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Union Rural Development Minister visits Horticultural Research Centre at Nagicherra

Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh visited the state government's Horticultural Research Centre at Nagicherra on 27 August, 2022 on the third day of his state tour. During the visit to Horticultural Research Centre, the Union Minister was apprised of the production of different spices including pepper in the state by the officials of Horticulture Department. He also learned about pepper cultivation from Fela Darlong, a pepper grower from Darchwi. The Union Minister lauded the initiative for the production of spices including pepper in the state. During the visit, the Union Minister also inaugurated the 'Bag Basera' exhibition area in the Research Centre.

While visiting the Horticultural Research Centre, the Union Minister told reporters that Tripura has 2.5 million hectares of agricultural land. By utilising this land, it will be possible to develop the state as a horticultural economic hub in the future. In order to make every tribal family of the state self-reliant, 1 hectare of agar and rubber plantations should be raised for each tribal family in addition to cultivation of pepper, ginger and turmeric spices. He expressed hope that as a result of this, the annual income of each family will be Rs 3-4 lakh. During the visit, Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Sharadindu Das, Research Centre Officer Dr. Rajiv Ghosh and other officials were present.
