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Press conference of Principal Secretary of Information and Technology Department

Advanced infrastructure is being developed to connect Tripura with high speed internet connectivity. All districts headquarters, TTAADC, sub-divisional and block offices have been connected with high-speed internet through State Wide Area Network (SWAN). He said that 73 areas under SWAN have been upgraded with bandwidth. 450 offices have been connected to provide high speed internet under the High Speed Wide Area Network (HSWAN) project said Puneet Agarwal, Principal Secretary of the Information and Technology Department in a press conference held on 5th August, 2022 at the conference hall of the Secretariat. Principal Secretary of Information and Technology Department highlighted the progress of various programmes implemented by Information and Technology Department in the state. Principal Secretary said that the state government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana' under this scheme a grant of 5 thousand rupees is given to the final year students of various educational institutions of the state to buy smart phones. Through this scheme, 7,274 students in the financial year 2020-21 and 9,371 students in the financial year 2021-22 were given a grant of Rs. 5,000 for purchasing smart phones. He informed that the last date for online application for this scheme in the financial year 2022-23 is 20 August 2022.

In the press conference he also said that the state government has given utmost importance to e-governance. 228 services have been brought online with the help e-Municipality like Digital Services (e-District), SWAAGAT, Beneficiary Management System (BMS). He said Information and Technology Department Beneficiary Management System has been launched with NIC to bring all welfare schemes of the State Government under one umbrella.

The state government has adopted the Tripura Data Centre Policy, 2021 to promote investment in the state. He said that this policy will create employment opportunities for the youths of the state.

In the press conference, Principal Secretary said that an MoU has been signed with NIXI-CSC Data Services Limited for setting up the state-of-the-art data centre at IT Bhawan in Indranagar. He said that the state government has already launched CM Helpline number 1905 for the convenience of the citizens. So far 17,051 calls have been received among them, 12,645 calls related to information, 4,321 calls related to complaints have been sent to various departments for resolution and 3,669 calls have been resolved through the concerned departments. He said, 1,176 Gram Panchayats and 1,153 Village Committees of the state have been brought under Common Service Centre. The State Government will also introduce 27 Mobile Common Service Centre vans to bring remaining Gram Panchayats and Village Committees under Common Service Centre.

 Principal Secretary said that the state government has approved the creation of Tripura Start-up Venture Fund to facilitate the investment of potential start-up entrepreneurs in Tripura. For this, financial resources have been kept in the state budget for the financial year 2022-23. Principal Secretary said that the New Generation Innovation Network (NGIN) project has been taken up to promote various innovative topics in technical institutions and to involve the talents of the institutions in start-ups. Incubation Centres have been set up to implement this New Generation Innovation Network project in 4 Technical Institutions namely NIT, TIT, Techno College and ICFAI. Principal Secretary also said that the process of appointing a cyber security auditor and a cyber security expert in the state is underway to deal with cyber plagiarism. Apart from this, Principal Secretary also shed light on various public welfare programmes of the Department of Information and Technology. Information and Technology Department Director, Naresh Babu was also present at the press conference.

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