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**Speech of
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at the North East SDG Conclave 2020**

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Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, **Dr. Jitendra Singh ji,**

Hon'ble Chief Ministers of North Eastern States,

Other distinguished officers, Ladies and Gentlemen

2. I consider it a great privilege to be present amongst you in this North East SDG Conclave 2020 organized with a view to accelerate the momentum of Sustainable Development Goals.

2.1 Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, after assuming office, has accorded special focus and directions towards holistic development of North Eastern States. This has given the region visibility and recognition across the political spectrum as well as social and cultural realm which have brought the region closer to the mainstream National programmes of development of economy, infrastructure, employment, industry and culture.

2.2. I would extend my thanks to Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, who has been instrumental in guiding forward my State for achieving the SDGs targets and bringing prosperity, at par with the other Regions of the country.

2.3. I would also like to thank Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (independent charge), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, for his able guidance towards holistic growth and development of the North East Region.

2.4 It is heartening to share that Tripura has successfully formulated its Vision 2030 along with 7 Year Strategy, 3 Year Action Plan and State Indicator Framework document highlighting key focus areas of current interventions after due localization. Our Government is committed to working with both internal and external stakeholders to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and social development along with environmental protection, to deliver long term benefits to the people, including women, children, youth and differently abled.

2.5. Tripura's Vision 2030 document is based on the 16 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (*excluding SDG-14*) that were adopted by the

United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and are of critical importance for humanity and planet for ensuring “no one is left behind”.

2.6. Efforts have been given to narrow the equity gaps with active participation of all Central and State Government Departments, private sectors, civil society organizations, professional institutions, academia, and larger community as well. In this direction, the State Government is accelerating efforts to improve the access to basic amenities for all people including tribal areas.

2.7. During the last 23 months the State Government of Tripura has undertaken several initiatives to bring a paradigm transformation in socio-economic scenario of the State, especially critical for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I would now share each of the SDGs in brief:

SDG-1: No Poverty

- ▶ The State has generated significantly higher rural jobs under **MGNREGA**. Labour Budget of the State for 2019-20 has increased to **4.00 crore** as compared to 3.00 crore during 2018-19.
- ▶ 2.92 crore person-days@ **52.1 average person days'** work has already been generated this year as compared to 2.53 crore person days' @ 46.07 average person days' during 2018-19 and 33.68 average person days' during 2017-18.
- ▶ Under **Prime Minister's Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G)**, cumulative target for financial year 2016-18 was **24,989** houses of which **24,291 (97.21%)** houses have been completed as on 07/02/2019.
- ▶ Under **Deendayal Antodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)**, a total of around 2,84,053 women from rural poor families have been mobilized into **29,059 Self Help Groups**, 1171 Village Federation of SHGs and 20 Cluster Level Federation SHGs.
- ▶ The **rates of social pensions** have also been enhanced to **Rs.1000/- per month** benefitting more than **4 lakh social pensioners** of various vulnerable sections.

SDG-2: Zero Hunger

- ▶ For the first time in the history of Tripura, the Food Corporation of India has started **procuring paddy directly from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP)**. 10,405 MT paddy was purchased in 2018-19 from 5,501 farmers and **16,870 MT paddy in 2019-20 from 8,623 farmers** with Minimum Support Price of Rs 17.50 per kg resulting in financial return of Rs.48 crore to the farmers of the State. During 2019-20 another 30,000 MT paddy will be procured at a price of Rs. 18.50 per kg.
- ▶ Under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**, as input support, **Rs.138.03 crore** has been transferred to **1,97,537 bank account** of small and marginal farmers in the State out of 2,21,000 cases uploaded.
- ▶ Under **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**, to save the farmers from the vagaries of nature, **36,004 farmers** have been insured so far during 2019-20 as compared to 11,782 during 2016-17, which is 206% more.

SDG-3: Good Health and Well Being

- ▶ 20,56,000 people out of the population of 37 lakh would be getting the benefit of **Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY)**. Under Ayushman Bharat, as of now, **9,12,996 e-cards** have been distributed in the State.
- ▶ State Government has introduced a new Health Assurance Scheme – **Ayushman Tripura** aimed at **covering 3,56,000 people among those left out of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Group (PG) families of the State** which may fall under the deprivation criteria akin to those of AB-PMJAY beneficiaries, yet not covered under AB-PMJAY.

