

## Chapter 1: Introduction

### General Profile of the District

West Tripura District is the largest of the four districts in the State both in terms of population (15,32,982 which is 47.92 *per cent* of the State population as per 2001 Census) and geographical area (3047.78 Sq. Km. which is 29.05 *per cent* of the State's area).

Agartala, the State Capital, is also the headquarters of the district. The district is surrounded by Bangladesh in the north and west; and on the east and south by the districts of Dhalai and South Tripura respectively.

The district consists of five Sub-divisions and the State's lone Municipal Council, four Nagar Panchayats, 16 Rural Development (RD) Blocks, 274 Revenue Villages, 400 Gaon Panchayats and 3040 habitations. The sex ratio is 951 females per 1000 males against the national sex ratio of 933 females per 1000 males, while the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) population comprise 25.25 *per cent* and 19.29 *per cent* respectively. 73 *per cent* people live in rural areas, and 27 *per cent* live in the urban areas. The National Sample Survey (NSS) 61<sup>st</sup> Round data 2004-05 recorded that as of January 2005, 88.56 *per cent* of the males and 78.78 *per cent* of the females in the district were literate.

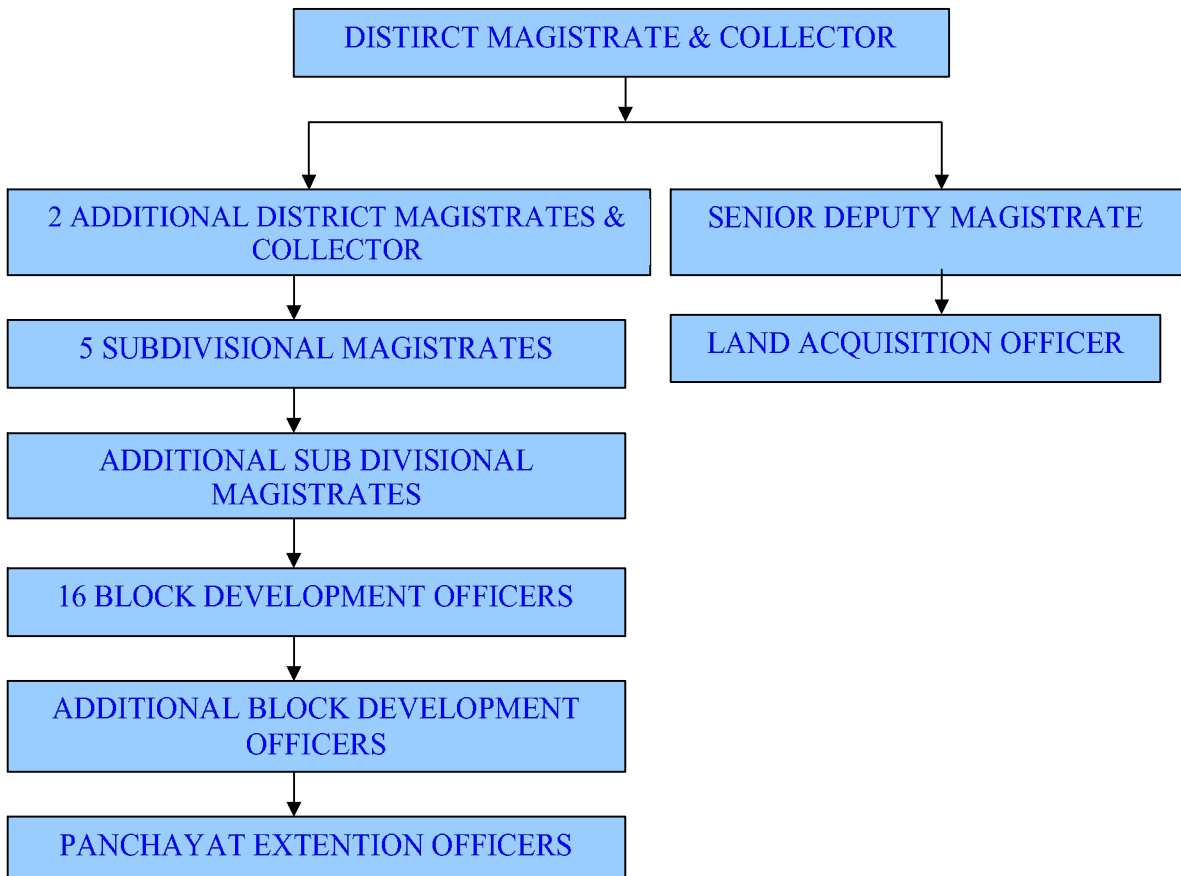
### Administrative Set-up

#### ➤ District Magistrate and Collector

The district civil administration is headed by the District Magistrate and Collector (DM&C), who heads various district level committees of programme/schemes implemented by the line departments and works under the control of the Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. He is assisted by two additional District Magistrates and Collector, one Senior Deputy Magistrate, one Land Acquisition Officer, five Sub-divisional Magistrates and 16 Block Development Officers.

An organogram of the district administration is given below:-

**Chart No. 1**



➤ **District Rural Development Agency (DRDA)**

For rural developmental schemes, the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), a society registered under the Societies Registration Act and headed by Project Director (PD) is responsible for co-ordination with the line departments and all other organizations concerned. The DRDA functions through a Governing Body (GB) chaired by the Chairperson of the Zilla Parishad and with representatives from all the linked Departments, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) besides the MP and the MLAs of the District and Chairpersons of the Panchayat Samities (on rotational basis).