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Tripura is now moving ahead, changing the old pattern of thinking about development of the state: Prime Minister

Tripura is now moving ahead, changing the old pattern of thinking about the development of the state. At present the double engine government of Tripura is engaged in all round development of the country including Tripura with full energy and sincerity. Agartala and Delhi together are now formulating policies for the development of Tripura so that Tripura can reach the pinnacle of development, enunciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi after transferring first instalment to 1 lakh 47 thousand 805 beneficiaries of the state for their housing under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Grameen via a video conference this afternoon. Under this scheme, first instalment of 48 thousand rupees has been directly sent to the accounts of the beneficiaries for building Pucca house. Prime Minister in the programme said, both state, under the leadership of Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and central government are committed to take ahead the development of Tripura. The first instalment given under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Grameen has given a new momentum to the dream of Tripura. He said, there was a time the North-eastern states were neglected for various reasons. But at present, the idea of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' is being reflected with respect to overall development of the country. Development is now seen as the synonym for unity and integrity of the country. He also mentioned about the role and contribution of self-confident Indian women in the development of the country. Women Self-Help Groups have been linked with Jan Dhan accounts. Collateral free loan available for such Self-Help Groups has been doubled. There are around 4 thousand Women Self-Help Groups in the state. Many new Self-Help Groups have been formed after 2018. Women in Self-Help Groups are now involving themselves in agriculture, making bamboo-based crafts and utility items etc. The sum from different central and state schemes is now reaching beneficiaries bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer.

Prime Minister speaking about the well-being of the common people said, earlier common people had to face embarrassment for getting any work done in government offices, but now the situation has changed. Government on its own is catering every service and facility to the people. In order to avoid any difficulty while selling the agricultural produce of the farmers, the government of Tripura has taken initiative to sell the agricultural produce of the farmers at Minimum Support Price. He said, tribal revolutionaries from Northeast and other parts of the country have laid their lives in the Indian freedom struggle. The country is working tirelessly to honour this tradition and carry forward the legacy. Following this, the central government has taken another big decision on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. From now onwards on 15th November every year, Lord Birsa Munda's birth anniversary shall be celebrated as 'Janajati Gaurav Diwas'.

Prime Minister said, priority has been given to develop modern infrastructure and improved communication systems in the development of potential areas in the Northeast

including Tripura. Work is in progress on several projects including new railways, civil aviation, national highways to improve the communication system of Tripura including the Northeast. This unprecedented development of the North-eastern states will lead to higher levels of development in the days to come. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the programme termed this day to be a historic day as each beneficiary of 1 lakh 49 thousand 805 beneficiaries received 48 thousand in their bank accounts, total amount being 709 crore 46 thousand rupees. He said, those who had tin roofed houses did not have previously the facility to get houses as per the rules in PMAY-G scheme. The state government brought this issue to the central government's notice. In this context, the central government has removed the impediment to PMAY-G scheme to address this problem in the state and has brought new rules considering the geographical location of Assam and other states including Tripura to provide houses to those who have tin roofed houses. That is why it has been possible to provide a large number of houses today. Initiatives are being taken to provide houses to another 70,000 beneficiaries in March-April after completion of the present lot of houses. Besides, the work of giving 22 thousand more houses is in process.

Chief Minister said, people are getting benefits from other schemes besides PMAY. The present state government is working for overall development of the state with the able guidance of the Prime Minister. He also mentioned about women of Self-Help Groups becoming self-reliant and examples of women empowerment. He said, at present there are about 2 lakh 78 thousand women involved in SHGs in the state and all of them are on their way to become self-reliant. Interest rates have been slashed from 12% to 7% on loans available to SHGs under the National Rural Livelihood Mission which is going to be beneficial for them. Initiatives have been taken to sell various items made by women in the ration shops of the state through SHGs. Various co-operative societies of Tripura today are operational in different parts of the state. As a result of the positive attitude of the present state government, Tripura is now on the path of self-reliance. The Chief Minister in the programme thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh and Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma.

In the virtual programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exchanged views on various issues related to the PMAY-G, including providing houses to the beneficiaries in different districts of the state covered by the project. Other dignitaries present in the programme were Chief Secretary Kumar Alok, Principal Secretary of Health J.K Sinha, Secretary of Rural Development Soumya Gupta.

In the beginning of the programme, Prime Minister interacted with beneficiaries of PMAY-G from different districts- Samiran Nath from North Tripura district, Kader Biya from South Tripura district, Soma Majumder from Sepahijala district and Anita Kuki Debbarma from Dhalai district.
