

## Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan attends virtual Grihapravesh ceremony of 55,000 PMAY-G houses in Guwahati

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In a significant milestone for rural development in Assam, Union Minister for Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan attended the virtual Grihapravesh ceremony of 55,000 houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) in Guwahati today. On this occasion Shri Chouhan announced the sanctioning of 3.76 lakh more houses under PMAY-G for the current financial year.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Chouhan emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing rural infrastructure and improving the quality of life for marginalized and underprivileged communities. The Union Minister praised Assam's remarkable achievement of completing 20 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G). As part of the event, PMAY-G beneficiaries who have successfully completed and moved into their new homes were felicitated by the minister.

In a landmark step towards empowerment of rural women, Shri Chouhan also launched the *Lakhimi Mistri* – a Women Mason initiative under PMAY-G, aimed at equipping women with essential masonry skills to enhance employment opportunities. To commemorate the launch, safety kits were distributed to five women who will be trained under *Lakhimi Mistri* initiative.

On this occasion Shri Chouhan virtually inaugurated 21 Knowledge Centres across Assam under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). These Centres have been established with the objective of strengthening rural agricultural infrastructure and empowering farmers with timely access to resources and information.

Shri Chouhan lauded the efforts of the Assam government and congratulated Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma for his leadership in ensuring effective implementation of rural housing and development initiatives.

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, who was present at the event, expressed gratitude to the Union Government and reiterated Assam's commitment to empowering farmers, women, and rural communities through sustainable growth in agriculture and rural livelihoods.

Shri Atul Bora, Agriculture Minister, Assam and Shri Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Panchayat & Rural Development Minister, Assam were also present on this occasion.





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