SDG-4: Quality Education

- ▶ State Government, in a bid to improve the quality of education in Tripura, has adopted multi pronged approach and taken several initiatives.
- ▶ **‘Nutan Disha’** - an initiative aimed at assessing the academic level of students between Classes III – VIII has been adopted. To target 320000 students in classes 3 to 8th, a baseline survey was conducted **in February 2019, by training 17000 teachers** of Government schools. **56%**

children could not read a text book in Bangla of class 2, and **70% students could not do division**. Now, after 5 months it is reported that there has been substantial improvement in reading abilities.

- ▶ **NCERT Curriculum & Syllabi** for classes I to XII has been adopted.
- ▶ Engagement of **outsourcing agencies for sanitation** of Schools
- ▶ **Appointment of teachers in transparent way** through the Selection tests and Teacher Eligibility Tests (TET) conducted by the Teachers' Recruitment Board, Tripura,
- ▶ **Chief Minister's Annual State Award for Academic Excellence to Meritorious students** has been introduced for the first time in the State wherein the 88 top rank holders of different categories and subjects in Madhyamik and H.S Examination conducted by TBSE during 2018 have been awarded with an Apple i-Pad.
- ▶ **Uddipan** an initiative for enhancement of the 3Rs (reading, writing and arithmetic) for early grade children has been implemented in 1792 schools in Educationally Backward Blocks, SC and TSP dominated areas in the State.
- ▶ **Mission 30:30: Out of 4400 government schools, 30% weakest schools** have been identified on the basis of child wise academic performance in half yearly exams. In last 30 days before the final exam the department wants to focus on the weakest students and weakest schools. **So far 3882 schools have been inspected by 458 officers in last 16 days and 21834 students were assessed and their data uploaded in the mobile App.**
- ▶ **Shiksha Darpan Mobile App:** A Mobile App has been developed which now has data of academic performance of each student of the State subject wise so that better academic monitoring can be done.
- ▶ **Summer Camp:** For taking remedial steps for improvement of student attendance, a **12 Day Summer Camp** has been conducted during the Summer Vacation in the academic session 2019-2020.
- ▶ **Mega Parents-Teacher Meeting** has been organized in all Govt. & Govt. aided schools **3 times during the current academic year** to inform the

status of taking remedial steps for improvement of learning outcomes of students. **Approximately 70% parents attended** in each meeting.

- ▶ **Centralized Exam :** Two Centralized examination units for Elementary Stage (Class III to VIII) and Secondary Stage (Classes IX and XI) have been set up at the Directorate level for questioning of Half-yearly and Annual examinations for all Govt. and Govt. aided schools to maintain a common standard in questioning and preparation for future Board examination etc. Half-yearly examination for classes III to IX, XI and Test examination of Madhyamik & H.S (+2 stage) has been conducted on smoothly in this system.
- ▶ **ACR for all teachers:** To assess the annual performance of Government employees of School Education Department in a perfect way, a format of ACR has been designed and **notified for 40,000 teachers and other staff for first time to bring teacher accountability. Process of reporting & revising is going on.**
- ▶ **Reform in Board Exams:** New Examination policy & Promotion policy for class IX to XII has been taken and so many improvements in Board Examination has been made. **“Bachhar Bachao”, additional subjects, 33% pass percentage with effect from 2021-22.**
- ▶ **Change in School timing:** School timings have been made uniform for single shift schools from 8 am.
- ▶ **20 schools in CBSE:** 20 Govt. and Govt. aided English Medium Schools under the Tripura Board of Secondary Education (TBSE) have been identified and registered during 2019-20 for affiliation under Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for better academic performance.
- ▶ **Preprimary Schools:** For importance of Pre-primary education, Pre-Primary / Nursery section **have been opened in 50 schools in the state of Tripura.**
- ▶ **Bengali to English Medium Schools:** Primary Section of **28 existing Bengali Medium Schools has been converted into English Medium School starting from class I from the academic session 2019-20.**

