



## Tripura

- \* **Capital:** Agartala
- \* **Date of formation:** January 21, 1972
- \* **Languages:** Kokborok, Bengali, Manipuri
- \* **Size:** 10,492 sq km
- \* **Population:** 36,71,032
- \* **Sex Ratio:** 960F/1000M
- \* **Literacy:** 87.8%
- \* **Density:** 350 per sq km
- \* **Rivers:** Gomti
- \* **Major crops:** Paddy, Wheat, Sugarcane, Potato
- \* **Minerals:** Glass sands, Limestone, Clay
- \* **Highest Peak:** Betalongship (1097m)
- \* **Forests and reserved forest:** Shepahijala, Trishna, Rowa
- \* **Fairs and festivals:** Pous Sankranti, Kharchi Puja, Jer, Garia Puja, Ganga Puja, Ker Puja, Durga Puja, Nazrul Jayanti, Way (Lamp) festival
- \* **Major dance and music forms:** Garia Dance, Jhum, Maimita, Bizu, Hozagiri, Hai-Hak, Wangla, Cheraw, Lebang Boomani Dance, Bihu dance, Sarinda, Sumui music, Welcome Dance
- \* **Arts and crafts:** Bamboo mats: cloths with snakeskin designs known as Ponnongvom garments called the risa and the rignai
- \* **Museum:** Ujjayanta Palace, Agartala
- \* **Cuisine:** Chakhwi, Muitru, Mosdeng
- \* **State animal:** *Phayre's langur* or *spectacled langur*
- \* **State bird:** *Green Imperial pigeon*
- \* **State flower:** *Nag Kesar*
- \* **State tree:** *Agar*
- \* **Tourist attractions:** Ujjayant Palace, Chaturdas Devata Temple, Neer Mahal, Sipahijala

### Factoids:

- \* Before becoming a state, Tripura was made a Union Territory in 1963.
- \* Singers are usually accompanied by instruments like the sarinda, chongpreng, bamboo flute or sumui.
- \* Lake Rudrsagar is the only lake in eastern India with a palace in it; Neermahal was built by Maharaja BirBikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur as a summer resort.

