

Assam Governor meets officials of Water Resources and Public Health and Engineering Departments

Guwahati, July 18: Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria chaired two meetings with senior officials from the Water Resources and Public Health and Engineering Departments at Raj Bhavan today.

During the meeting, the officials provided an insightful overview of the ongoing flood management initiatives in the state. Besides the schemes undertaken, the department highlighted the challenges posed by floods and erosion in Assam. The presentation also covered the initiatives of the Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam (FREMAA).

Governor Kataria emphasized the critical importance of prompt and precise information dissemination in flood alerts. He stressed that timely and accurate information enables department functionaries to take proactive measures for the rescue and rehabilitation of flood-affected communities.

Moreover, the Governor drew attention to the lands in riverside areas that become inundated during floods but remain unused after the flood season. He proposed the idea of organizing temporary farming in these areas, inspiring farmers and giving a significant boost to the agricultural sector in the state.

Considering the causative role played by the tributaries of the Brahmaputra and Barak in the flood and erosion scenario of Assam, Governor Kataria asked officials to keep constant focus on these tributaries and maintain an ongoing operational strategy.

In the subsequent meeting with the Public Health and Engineering Department, the officials gave a detailed presentation on the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (G).

The Governor asked the department to expeditiously implement the Jal Jeevan Mission in the state to cover the beneficiaries with pipe water connection. He also asked the department to take steps regarding selecting three best-performing districts for the implementation of the scheme and publicly naming the three districts that require improvement. This approach aims to create a competitive atmosphere and propel the scheme to meet its targets effectively.

Regarding the Swachh Bharat Mission (G), the Governor complemented the satisfactory implementation of the scheme and reiterated on the need for upgrading community toilets and drainage systems in villages to further enhance sanitation and hygiene standards.

Minister of Public Health and Engineering, Jayanta Mallabaruah, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Of Assam, PHE and Water Resources Dept. Syedain Abbasi, Secretary to

PHED and MD Jal Jeevan Mission, Kailash Karthik N, MD, SBM(G), Bikram Kairi , CEO, FREMMA Dr Jeevan B, Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor SS Meenakshi Sundaram, Secretary to the Governor Swapna Dutta Deka, along with officials of WRD and Raj Bhavan were present in the meeting.

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