- ▶ **Transportation Scheme:** An option has been approved to pay **transportation scheme, if a school with less than 25 enrollment merges in larger schools.**
- ▶ **Science and Maths Talent Search Exam:** 15 months **scholarship to 400 students of class 9th and 10th.**
- ▶ **Super 30:** Rs. 2.5 Lakhs per year for 2 years for 30 topper students to prepare for **engineering / medical entrance exam.**
- ▶ **Lakhshya Scheme:** Rs. 1.3 Lakhs to prepare for **civil services.**
- ▶ **Library modernization in schools: Better libraries in all schools.**
- ▶ **Amendment of no detention policy:** The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India has amended the section of 16, in 2019 regarding **“No Detention Policy”**. In accordance with the MHRD amendment the Department has also implemented the said amendment in the state, amending the State RTE Rules, 2011 w.e.f. April, 2019
- ▶ **Regular cleaning of school toilets** has been taken up through **engagement of outsourcing agencies using the PDF funds of Gram Panchayats and TUEPS from urban bodies.**
- ▶ **Introduction of NCERT Curriculum/Syllabi:** NCERT syllabi have been introduced in all Govt. and Govt. aided schools from the academic year 2019-20. In this regard, the translation of NCERT textbooks books in Bengali for **classes I to XII** has also been done. Accordingly Academic Session & timing of schools have also been changed to cope up with the session of NCERT.

SDG-5: Gender Equality

- ▶ State Government in a significant move, to handle crime on women and empower women folk, has taken a decision to reserve **ten percent for women in all posts of the police force.**
- ▶ The **crime rate against women** has reduced from **25% in 2016-17** to **16.46% during 2018-19**. However, our Government is not complacent with this performance as it cherishes to bring the crime rate to a minimum.

- ▶ Scheme for Adolescent girls is being implemented in the State which addresses the issue of out of school girls to join formal schooling. **Beti Bachao Beti Parao** aims to improve the Sex Ratio at birth and it is being implemented in South Tripura District where the Sex Ratio at Birth has improved from **951**, as per Census 2011 to **956**, as per HMIS data.

SDG-6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- ▶ State Government has launched a new scheme called **Atal Jaldhara Mission** with an objective of **ensuring pure drinking water facility in every household by the year 2022** and it is for the first time in the State's history that such a scheme on its own at a cost of Rs. 840 crore has been taken up. **56,059 connections** have been provided to households during the period from December, 2018 to January, 2020.
- ▶ For ensuring 100 percent rural sanitation coverage and promotion of hygienic practices among the rural people, **State Government has taken extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities** for bringing behavioural change along with construction of Individual House Hold Latrines for achieving Open Defecation Free Status of all Gram Panchayats and Village Councils of the State.

SDG-7: Affordable and Clean Energy

- ▶ Tripura is generating and using **gas as well as hydel power based clean energy**. At present maximum power demand of the state is about 306 MW (evening peak) and it reaches to 466 MW with supply of 160 MW of power to Bangladesh.
- ▶ **Load shedding free power supply** is maintained across the State irrespective of rural & urban divide. 24x7 power supply is maintained throughout the State.
- ▶ Out of 9.18 lakh PDS families of the State, **8.30 lakh households are using LPG** which covers **90.5%** households of the State.

SDG-8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

- ▶ State Government is focused to **achieve double digit growth of economy** of the State, and sustain the same in the long run, through

concerted efforts to make the State a trading hub and gateway to NE states.

