

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, PLANNING & INVESTMENT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, ITANAGAR

(District Commissioners' Conference, Namsai 2021)

Minutes of the meeting

The two-day Deputy Commissioners' Conference 2021 focussed on Sustainable Development Goals hosted by Department of Planning was held at Multi-Purpose Cultural Hall, Namsai from 24th to 25th September 2021 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

Highlights of Day 1 of the conference (24th September 2021)

(List of participants of Day 1 is enclosed at Annexure-A)

At the very outset, Learned Chief Secretary welcomed distinguished dignitaries and Hon'ble guests including all the participants of the conference. While touching upon various gamut of prevailing unsustainable practices and climate urgency, he emphasised on the pressing need to attain operative alignment between central and state government schemes in order to ensure sustainability at the grassroots level in complete harmony with the spirit of Sustainable Development Goals 2030. Mentioning about the instrumental role of the institution of the Deputy Commissioner in spearheading development in the district, he urged all deputy commissioners to take strong resolve to improve ranking and performance of their respective district by ensuring that the frontrunners transform them into achievers and performers should turn them into front runners in times to come. He concluded by suggesting everyone to strive for sustainability in united quest of state towards bringing down poverty and inequality.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister while welcoming everyone stated that the conference though conducted by Planning dept, it is '**conference of the DCs, by the DCs and for the DCs**' and also advocated for further strengthening of the institution of Deputy Commissioner. He also highlighted that linking forest cover with the 15th Finance Commission grants has yielded positive result in terms of wildlife preservation and sustainability and more such policy intervention is required to preserve the rich reserve of wildlife in Arunachal Pradesh. Mentioning about poor state of infrastructure inherited from NEFA period which have undergone significant deterioration, he highlighted about the state's strong resolve towards systematic overhauling of whole infrastructure regime of the state. While indicating about the immense potential that the state holds in the field of Agriculture & allied sectors, Hydropower and tourism, he pressed for appropriately infusing the element of sustainability while designing policies meant for these sectors. While reiterating about the importance of SDGs he urged all DCs to stick to and monitor the parameters of sustainability in effective manner in order to fulfil SDG vision in totality.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister while recalling vision 2030 of India, mentioned about Team Arunachal's steadfast commitment towards realising the elements of this vision in its true letter and spirit. Taking stock of positive improvements in SDG scores in 2020 vis a vis 2018, he instructed the deputy commissioners to brace themselves for expeditious score improvement in coming future. He reiterated about the paramount position of institution of Deputy Commissioner in effecting positive transformation in the district and expressed his needful commitment towards further

strengthening and empowering the same in order to enable it become the factor of change in lives of people living at margins.

He suggested all deputy commissioners to effect purposeful partnership with public representatives of their area and advised them to focus their energy on four key priority sectors viz. **Tourism, Agriculture & allied, Hydropower and Natural resources** while executing government policies on ground.

Mentioning about the state's varied geographical and cultural diversity, he expressed his utmost trust in the office of Deputy Commissioner while expecting DCs to effectively dovetail govt schemes in view of prevailing ground realities and implement the same in order to ensure sustainable development and public justice.

The Hon'ble Union Minister Tourism and DONER while discussing about the SDGs, advised state to aspire for targeted approach to achieve these goals.

While drawing attention of the house towards the wide development gap between western India and eastern/North eastern India, he suggested the state machinery to aspire for competitive development on the lines of Gujarat Development Model which believes in the fact that "healthy competition leads to fast but sustainable development of the area"

While emphasizing about importance of planning and effective monitoring in good governance, he advised all DCs to submit policy inputs from their respective areas by taking stock of ground realities and financial constraints of the government to enable more realistic policy formulation.

While concluding, he also mentioned about the instrumental role played by DONER ministry in development of North Eastern Region and also expressed about his plans to formulate state wise NER action plan in order to further expedite the development of the NER.

The Hon'ble Union Minister Jal Shakti while addressing the house, categorically mentioned about the untapped potential of state in field of tourism and natural resources and stated how effective planning in conformity with local needs may help realise the potential in these sectors in sustainable manner.

While expounding about the importance of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav he opined that though 75 years is not a significant period in a nation's journey but it certainly provides an opportunity to revisit and analyse the growth trajectory as well as also to determine the future

While advocating for better synergy between political units and bureaucracy for engendering speedy development on the ground, he weighed for effective people's participation in governance process for timely and easy realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Over the top, he added that people's ownership may certainly infuse sustainability to state's strive towards SDG target realisation.

He discussed about the noteworthy importance of the institution of Deputy Commissioner and the instrumental role played by it in effecting positive transformation in the society and at the same time instructed all DCs to channelise the vision and resources of the government to bring about incremental change in the life of people.

The role of technology in enabling better monitoring of policy implementation is highly welcoming said the Hon'ble union minister and recommended DCs to use modern technology while executing the government' policies on ground thereby infusing transparency and ensuring expeditious public service delivery.

While discussing about the development centric transformation that nation is undergoing at present, he urged all citizens to realise and direct their duties and contribution towards full accomplishment of this transformation goal. Collective Citizen contribution may speed up the wheel of transformation of changing India fuelled by spirit of the multifaceted and participatory development said the Hon'ble union minister Jal Shakti while concluding his remarks.