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**Chief Minister's speech on 7th Meeting
of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog**

Hon'ble Prime Minister,

Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Members of Governing Council of NITI Aayog, Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen-

It is my privilege and honour to attend the 7th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog today under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister.

2. Our country takes great pride in showcasing ourselves as the world's largest democracy. The essence of India's cooperative federalism emphasizes cooperation and coordination, rather than demarcation of powers between different levels of government. The Indian Union has united its rich diversity of its huge population serving as an example to the rest of the world. Now I take the opportunity to deliberate upon the agenda points sequentially.

AGENDA- 1. Crop Diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in Oilseeds & Pulses and other Agri. Commodities

i. Diversification of crops:

- For providing food safety, nutritional security, improving soil health and socio-economic status of the farmers, State Government has taken a **3-year Plan (2020-21-2022-23)** to bring **diversification in 50,000 ha** with Maize and Blackgram.
- Quality seed from NSC and other inputs were provided to the farmers and assistance **@ Rs. 6,000/ha** for Hybrid Maize and **@ Rs. 9,000/ha** for Blackgram was extended from schemes like RKVY & NFSM.
- Emphasis has been given on adoption of newly released hybrid and high yielding varieties, cluster cultivation, extending irrigation facilities mechanization and processing support, capacity building of the farmers.

ii. Digital Agriculture:

- State level Steering Committee and Implementation Committee already constituted and first meeting of both the committees completed.
- State has finalized Standard Operating Procedure for creation of farmer's database.
- Land Records & Settlement department working on API of land record data base for dynamic linking.
- Land record department has already initiated Geo-referencing of all villages.
- All the farmers will be connected in digital platform with unique farmer's ID which will facilitate in providing all the farmers' centric services through digital mode.

iii. Strategies for Atma-Nirbhar Krishi - Self-sufficiency in Pulses, Oilseeds & Other Agri. Commodities:

- At present, total area under Pulses in the State is **23,732 ha**. State can fulfill only 24% of its requirement of pulses.
- Total area under Oilseeds in the State is **15,165 ha**. State can fulfill only 10 % of its requirement of Oilseeds.
- Under National Mission on Edible Oil – Palm Oil, State has taken target to cultivate Oil-Palm in **530 ha** area during 2022-23. MoU with GOI for Viability Gap Payment for farmers has already been signed.
- For increasing production and productivity of Pulses & Oilseed crops, efforts like adoption of hybrid and high yielding seeds, increase in varietal replacement rate, efficient fertilizer use, reclamation and deficiency correction of soil, promotion of micro-irrigation, cluster cultivation, establishment of Custom Hiring Centres, credit support have been planned.

AGENDA- 2. Implementation of National Education Policy- School Education

i. The NEP School: Improving Access to School Education

- After the formation of the present Government in 2018, the Education system has been oriented towards holistic development of children with special emphasis on quality, access and inclusivity to equip all children with 21st Century skills.
- This paradigm shift in Education is evidently reflected in the leapfrog jump in **Performance Grading Index (PGI)** of the State from Category V in 2017-18 to the coveted group of Grade-I by 2019-20.
- In the State, highest dropout rate is in Secondary education level (26.69%) whereas for Primary and Upper-Primary level such rate is 4.21% and 5.49% respectively.
- State has launched '**Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan**' to identify, arrest dropouts and bring back them to Schools by August, 2022.

ii. The NEP Teacher: Teacher as Transformers

- Dedicated educational TV Channel **Vande Tripura** was launched with a repository covering video lectures of all subjects for all classes.
- Project **Saksham Tripura** has been launched for the comprehensive academic enrichment of Divyang students by providing special educators in a cluster based approach in 4-5 schools.

iii. The NEP Child: Strong Foundation for Future Readiness

- Under **PM POSHAN**, as per NEP mandate of providing morning nutrition, the state of Tripura has introduced the same in the Aspirational District of Dhalai.
- All background work for successful implementation of **NIPUN Bharat** has been taken by the State - 90% primary teachers have been trained in NISHTA 3.0 in foundational literacy and Numeracy in face to face mode, School readiness module VidyaSetu has been prepared.
- State has launched its most ambitious project named “**Mission 100 - Vidyajyoti Schools**” for transforming 100 existing schools into modern schools with ‘**state of art**’ facilities.
- State Government will invest ₹500 Cr in “Mission 100 - Vidyajyoti Schools” in next three years for development of infrastructure; creation of hostel facilities; recruitment of high quality teachers with in-service training; and to ensure seamless integration of arts and sports with academic curriculum.

