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The Chief Minister in the programme said, “lockdown was announced when the Covid first wave hit the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not stay mum even when everyone had to stay inside their homes, instead with his far-sightedness he took significant steps for the development of health infrastructure. Results of that initiative are vaccination, ventilators, oxygen concentrators etc during the Covid second wave.” He added, “A part of the critics presumed that people will die of hunger due to the lockdown but with the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, people of the country did not have to go hungry with Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. The state government has also taken some significant steps. Tripura government has announced Chief Minister Special Covid Relief Package worth 579 crore rupees through which 7 lakh poor families are receiving food packets and advance two months social pensions and many other initiatives are being taken. In this testing time, the state government has also increased 3% DA of the employees.”

The Chief Minister also said, “When a part of critics were busy gossiping, the Prime Minister with positivity was tirelessly making plans for the welfare of the people. The central government extended financial assistance to the welfare of the farmers worth 1 lakh crore rupees. Kisan Rail was launched for the farmers to be able to sell agri-produces at right prices. Through this the farmers with minimum expenditure are able to meet global markets. After the state’s queen pineapple was announced as the state fruit, the fruit sale upsurged in the national and international markets. State’s jackfruit reached UK market. We are moving ahead with new thinking towards new path.”

Principal Secretary of the health department J.K Sinha in his speech said, “Various steps such as vaccination fest and special vaccination drive etc have been taken to speed up the vaccination process in the state. The state government is giving priority to how to vaccinate more number of people.” He also said, “The health services have been decentralised to tackle Covid second wave. The Chief Minister himself is looking after the Covid management system of the whole state personally and has ordered to take necessary steps.” He hoped that it will be possible to vaccinate a good number of people in this two-day Covid vaccination drive. Others present in the programme were West Tripura DM Debapriya Bardhan, NHM Mission Director Siddharth Singh Jaiswal, DHS Subhasish Debbarma, and FWPM Director Dr. Radha Debbarma.

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