



The Planning Department, Govt. of Telangana

Press Release

“Effective Implementation of SDGs will Result in Realizing the Dream of BangaruTelangana”

Hyderabad, 13 July: The Planning Department, Government of Telangana and Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana organized a high-powered national workshop on “*BangaruTelangana and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*” for Special Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, and State Level HoDs of Telangana State.

Speaking at the inaugural, Dr. V K Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India said that an integrated approach to development calls for equi-focus on its three pillars, namely, economic, social, and environmental. Continuing his address, he said that effective implementation of SDGs calls for basic changes in the development strategies with least impact on environment, revamping of education system, and creating a mechanism to scrutinize strategic decisions from the SDG angle.

“Monitoring the achievements of the SDGs by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation will be greatly instrumental in determining the success of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in India.”, he added.



Dr. V K Saraswat delivering Inaugural Address. (L to R) Sri B P Acharya, Sri BV Papa Rao and Sri Diego Palacios are seen in picture

Sri S Niranjan Reddy, Vice Chairman, Planning Board, Govt. of Telangana emphasized that the Government of Telangana is committed to both economic development and social development. “By spending over Rs. 14,000 crores on Mission Bhagirata, the Government is ensuring the supply of clean and potable water for all households. “The third phase of Haritha Haram will go a long way in providing 33% green cover to the State, which would enrich the quality of global environment”, he added.

Sri B V Papa Rao, Advisor to Govt. said that the Government will put in place a comprehensive mechanism to improve the drainage and sanitation facilities in all the villages across the State. “The Government will not only increase the GDP of the State but also improve its rankings in terms of Development Indicators”, he added.



Inauguration of Centre for SDGs (L to R) Sri Ramesh Datla, Ms. Meital Rusdia, Sri Diego Palacios, Sri B V Papa Rao, Dr. V K Saraswat, Sri S Niranjana Reddy, and Sri B P Acharya are seen



Release of Telugu booklet on SDGs. (L to R) Sri B P Acharya, Sri B V Papa Rao, Dr. V K Saraswat, Sri Diego Palacios, Sri S Niranjana Reddy, and Ms. Meital Rusdia are seen in picture.

Sri B P Acharya, IAS, Special CS to Govt. & DG, Dr. MCR HRDIT said that the action plans, strategies, and vision documents being prepared by all the Departments will go a long way both in achieving the SDGs and in giving a big boost to the efforts aimed at realizing the dream of “BangaruTelangana. “In order to achieve the SDGs, officers should come out of their watertight compartments and work with other departments as a team”, he added.

Sri Diego Palacios, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. said that successful implementation of the SDGs across the globe will be determined by its success in India. “It is commendable to see that the Government of India is showing strong commitment in its efforts to achieve the SDGs”, he said and emphasized the importance of States in realizing the SDG agenda for India and the world.

Ms. Meital Rusdia, Chief, UNICEF, Hyderabad Office highlighted the importance of sharper focus on children, especially their vulnerable counterparts, considering the fact that of the 169 targets, 95 are

relevant to children. “Children clearly are an important focus of the global development agenda. And rightly so!”, she added.

Dr. V K Saraswat inaugurated the Centre for SDGs and also launched the soft copy of a Booklet on SDGs in Telugu.

Dr. GautamPingle, Dean of Studies, Dr. MCRHRDIT proposed a vote of thanks.

Several eminent persons, including Advisors to Govt., senior Civil Servants, and experts from UN Habitat, ILO, UNICEF, UINDP, UNIDO, NITI Ayog, CII, etc. are participating in the Panel Discussions on themes related to SDGs.