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NITI Aayog met with industrialists and representatives of various business organizations of the state
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India: Member of NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat

The hill state of Tripura will benefit in many ways if industrial plants are built utilizing the state's natural resources. This will create employment opportunities on the one hand and the demand for the goods produced in the state will also reach elsewhere. In this case pineapple, rubber, agar, bamboo, jackfruit can play a big role. Member of NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat said this last morning at the government guest house in a meeting with the industrialists and representatives of various business organizations, Moreover, members of NITI Aayog held separate meetings with eminent persons of civil society, academicians and leaders of various educational institutions of the state at the government guest house. In the meeting, member of the NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat said that the present central government has taken various steps to build a developed India. Discussions are being held with the state governments on how to take the states further ahead. Ensuring that no individual in the society is left out of the development stream is the main objective of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Voluntary organizations have a major role to play in this regard. We have to work towards building a developed India with everyone's advice. He said NITI Aayog is the bridge between the central and state governments.

On the second day of the state tour, the NITI Aayog delegation held a meeting with people associated with three sectors of the society last morning and briefed them about the problems in the state. The NITI Aayog delegation also suggested how the state can be moved forward with integrated initiatives to overcome these problems.

Member of NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat said, on 19th December, 2023 there was a long meeting with the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary regarding the development of the state. One thing is clear that industry has a major role to play in the development of the state. Although this state has many problems in terms of geographical bottlenecks, certain industries can be very successful here. Despite all the odds, the reputation of Tripura's pineapples has reached the whole world. Dr. Saraswat suggested to use methanol instead of gas in the tea industry and said, on the one hand, it will save money and environment pollution will also be reduced. He opined that food processing industry based on pineapple would be very profitable. He said, if a small storage is built, this delicious fruit can be used for a long time. He also urged industrialists to build war houses on PPP model. He also advised the industrialists to work for the development of tourism in coordination with the tourism department.

During the meeting with the heads of various educational institutions, member of NITI Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat said that educational institutions have a great role in the development of the state. As they are working relentlessly in the development of human resources, various educational institutions are working on almost all aspects related to the development of the state. A lot of innovative work can be done in the field of education, health etc. and educational institutions have played a huge role in this field. He appealed to the heads of the educational institutions to extend a hand of cooperation in building a prosperous Tripura. Dr. Saraswat advised to coordinate with the state government to train the students to create employment. He also advised the concerned to look into making furniture from the rubber wood produced in the state. He said Tripura has large forest areas. The biomass obtained here can be utilized in building industrial plants. Not only that, many things can be built based on the bamboo produced in Tripura. He laid emphasis on introducing a course on Rubber Technology in Tripura University. He also opined that the state should have a state of excellence on each subject. He also emphasized on introducing fundamental courses in Mathematics in MBB University.

Senior advisor of NITI Aayog Rajeev Kumar Sen gave valuable suggestions on various issues in the meeting. He informed that the government is working consulting the central government on issues like anaemia, mental health. He said that work is being done to ensure that people from all sections of the society get the benefits of development facilities. The meeting was attended by Deputy Secretary of NITI Aayog Hemant Kumar Meena, Program Director of AIM Himanshu Joshi, Secretary of the State Government Planning and Coordination Department Kiran Gitte, Director of Industries Department Viswasree B and experts from three fields.