- ▶ **Export promotion** of items like **bamboo, rubber, tea, fruits and nuts**, value addition of exportable surplus items produced in the State like rubber, bamboo, etc, and **augmentation of service sector** like tourism, hospitality, health care through capacity building and **high end skilling** would be the key strategies for economic growth.
- ▶ **National Career Service, a Mission Mode Project** is a one-stop solution that provides a wide array of employment and career related services. Under this project, **2 Model Career Centres in 2 District Employment Exchanges have been set up in Tripura at Agartala and Dharmanagar for counseling of job seekers and career counseling.** Another one District Employment Exchange at Kailashahar has been approved recently.
- ▶ **Total active job seekers** registered in the NCS Portal in respect of Tripura is **1,76,018** as on **31/01/2020** as compared to **6,91,396** registered in the Employment Exchanges of the State till **31/01/2016**

SDG-9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

- ▶ State Government has enacted **Tripura Industrial Facilitation Act. 2020** to provide **single window system** for clearance of application for setting up of industries **within 30 days**, failing which the cases will be deemed cleared.
- ▶ Industrial units registered **before 9th March 2018** was **5,431**. Since 9th March to 31st January 2020, **new 2,816 industrial units** have been registered. Total units registered since inception is 8,247.
- ▶ **Factories with less than 10 workers** have been exempted from the factories Act. 1948 by the State Government vide notification dated 30-11-2019 **do not require any inspection for their functioning.**
- ▶ A **760 acres of area has been developed as multi-industry cluster** at Bodhjunnagar and RK Nagar, which includes an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP), a Food Park, a Rubber Park and a Bamboo Park.

- ▶ The State is developing a **Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Sabroom** and an **Integrated Check-Post (ICP) in Sabroom**, which is a close proximity to Bangladesh.
- ▶ The **“Tripura Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2018”** has been enacted to provide **legal backing** to the endeavor of the State Government on improving the **Ease of Doing Business (EODB)**.

SDG-10: Reduce Inequalities

- ▶ State Government is providing social pensions to **4 lakh** disadvantaged people of various categories including Persons with Disabilities, of which **1.38 lakh beneficiaries** are also getting **Central Assistance**.
- ▶ Under **PM Janadhan Yojana**, **8,84,068 bank accounts** have been **opened** as on 31/01/2020 as a part of the process of financial inclusion, of which **7,87,170 bank accounts have been Aadhar seeded**.

SDG-11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- ▶ State of Tripura has been acclaimed as the **best performing State** in the category of **North Eastern States in India** and second best performing State in overall country under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**. So far against the **target of 77,379 houses** sanctioned, **32,078 houses have been completed** and the remaining is at different stages of construction.
- ▶ The State Government has constituted Tripura Urban Development Authority (TUDA) and this Urban Body has **floated 3 township projects for constructing 1,000 flats in three different locations at Agartala**.
- ▶ Another project with **1,000 flats at a cost of Rs. 162.50 crore** will be constructed at Ramnagar, Agartala **for economically weaker sections** under the initiative of Light House Project.
- ▶ In the field of solid waste management, **127 women SHGs have been engaged for door to door waste collection** in 20 ULBs resulting in promotion of empowerment of women in Urban Areas.
- ▶ The State Government has contemplated to constitute a **“Jal Board” under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister** for providing **pure**

drinking water to the 20- Urban Local Bodies including Municipalsities and Municipal Corporation.

- ▶ In **Old Central Jail area at Agartala, new town-ship** with a Commercial Complex cum Four Star hotel with hundred rooms, multi-storied apartments for 1300-flats, IT park, Museum, Eye care & Child care Hospital will be developed using earth quake resilient technology in buildings.

SDG-12: Responsible Consumption and Production

- ▶ Under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana**, initiatives have been taken to increase water use efficiency in the field during the dry spell. **Farm ponds of different sizes have been excavated** with provision of pump set extension pipeline to irrigate field in dry period, occurred due to uneven and erratic rainfall.
- ▶ The rate of **ground water extraction in Tripura** is very less, that is **7.88%** in comparison with **58% national level**. One of the viable option for irrigation will be through Small Bore Tubewell and Deep Tube Well.
- ▶ State Government has created **130 food grain storage godowns** at 60 locations with total capacity of **70,000 MT** to minimize the foodgrains wastage.
- ▶ State Government has also created cold storage facilities at **11 locations** with a total capacity of **17,800 MT**.

