



Amiya Bhusan Tripathy

Born in Sonepur in Odisha in 1939 Shri Tripathy had his college education in G.M.College,Sambalpur (1956-58) and Ravenshaw College Cuttack (1958-62). He joined the Indian Police Service in 1962 while he was a student in Final year MA in Political Science. He had a flair for public speaking and represented Utkal University in Delhi in Inter University debate in 1962.

He was allotted Orissa Cadre and served in various crucial capacities till he retired as the Director General of Police Odisha in October 1997. He was one of the forerunners in introducing IT in Police while he was on deputation to Ministry of Home affairs in Delhi, and also the Convenor of a Committee setup by Central Govt to introduce computerisation of Immigration records in the International Airports before the Asian games in 1982. While in Delhi he joined the National Police College Bramshill, U.K in 1978 for Overseas Command Course and thereafter was attached to the Scotland Yard to study Police applications. In 1981 he visited Tokyo in Japan and Los angles ,Newyork and Washington FBI Headquarters to study Police applications in IT with particular reference to Traffic Control and Automated Finger print systems.

He came back to Odisha in 1983 and was the first IPS officer to serve as the Inspector General of Prisons (83-88). His tenure witnessed an era of reforms, modernisation and expansion of the prisons.He was also the first IPS officer to serve in the Tourism department. Coming back to Police he served as IG of police CID ,Crime, CMD State Road Transport Corporation and Director General of Police,Vigilance,before becoming Director General of Odisha Police in 1995. In 1999 he joined as Special Rapporteur National Human Rights Commission and served till 2006. He was awarded the Police Medal in 1979 and the President's Medal for Distinguished Service in 1987. Widely travelled, he represented India thrice in INTERPOL conventions in Paris, Bangkok and Delhi, was a member of the Indo-Soviet delegation to USSR on tourism promotion, was a Special Observer to a UN convention on Dimensions of Crime and Criminality. He was also a Guest speaker in various national level institutions like Indian Institute of Public Administration, NewDelhi, Telecommunication Training Centre Gaziabad, National Police Academy and Administrative

Staff College ,Hyderabad and Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science New Delhi.

As a vocal advocate for reforms , he has courted controversy by joining issues with the Government and political executive in his service career. He was the Hon. Secretary of the Orissa IPS officers Association and General Secretary of the Central IPS officers Association New Delhi from 1980 to 83. After retirement he has been associated with several public activities. As Chairman of the Ravenshaw College (University) Development Trust from 1994 to 2015 he played a crucial role in upgrading the College to the status of a University. He was President of the Mahabodhi Society of India ,Orissa branch from 2004 to 2008, Convenor of the Western Orissa Forum, Advisor , Convention against Torture and Advisor, Transparency International Odisha branch. He was a member of the Civil Services Reforms Committee constituted by Govt of India under the Chairmanship of Shri P.C.Hota, former Chairman UPSC in 2004-05, Chairman of the Grievance Redressal Group, Tata Steel Jajpur (2008-12), Member National Film Festival Jury and Chairman State Film Festival Jury. He had earned a Special Jury award in 2003 in the non feature film category in the National Film Festival 2003 on a Documentary titled 'KALAHANDI'. Presently he is the State Convenor of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) which is involved in conservation and preservation of our Heritage ,Advisor National Election Watch Odisha branch, President Nilakantha Das Smruti Samiti, and President of the Association of Retired Senior Police Officers, Odisha.

He has authored 6 books, one on Konark and the other three are compilation of essays published in News papers. His book titled "Diaries of a Country Cousin, Policing the Nation" an autobiography was published in February 2015. His last book "TRUST REDEEMED- Birth of Ravenshaw University" was released by Shri Pranab Mukherjee former President of India on 21-11-17. As a columnist he writes in Odia and English newspapers on contemporary topics. He has edited a book on conservation of ancient monuments in Odisha titled "Preserving Heritage – the Odishan Way" which was released in January 2019.

His wife Usha Rani Thipathy is the author of two books on Odia Cuisine. His two daughters Padmini and Anuradha are married