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**Press Release**

as received from the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Tripura  
on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“Today on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Sri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura called on Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India in his office chamber at Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi.

During this meeting the Hon'ble Chief Minister discussed following issues related to the development of Information Technology sector in Tripura so as to make Agartala a future IT Hub of the North East India.

- 1. Setting up of 3<sup>rd</sup> Software Technology Park in Agartala:**  
Already two number of small Software Technology Parks have been established by Software Technology Park of India (STPI) in Agartala- one at Lichubagan and the other at Indranagar, Agartala. However the space available for IT professionals in these two IT Parks is highly insufficient. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura requested the Hon'ble Union Minister to direct Software Technology Park of India (STPI) to set up another state of art Software Technology Park in Agartala for which he has proposed to provide 1.4 acre of land in Gurkhabasti Agartala near Aranya Bhawan. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura informed the Hon'ble Union Minister that there are

many IT professionals from Tripura who are working in various cities like Bangalore and Pune etc and want to return back to Tripura. However they do not have proper facilities in Agartala or Tripura. Also he explained that Agartala being situated on the International Internet Gateway coming from Cox- Bazar, Bangladesh along with reliable air connectivity with all the major cities of India and availability of trained IT manpower etc, is the ideal place in the entire North East to be the future Information Technology Hub. Hon'ble Chief Minister proposed that this Software Technology Park building may be a high rise, modern, energy efficient and magnificent building so as to create maximum possible space for IT Companies and IT Professionals and also the said building may be recognized as symbol and icon of Agartala in future. The Hon'ble Union Minister assured to take necessary action in this regard.

2. **Regarding implementation of "Wi-Fi Chaupal Project" in Tripura:** Already CSC E- Governance Services India Limited has submitted a proposal to the Government of Tripura to undertake **"Wi-Fi Chaupal Project"** in 1178 Gram Panchayats of Tripura to provide last mile internet connectivity in rural areas for establishment of network of Common Service Centers (CSCs) with an estimated cost of **Rs. 34.98 Crore**. Hon'ble Chief Minister requested the Hon'ble Union Minister to look into the matter for sanction of the said project on urgent basis. Hon'ble Union Minister assured to take necessary action in this regard."

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