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**Union Rural Development Minister said Agar will be able to
play an important role in the economic development of Tripura**

Agar will be able to play an important role in the economic development of Tripura. Special initiatives should be taken for expansion of agar cultivation, production and commercialization of agar in the state. The central government will provide all kinds of assistance to the state in this work. Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Giriraj Singh said this while visiting Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary on 27th August 2022. Chief Conservator of Forest KS Shetty, Special Secretary of Rural Development Department, Dr. Sandeep Rathore along with senior officials of the state forest department were present with the Union Minister during the visit to Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary. The details of the sanctuary and Sepahijala Zoo were presented to the Union Minister through PowerPoint presentation at the Guest House of Sepahijala Sanctuary. Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh during an interaction with the forest department officials at the guest house said that soap, perfume and agar oil can be produced from agar. The forest department should give utmost importance to agar trade. The economic development of this state is connected with it. Moreover, the Union Minister laid emphasis on the adoption of plans based on forest resources for the economic upliftment of the people living in the forest areas of the state. The Union Minister also visited the Meghla Cheetah Breeding Centre at Sepahijala Sanctuary.

After visiting Sepahijala Sanctuary, the Union Minister went to Charilam and interacted with the women members of the Adhukiri self-help group of the forest range. During the interaction, the Union Minister laid emphasis on the production of floriculture and said that one can become financially independent by producing flowers.
