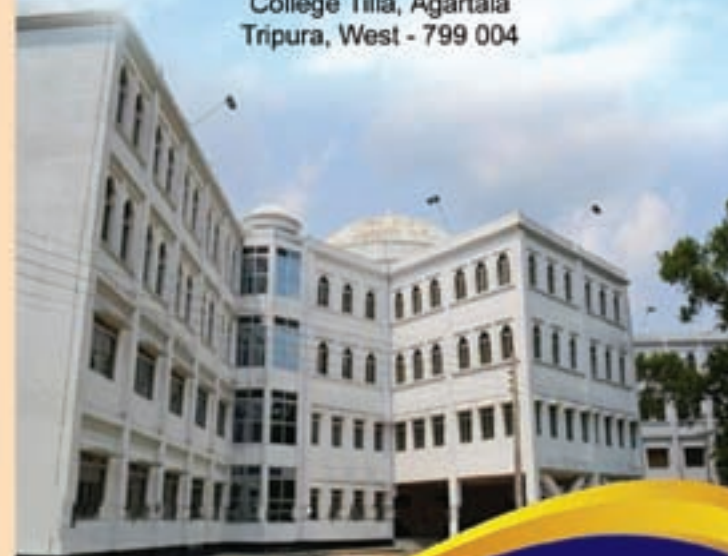
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Maharaja Bir Bikram University, established by an Act of Tripura Legislative Assembly, began its maiden journey in 2015. Situated in a lush green landscape adjacent to MBB College, Agartala, the university intends to sail through the vibrant world of academia with objective of encouraging IMAGINATION, INNOVATIONS, and IDEAS in the newly emerging academic disciplines without ignoring the vast knowledge that have been accumulated over long period of human civilization.

KEY CONCEPT OF THE SEMINAR

A Public Policy has been defined as the 'organizing framework of purpose and rationales for government programmes to deal with specific social problems'. Such policies are generally viewed as well mapped out, and contain well defined purposes. However, policies once adopted and started to be implemented, tend to generate their own momentum and dynamism. An objective analysis of the public policies requires, to a large extent, critical evaluation of large number of complex and shifting variables on whose support the success of such policies depend. The main purpose of the seminar is to look into, and make assessment of the current state of affairs as far as developmental experiences of Tripura are concerned and their future.

Tripura is just 350 kilometres and 250 kilometres away from Kolkata and Guwahati, two largest metropolises in the Eastern India, respectively. Yet it is an insulated state of India with almost no instant access to the mainland except through a small corridor connecting India through Assam and Mizoram. This has made the state of Tripura, more or less, isolated, if not excluded from the rest of India.

Despite this topographical disadvantage, the state has recently emerged as an example of change and transformation. Despite being a small, landlocked, resource(financially) starved, but more or less well managed economy, the state of Tripura has made remarkable achievements in terms of human development indices during the last two or three decades. Literacy rate reaches 96.8% ; sex ratio stands at 961 female against 1000 males; exploitation of Dalit is unknown;one in three has been provided with housing, one in three receives some amount of social insurance (SAMAJIK BHATA). This state has secured first position in MGN REGA scheme for the last few years. Connectivity has led to massive socio-economic transformation. The idea of frontier huts has generated economic transactions across the border. How did this transition take place? Our point is : balanced, well formulated public policies and their successful implementation by the state have resulted in bringing about such transformation.

We intend to bring together a diverse set of academicians as well as practitioners who can throw light on the current state of affairs in various public policy issues and to map out future trajectories of those policies for the state of Tripura. This seminar will be both evaluative and futuristic - efforts will be made to look into progresses, reactions, receptions and possibilities of various public policies linked with rural development, development of tribal population, education, connectivity and environmental management in this small but self-assertive state of India. Although emphasis will be given on Tripura, comparison of development parameters of neighbouring states, including West Bengal, will also be encouraged. In other words, efforts will be made to explore impacts of several public policies on the masses and analyze consequences of such for the future.

SUGGESTED THEMES

- Rural Development and Decentralization;
- Tribal Development Policies;
- Multicultural perspective and Integrationist Views;
- Education and Health;
- Language and Literature,
- Infrastructure;
- Social Inclusion,
- Environment;
- Connectivity and Urbanization;
- Challenges ahead;
- Public Policy in Tripura - practitioners' perspectives;
- Methodological Innovations and Public Policy Analysis;
- Tripura and Look East Policy;

The themes are not exhaustive - new ideas and themes are welcome.

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