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## Union Minister of State for Social Justice in a review meeting in Dhalai district

## Dhalai district ranked fifth in the development standards of Aspirational Districts.

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Pratima Bhowmik requested for coordination between public representatives and officials of different departments for the overall development of Dhalai district. Declaring 115 backward districts as Aspirational Districts across the country, development work is underway. This includes Dhalai district of the state. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Union Minister of State for Social Justice made this call in a meeting held at DM Conference Hall to review the progress of the developmental works in Dhalai district. MLA Parimal Debbarma, MLA Shambhu Lal Chakma, MLA Swapna Das Pal, District Magistrate Govekar Mayur Ratilal, Additional District Magistrate, Ajit Shukla Das, SDM Sanjay Das and other officials of different departments were present in the review meeting.

In the review meeting, detailed discussions were held on education, health, drinking water, agriculture, road communication, electricity services etc. While discussing, the Union Minister of State for Social Justrice said that the construction of 23 health and wellness centres will start soon in the district. Currently, the rate of institutional delivery in the district is 91 percent, but it should be increased further. Children who are underweight due to malnutrition should be included in nutrition campaigns. She said that more people should be included in schemes like Atal Pension Yojana, Mudra Loan, Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Jan Dhan Account, KCC Loan, Kisan Samman Nidhi. She said that there are 128 Anganwadi centres in Dhalai district. Approval has come for the establishment of 35 more Anganwadi centres. Among these, 10 Anganwadi Centres will be opened in resettlement areas of Bru migrants. 11 schools in the district have already been included in the Vidyajyoti scheme under Mission 100. She said that 10 thousand 74 people have taken Mudra loans in Dhalai district in the last six years. 30 thousand 10 people have insured under PM-Jyoti scheme. 58 thousand 553 people have been included in PM Suraksha Yojana. 8 thousand 231 people aged between 18 to 40 years have been included in Atal Pension Yojana. After 60 years of age, they will get a pension of 3 thousand rupees per month. 17 thousand 733 people have Jan Dhan account in this district.

In the meeting, Union Minister of State for Social Justice said that the development of Aspirational Blocks is reviewed every month. Currently, Dhalai district ranks fifth in terms of development. She called for everyone's cooperation to take Dhalai district to first place. MLAs and officials of different departments took part in the discussion. After the review meeting, the Union Minister of State for Social Justice Pratima Bhowmik visited the Divyang Rehabilitation Centre located in Kulai. There she handed over five mobility tricycles, four hearing aids and six Divyang certificates. She also visited Kulai District Hospital and Chandraicherra Sakhi One Stop Centre.

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