PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE UNDER RTI ACT, 2005

Name of the Public Authority: - Sri Animesh Debbarma, Director, Higher Education

Address: Directorate of Higher Education, 1st floor, Shiksha Bhawan, Office Lane, Agartala, Tripura West, 799001

Head of Office: - Sri Arun Debbarma, Joint Director

Parent Government Department :- Education (Higher) Department

Geographical Jurisdiction: Within the State of Tripura

Vision

To realize the human resource potential of the State to its fullest in the Higher Education sector, with equity and inclusion.

Mission of the Higher Education Department

- To enhance access to Higher Education, ensuring equity, and in particular to the vulnerable sections of the society.
- To improve employability of students graduating from higher educational institutions
- To promote quality of Higher Education
- Development of vocational education and skill education
- To frame policies and programmes for strengthening research & innovations and encourage higher educational institutions public or

private - to engage with industry and society.

Goals

- Establishing new institutions in areas having unmet demand for higher education
- Providing support to the existing institutions for improving access, equity and quality of education.
- Providing necessary support to the efforts of the Central Government for establishing Central Educational Institutions
- Enhancing financial support to the existing State Higher Educational institutions
- · Processing recruitment proposals for teaching and non-teaching staff
- Promoting academic reforms to ensure that the education being imparted is matched to the requirements

- •Improving governance and autonomy and undertaking institutional restructuring.
- Promoting use of technology in education to enhance access, quality at lower costs.
- Initiate policies and programmes for strengthening academic collaboration and research and innovation, including research in liberal arts.

• Present Status:

- The GER (Gross Enrolment Ratio) [which is calculated as the number of students enrolled in the year within the age group of 18-23 divided by the population in this age cohort multiplied by 100] in the State of Tripura was 19.2 as per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) in 2020-21 conducted by MHRD. The All India GER was 27.3 in 2020-21. The GER for ST students in Tripura in 2020-21 was 13.2 (All India 18.9) and for SC students was 16.3 (All India 23.1).
- The following are the higher education institutions in the State:

 University (Central Govt.)- 1 (Tripura University); University (State Govt) -2 (MBB University, National Law University, Tripura.)

 University (Private) -5 (ICFAI University, Dhamma Dipa International Buddhish University, Aryavart International University, Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Techno India university;) No. of General Degree College(Govt.) -25; No. of General Degree Colleges (private)- 6; No. of Engineering Colleges(Govt.)- 1 (TIT); No. of Engineering Colleges(private)- 1 (Techno India); No. of Polytechnic Institutes (Govt.)- 6; No. of professional Colleges (Art & Craft, B.Ed. Music, Law, (Govt.) -5; No. of B.Ed. College (Private)- 4 (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan-2, HolyCross-1, ICFAI-1)
- The total enrolment in 37 institutions (under Higher Education Deptt.) of higher learning in the State is 73,994 for the year 2023-24.

STEP UP AND FUNCTION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

1	Shri Animesh Debbarma, Education (Higher) Department. First Appellate Authority of RTI ACT.	Administrative & Disciplinary authority of the Department, SPD (RUSA) Appellate Officer under RTI Act.
2	Shri R. Bhattacharjee, Addl Director & State Public Information Officer of RTI Act.	ASPD (RUSA), SNO, Tripura (AISHE) Public Information Officer under RTI Act, Complaint & Grievance Cell.
3	Shri Partha Bhattacharya, Joint Director.	Overall co-ordination of Budget & Planning of the Deptt.
4	Shri Pratibrata Bhattacharjee, Archivist.	General & Cultural Affairs ,UDCA, RUSA.
5	Shri Habul Lodh, Deputy Director.	Audit & Account, Store, GTCA, Stipend, E-tender, GEM, C&G, RTI.
6	Shri Arun Debbarma.	Head of Office, Establishment Gazetted & Confirmation, Legal Affairs.
7.	Shri Biswajit Majumder, O.S.D (Technical).	Technical Affairs.
8.	Dr. Jhilly Choudhury, SRO.	DDO, Statistical Section.
9.	Dr. Pankaj Debbarma, OSD (T).	Skill Development, Placement.

Service provided in brief:

The Higher Education sector is not service oriented sector. However, stipend and scholarship unit under the different schemes are regularly provided to the eligible students pursuing higher education.

Organizational structure of Higher Education Department

