SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH TO INAUGURATE THE MISSION ANTYODAYA SURVEY (MAS) 2022-23 AND LAUNCH ITS PORTAL AND MOBILE APPLICATION TOMORROW

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The survey aims to lend support to the process of participatory planning for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) which will improve service delivery, enhance citizenship, create pace for an alliance of people's institutions, and groups and improve governance at the local level. The preparation of GPDPs is a comprehensive exercise that uses both primary and secondary data for preparing final plan document for any GP. MA Survey presents secondary data to carry out gap analysis. MA Survey data will also serve as a key input in the preparation of block and district plans.

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A total of 26 Central Government Ministries / Departments have been consulted for finalization of the questionnaire. The questionnaire has been translated in 13 regional languages. The Ministry, in consultation with NIC-DRD, has developed the android mobile application with geotag feature for 36 assets in villages. The Ministry has also set up in-house HelpDesk for smooth resolution of queries related to the questionnaire and mobile application.

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