SDG-13: Climate Action

- ▶ Under **Roadside Beautification Plantations scheme**, total **97.2 Km** from Badharghat to Sabroom alongside the NH-08 plantation was created and 33680 nos tall polybag seedling was planted during 2019-20. The State Government is committed to provide a **monthly assistance of Rs. 200 per family for the upkeep of plants** on the roadside in front of their houses.
- ▶ A unique attempt to mobilise school students and parents and public wherein **6500 trees** were planted in one minute on 22.6.2019 in roads leading to Udaipur town and adjoining area with 90% survivality. About 8000 school students and 6000 parents, teachers and local public was

mobilised. **The entire operation was over in record time of just 10 minutes.**

- ▶ Under the **“Each-one-Plant-One” initiative**, a total of 2,29,868 nos seedlings (free of Cost – 215224 nos & with Cost- 14644 nos) were distributed during Vanmahotsavas across the State with **70% survivability**.
- ▶ It is proposed to raise **80 ha. Moringa plantations** up along with fodder cultivation under silvi-pasture model of plantations on government land during 2020-21 plantation season @ 10 ha in each district near the consumption centres as identified by ARDD.
- ▶ 30 Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVKs) for value addition and marketing are proposed to be established during 2019-20. TRIFED has already sanctioned 17 proposals and already released Rs.226.25 crores.
- ▶ **Smriti Van:** State Government has launched a new initiative for raising of “Smriti Van” which will serve to attract people for Tree planting in **commemoration of the Purbajans** as well as ensure the objective of plantation of seedlings for enhancing the tree & forest cover in the State. The areas under Teliamura, Udaipur, West have been identified and in other various sub divisions the work is under progress. The Smriti Vans are expected to be ready for receiving planting activities in April, 2020.

SDG-15: Life on Land

- ▶ As per the India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2019, **the overall forest cover of the State is 7726 sq kms** which is 73.68% of geographical area and there is **no loss of forest cover**.
- ▶ The **State has a total notified Protected Area (i.e, Sanctuaries & National Parks) of 603.65 sq km**. Effective efforts are being made for vulture conservation, elephant corridor conservation, modernization of zoo, setting up of nature learning centre at Sepahijala.
- ▶ For development of **Bison Safari** in the State, Expert Committee of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun has visited in January, 2020 to prepare DPR. Potential site has been identified.
- ▶ **Hornbill point** is situated in front of Baramura ecopark ,around 40 km from Agartala ,easily accessible through NH-08.
- ▶ State Government has identified spots as **Vulture Point** and developed resting and roosting site for vulture in kalyanpur, Chebri, Khowai area of khowai district.

- ▶ **Bat points** are being developed at Bagma in Udaipur, MBB College tilla at Sadar, Khasiamangal in Teliamura and Belonia where thousands of bats are being conserved in their roosting colonies .
- ▶ **Elephant point** has been developed with temporary tree huts prepared with locally available tree branches on big trees around natural habitat of elephant in kalyanpur, Teliamura ,mugiakami and Tulasikhar range.

SDG-16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

- ▶ State Government has **set up 3 new District Courts in three districts of Tripura**, viz., Khowai, Sephijala and Ambassa with a view to make justice accessible to the grassroot people.
- ▶ The State Government in association with Civil Societies and larger communities are working together to implement policies to reduce violence, deliver justice, reduce corruption and ensure inclusive participation of all stakeholders. **As compared to 2016-17, the total murder cases, murders per ten lakh population, proportion of crime against women and rate of crimes against women per lakh female population have reduced.**
- ▶ Our Government has also launched '**Nasha Mukta, Tripura**' – anti narcotics drive. Upto 15th January, 2020, **728 cases** have been registered under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. **1249 persons** have been **arrested** and **79108 kg of dry cannabis, 2.25 lakh bottles of cough syrup , 24.07 lakh tablets** and **7.38 kg of heroin** have been seized.

SDG-17: Partnership for the Goals

- ▶ The **trade volume with Bangladesh** has **increased** from **Rs. 390.68 crore** in **2017-18** to **Rs. 537.00 crore** in **2018-19** and the **export from Tripura** has **increased** remarkably from **Rs.6.46 crore** in **2017-18** to **Rs.14.66 crore** in **2018-19**.
- ▶ Moreover, at the request of State Government, **Bangladesh has removed port restriction on 7 commodities**, out of 27 restricted items.

