



# Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur

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Recently, the [Prime Minister \(PM\)](#) paid homage to **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur** on his **birth anniversary**.

- PM highlighted his significant contributions to **Tripura's development** and his dedication to empowering the poor and tribal communities.

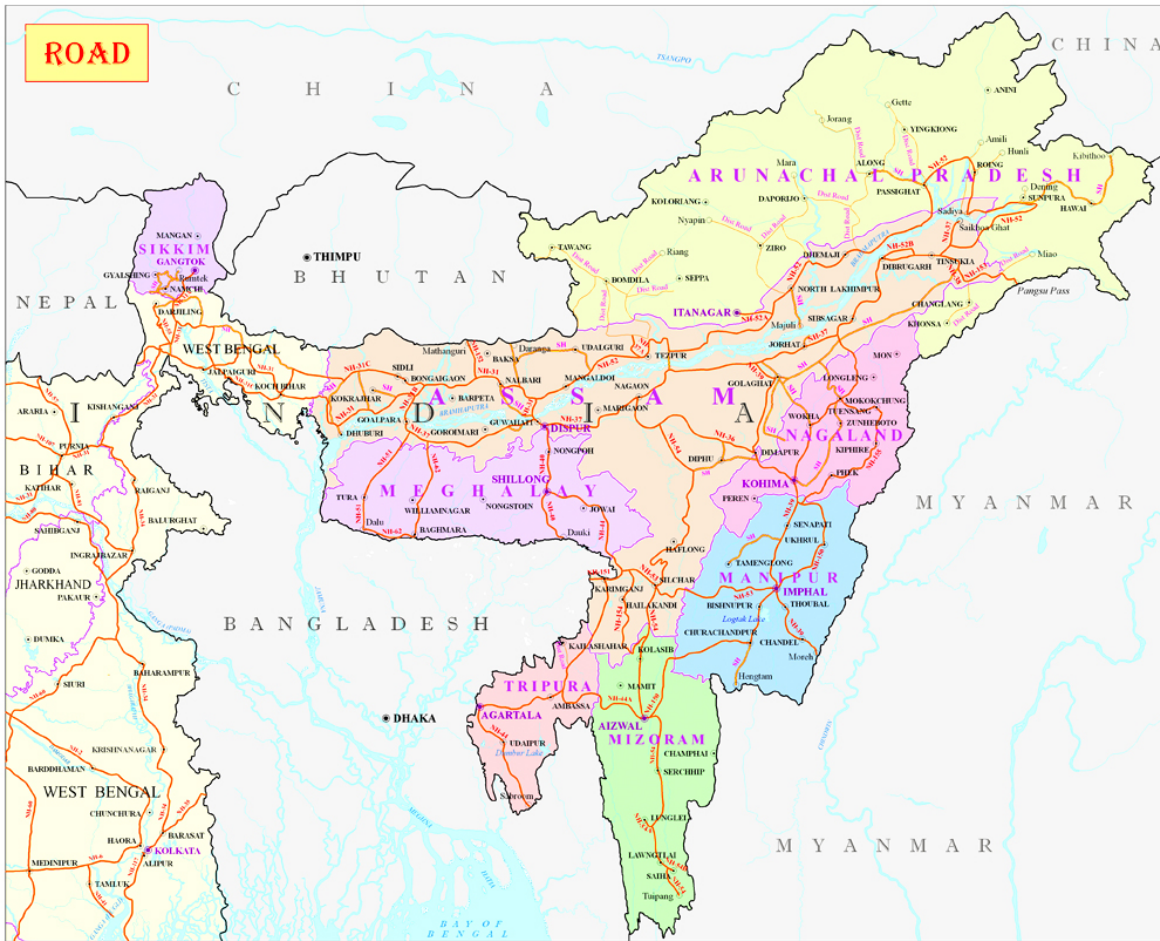
## Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur:

- He was born on **19<sup>th</sup> August 1908** in Tripura, also known as the "**Modern Architect of Tripura**".
- He established the **first higher educational institution**, advocated for **land reforms**, and **reserved land for the indigenous** people, leading to the formation of the [Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council \(TTAADC\)](#).
- He was the **first ruler of Tripura to visit Europe and America** (1931-1939).
- He passed away at the young age of 39 in 1947 untimely death impacted the development of Tripura.
- **Agartala airport**, earlier known as **Singerbhil Airport**, was renamed after **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur** in July 2018.
  - The land for this was donated by him and was used as a technical base for the Royal Air Force during [World War II](#).

## Tripura:

- Tripura is the **2<sup>nd</sup> most populous in the northeast region (after Assam)**, sharing borders with **Bangladesh, Mizoram and Assam**.
- **Wildlife Sanctuaries: Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary, Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary and Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary**
- **National Parks: Bison (Rajbari) NP and Clouded Leopard NP.**

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