Other major initiatives of State since 2018, which prepared the base for successful implementation of NEP

- Adoption of **NCERT Curriculum** (For Class I-XII).
- Revamping of **Pre- Primary Education** with curriculum, workbooks and teacher training (**118 Schools**).
- Introduced **Vocational Education** in **135 Schools** in areas of IT-ITeS, Electronics & Hardware, Agriculture and Retail.
- **ICT Projects** set up in **365 Schools**. Another **553 Schools** are in Pipe Line for introduction.
- **Tinkering Lab** set up in **90 Schools**. Another **50 Schools** are in Pipe Line for introduction.
- **Super-30** scheme has been introduced to facilitate **30** meritorious Class X Board Examination passed students [belonging to Govt. and Govt.-aided schools] to prepare themselves for Engineering and Medical entrance examination.
- **Smart Class** will be set up in **812 Schools** shortly.
- **Digital Library** for the first time in State will be set up in **304 Schools** shortly.

AGENDA- 3 Implementation of National Education Policy- Higher Education

- Access**

In order to ensure offering quality teaching learning process, the State Government has taken step towards recruitment of UGC/AICTE qualified faculty members in the vacant posts of the Colleges/Institutes and State University.

ii. Quality

- On completion of the recruitment process, the leadership positions will be filled up in all the General Degree Colleges, Engineering Institute and Polytechnic Institutes.
- Emphasis is given to accredit all Colleges/Institutes under NAAC/NBA. Out of 22 General Degree Colleges (GDCs), 21 Colleges have been accredited by NAAC.
- Tripura University (Central University) has already registered for Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and M.B.B University is in process of registration.

iii. Future Readiness

- Universities are taking steps to introduce Choice based credit system (CBCS) for all the Higher Education Institution to provide students with freedom in acquiring degree across the institutions in the country.
- Curriculum and Syllabi of the subjects offered in General Degree Colleges are being reframed to incorporate Multidisciplinary approach to take care of employability prospects, irrespective of combination of subject at UG or PG level.
- The State University and Central University have plan to introduce 4 years degree program with multiple entry/exit options in all Degree Colleges. Multidisciplinary program will be started in all colleges from 2022-23.
- State has introduced Skill development programs like Web developer, Yoga Instructor, Mushroom Grower, Beauty Therapists etc in 9(Nine) Degree to make graduating students employable.
- A National Law University is being set up for providing quality law education in the State. The State legislature has already passed the Act.
- A Drone Technology Centre is being opened at a cost of Rs 5.00 crore in Tripura Institute of Technology for promoting the use of drone.
- Tripura University has set up an Incubation Centre where two incubation projects of MSME has been initiated by two groups which will benefit the students.
- The State Engineering College is developing an innovation centre with the funding of Department of Information Technology, Tripura for facilitating the aspirant IT innovators for undertaking their innovative projects.
- The State Government has made free education for girl students upto PG level to

encourage girl students to pursue Higher Education. Scholarship for Girl Students are being provided. State is targeting to ensure 30% of GER by 2030

AGENDA- 4. Urban Governance

i. Municipal Finance

- GIS Based Property Tax system is ready for launch. We will introduce it from 2023-24, which will increase Municipal Revenue by at least 20%.

ii. Urban Planning

- Master Planning for 20 Urban Local Bodies is in advanced stage and shall be finally published in June 2023. We have established Tripura Urban Planning and Development Authority for proper Urban Planning and development of infrastructure in more than 500 Sq KMs.

iii. Administrative Structure and Citizen-centric Governance

- State Government has devolved 17 out of 18 Municipal Functions on the Urban Local Bodies except Fire Services as the size of towns are small and not able to manage fire services independently.
- We have e-Municipality Module for online delivery of services and permissions.

Urban Governance (Best Practices)

- State Government is providing insurance converge of maximum Rs. 3.00 lakhs for small and marginal shops keepers of urban area against fire & burglary for which Government is providing Rs. 1000/= per shopkeeper as first premium.
- For better management of water and sewerage services, Tripura Jal Board has started functioning from 1st April 2022.
- Tripura Real Estate Regulatory Authority (T-RERA) has been established and 84 Real Estate Projects with 3,134 apartments are registered.

I am confident that the deliberations and the decisions of this Governing Council meeting would go a long way to strengthen cooperative federalism in our country.

Jai Hind.