Recently, on 1st December 2019, **another 9 items have been allowed to be exported to Bangladesh** through Land Custom Stations of Tripura.

- ▶ Agartala is having **connectivity of international internet gateway of 10 GB bandwidth through Bangladesh** which is being effectively used by BSNL.

2.8 In addition to the above, the State Government has undertaken/intends to undertake some more major initiatives which I would like to share before this august gathering:

- ▶ **Queen Pineapple – the State Fruit of Tripura** has made it to the Domestic and International markets to Dubai and Qatar, in addition to Bangladesh and other states of India. During 2019, **3,500 MT Queen and Kew pineapples have been exported** outside the State, of which 300 MT or so was exported to Dubai and Bangladesh.
- ▶ Out of the target of distributing **50,000 white ducklings** to farmers and animal rearers the State Government has already **distributed 21,620 ducklings** in past 23 months. The egg production is 1000 to 1200 per day under this project in first production year and the farmers are expected to earn **Rs.45,000 per year**
- ▶ **Kamdhenu** - an ambitious milk production scheme will be taken up from April, 2020 to bring the per capita milk consumption of the State (129 ml per day) at par with the national level (280 ml per day). The State Government would pay the loan interest for purchasing two cows to each family for three years besides facilitating in bringing best quality milking cows from other States. The selected beneficiary family will get Rs.1.40 lakh to 1.60 lakh for cow procurement. **Each of the family** is expected to earn **Rs.10,000 per month**.
- ▶ **Promoting sustainable tourism in Tripura** with an emphasis on putting the State on tourism map of the world is the vision of the State Government. To attract large number of tourists in the State, the **State Government has adopted a new tourism policy** which includes infrastructure development, setting up of helipad at Dumboor, Log Huts in various tourist spots, cafeterias to be run by local SHGs, construction of 5 star-hotels in PPP-mode, ropeways, Panchakarma, amusement

parks, etc. The state government has decided to develop eco-tourism, adventure, spiritual tourism, ethnic tourism, tea and golf tourism, Apart from these, tourism based on wellness, border, art and craft and environment are on the list.

- ▶ Tea industry will get a big boost in the coming years as the State Government has allowed **eco-tea tourism** in the unused tea orchard land.

2.8. Now, I would now like to draw your kind attention to the following specific issues where NITI Aayog can play a facilitating and coordinating role:

- ▶ NITI Forum for North East has already **identified 5 (five) sectors for development of North Eastern Region such as Bamboo, Tea, Pisciculture, Animal Husbandry and Tourism**. I, on behalf of the North Eastern States, solicit active support of NITI Aayog to get sufficient financial allocation for development of these sectors.
- ▶ North Eastern States are blessed with large forest area compare to the mainland states of the country, thus, helping in maintaining ecological balance in the country. This has affected adversely the development activities of North Eastern States which needs to be **compensated in the form of greater devolution from 15th Finance Commission**. Forum for Himalayan States had already submitted its recommendation to the 15th Finance Commission in this regard.
- ▶ I also urge for support from NITI Aayog for pursuing Government of India to accord **more sanction power and sufficient funds to North Eastern Council** so that each state of the region get proportionate share of required funding.
- ▶ NITI Aayog also may provide active support for **simplification of sanctioning procedure** for the projects taken up under **Externally Aided Project (EAP)** by reducing the number of clearance required to be obtained from different Ministries of GOI in respect of projects taken up by the North Eastern states.
- ▶ Finally, **sharing pattern** some of the prominent **schemes like Smart City** may be revised from existing 50 : 50 sharing to **90 : 10** for North

Eastern States. NITI Aayog may advise concerned Ministries of Government of India accordingly.

2.9 Before I conclude, I would like to thank NITI Aayog for having organized the North East SDG Conclave 2020 in partnership with the North Eastern Council, the Government of Assam, UNDP India, Tata Trusts and the Research and Information System for Developing Countries. I am confident that the deliberations and the decisions of this SDG Conclave would go a long way to determine key factors and measures to strengthen SDG implementation, facilitate inclusive development and partnership among the States and other stakeholders for ensuring comprehensive development of the Country in general and North Eastern Region in particular.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.