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## <u>Union Rural Development Minister in a review meeting on central projects of rural</u> <u>development and Panchayat</u> at State Guest House

Union Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Giriraj Singh advised the concerned officials of the state government to plant large number of cash crops like rubber, agar through MGNREGA. He said in a review meeting on different central projects of the concerned departments at the state guest house on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. He said that no uncultivated land should be left fallow. Schemes like MGNREGA should be utilized for plantation of different cash fruits. People of rural areas will greatly benefit from this. He advised the officials to consider whether cash crops can be grown around the houses being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. He directed the officials to ensure that the people can get the benefits of different schemes in Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous District Council. Emphasizing proper expansion of internet service in every Panchayat he said, it is necessary to ensure that people can make proper use of technology in the present time.

In the meeting, it was informed that in MGNREGA, the wages of workers have been paid in time in the state during the financial year 2022-23 and in terms of percentage it is 95.60. In this case, the national average is 87.73 percent. It was informed in the meeting that the target of bringing 600 areas under Mission Amrit Sarovar has been taken up in the state, so far 964 Amrit Sarovar areas have been identified across the state. Out of this, 105 works have been started and 71 works have been completed so far. 1001 panchayat level officers and 856 panchayat representatives have been appointed across the state to supervise the work for this project and their training has already been completed. A target has been taken to complete this project in Tripura by August 15 next year. It was informed in the meeting that 7 rural clusters from 5 districts of the state have been identified under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM).

Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, Principal Secretary L.T Darlong, Secretaries of different departments, heads of different departments, District Magistrates of West District and officials of different departments were present in this meeting. Speaking to the reporters after the meeting, Minister Giriraj Singh praised the state government's role in different developmental activities and said that the benefits of the double engine government are clearly reflected in the people of this state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given special importance to the development of this region.

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