

Delegation from NITI Aayog met senior officials of the state government

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development : Member of NITI Aayog Dr. V.K Saraswat**

Tripura is progressing significantly on the path of development. Despite various adversities, Tripura is currently doing commendable work in various fields. Dr. VK Saraswat said this in the meeting with the high-ranking officials of the state government and the delegation of NITI Aayog and the secretariat yesterday. A seven-member delegation led by Dr. VK Saraswat arrived in the state yesterday. The delegation held a high-level meeting with Chief Secretary J.K Sinha at the Secretariat along with Principal Secretaries, Secretaries and officers of the state administration. In the meeting, the members of NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat said, NITI Aayog will provide full cooperation in quickly resolving the difficulties faced by the state in the implementation of developmental programs. In addition to the development of potential areas of the state, special importance should be given to the overall development of the state. He also emphasized on public private partnership to encourage investors to invest in the state. He advised the officials of the state administration to take necessary initiatives for this.

This delegation of NITI Aayog has arrived in the state yesterday on a three-day visit. The main objective of the delegation's visit to the state is to strengthen joint initiatives between the centre and the states for integrated and sustainable development. Apart from Dr. V.K Saraswat, Niti Aayog's Senior Advisor Rajeev Kumar Sen, Deputy Secretary Hemant Kumar Meena, Senior Associate Krishan Kant Sharma, Program Director of Atal Innovation Mission Himanshu Joshi, State Support Mission Specialist Dr. Amrit Pal Kar, Senior Specialist of Industry Vertical Rupesh Singh were present during the meeting.

In the meeting, Chief Secretary JK Sinha said that NITI Aayog has extended necessary assistance to the development of North Eastern states including Tripura. NITI Aayog is also taking a constructive role in solving various problems of North Eastern states. The government is determined to establish good governance in the state. Various steps are being taken through the Department of Good Governance to ensure improvement in the quality of life of the citizens. As part of this initiative, the functioning of the secretariat to the district offices has been made paperless. E-cabinet system has also been introduced in the state. The government is working on expanding all possible measures to build digital infrastructure in the state. It has also increased transparency in work. In the meeting, Secretary of the Department of Planning and Coordination Kiran Gitte briefed NITI Aayog delegation about the state's geographical location, population, demographics, economy, average per capita income, growth rate, progress of the state towards sustainable development and state issues related to NITI Aayog's plans.

In the meeting with the delegation of NITI Aayog, the issues of expansion of trade with and through Bangladesh, industrial development, processing of bamboo, rubber, agar and pineapple, information and technological facilities and development of health services were prioritized. Moreover, in the meeting, the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Coordination sought the cooperation of NITI Aayog to withdraw port-based restrictions on the export of finished rubber from Tripura to Bangladesh. The meeting also prioritized the opening of an auction centre for the development of tea industry in the state. In addition, emphasis was placed on setting up a central smoke house to improve the quality of rubber in the state.