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2 Cr 74 lakh man-days generated under MGNREGA in the current fiscal year

Government is committed towards developing rural economy and ensuring livelihood of people: CM

‘The government is committed to developing the rural economy and ensuring livelihood of the people. Work for agriculture, forestation, road construction, creating sustainable property in the village areas has to be done within fixed time period. If needed the work must be implemented quickly on priority basis,’ said the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a review meeting of Tripura State Employment Guarantee Council at Pragna Bhawan. He also stressed upon increasing awareness among people regarding job cards in the village meetings. He commanded the Rural Development department to plan on being able to cultivate fish by making apt use of the unused water bodies. The Chief Minister also suggested to work with precise plans to take Tripura to the top in MGNREGA work. Apart from the Chief Minister, Jishnu Dev Varma, Deputy Chief Minister; Pranajit Singha Roy, Agriculture Minister; Manoj Kumar, Chief Secretary; J.K Sinha, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister; Dr. D.K Sharma, Chief Forest Conservator; MLA Ranjit Das; MLA Sankar Roy; MLA Subhas Chandra Das were present in the review meeting including secretaries from different departments and District Magistrates from eight districts.

Soumya Gupta, Secretary, Rural Development in the meeting briefed through a presentation about the steps taken upon various decisions taken at the last review meeting of the Tripura State Employment Guarantee Council. She said that the Central Ministry of Rural Development has enlisted the cultivation of dragon fruits among the permissible jobs under MGNREGA and appropriate steps have been taken to enlist pineapple cultivation among the permissible jobs. She also said, ‘At present, there are 6 lakh 18 thousand job card holders under MGNREGA in 1178 Gram Panchayat and villages in 58 blocks. State’s projected labour budget in the current fiscal year is 4 Cr. So far 2 Cr 74 lakh man-days have been generated.’ She also mentioned that 108.18 % was achieved in this area. She said, ‘At present, 48 man-days work in average has been done in the state. About 82 man-days work in average has been done so far in 12 Aspirational blocks.’

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She said that the cultivation of areca nuts, oranges, pineapples and dragon fruits has been continued by the Horticulture department under MGNREGA. It has also been informed in the meeting that importance is being given on dragon fruit cultivation. They are being cultivated in Gomati, South Tripura and Sepahijala districts.

The Rural Development Secretary also said, 'In 2019-20 fiscal year, saplings have been planted in 441ha across the street and in 2020-21 fiscal year, saplings have been planted in 695.50 ha area under MGNREGA. Forestation has been also done on the river banks.' She said, 'TTAADC gives priority to rubber, areca nut cultivation and agro forestry in MGNREGA. In 2020-21 fiscal year, rubber has been grown in 926.50 ha land.' The Rural Development Secretary informed that in the 2020-21 fiscal year, social audit has been done in 495 panchayats.'

The respective District Magistrates from eight districts briefed about the projects being implemented for the livelihood of people and creating fixed property under MGNREGA. The scheme to develop infrastructure for the cows through MGNREGA and NERLP is being implemented in West district for the livelihood of the SHG members. The scheme to build fish and animal husbandry farm is being implemented in the Killa block of Gomati district for the livelihood of 150 poor families. Work is being done to revive the Bordosh Lake Eco-Tourism project in the Rajnagar block under South District. Steps are being taken to build infrastructure and provide basic facilities to 104 families of Khagendra Roaja Para and 68 families of Tilak Kumar Para in Dhalai district. Work is done to build infrastructure for cow rearing for the livelihood of women self-help group in Khowai district under MGNREGA. Initiative has been taken for the development of South Machmara Model Project in Pecharthal block under Unakoti district. A scheme is being implemented in Churaibari of Kadamtala block for building eco-tourism park in North district and fish cultivation program and Agar cultivation for livelihood generation.
