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DWS Minister holds a press conference on the progress and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the state

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Works are ongoing in Mission Mode to provide drinking water connection to every household in rural areas of the state through Jal Jeevan Mission, stated Drinking Water & Sanitation Minister Sushanta Choudhury in a press conference on the progress and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the state at the Secretariat yesterday. He said, Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in 2019. Out of 7,60,052 households in rural areas of the state, so far 3,57,973 households have been provided with drinking water connection through tap connection under the scheme. Prior to the launch of the scheme, drinking water connection was provided to only 24,502 households in rural areas of the state through tap connection. Percentage wise, it was 3.22%. So far, a total of 3,82,475 houses in the state have been provided drinking water through tap connection. This has made it possible to reach 50.32% of households with drinking water connection, which is higher than the national average. Tripura is currently ranked 16th in the country and 5th among the Northeastern states in providing tap water through tap connections.

DWS Minister also said, there are a total of 8,723 villages in 1,178 Gram Panchayats and Village Committees across the state. Of these, 100% drinking water connection through tap connection was provided to 1,476 villages. 75 to 100% drinking water connection through tap connection was provided to 1,185 villages. 50 to 75% drinking water connection through tap connection was provided to 1,547 villages and up to 50% drinking water connection through tap connection was provided to 2,762 villages. He said, out of 4,536 schools in 8 districts of the state, 3,407 schools have been provided with drinking water connection through tap connection. In terms of percentage, this rate is 75.11%. He said, there are 8,932 Anganwadi Centers in 8 districts of the state. Out of this, drinking water connection has been provided through tap connection in 4,735 Anganwadi Centers. The department is working to provide drinking water connection to the remaining schools and Anganwadi Centers.

DWS Minister said, there are a total of 915 Iron Removal Plants in rural areas of the state. The department has set a target of setting up about 1,300 new Iron Removal Plants. There are total 2,220 deep tubewells in rural areas of the state. A target has been set to install more 1,200 deep tubewells. There are 3,758 small bore deep tubewells. The department has plans to install more adequate amount of small bore deep tubewells. He said, the department is working tirelessly to provide clean drinking water to every school, Anganwadi center by next year. The central government has given a reward of 100 crore rupees to the state for the success of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Replying to the questions asked by media, DWS Minister said, discussions have been held with the Union Minister of Culture on the need to set up a cultural hub in the state. The Union Minister assured the necessary cooperation in setting up a cultural hub in the state. Besides, discussions have been held with the Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs on building the necessary infrastructure to improve the quality of sports in the state. Secretary of PWD department Kiran Gitte and Chief Engineer of DWS department Rajib Debbarma were present during the press conference.
