

## **Visit of International Participants of NILERD to NITI Aayog**

*Interaction Programme organized at NITI Aayog on 2.11.2016 for the International Participants of Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation (Sept 7 to November 29, 2016) and Certificate Course in Human Resource Planning and Development (June 29 to December 14, 2016) being conducted at NILERD*

A visit of the participants of Diploma in *Monitoring and Evaluation* and Certificate Course in *Human Resource Planning and Development* was organized in NITI Aayog on 2.11.2016 for interaction with Officials in charge of various Verticals of NITI Aayog. Shri Yudhvir Singh Malik, Special Secretary, NITI Aayog was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session. Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Secretary and Dr. P K Anand, Sr. Consultant, DMEO also graced the occasion. Dr. Yogesh Suri, Director General, NILERD welcomed the dignitaries and apprised about the modules being taught in these programmes. In all 44 international participants from 24 developing countries, pursuing the courses were present along with various officials of NITI Aayog and NILERD.

In his inaugural address, Shri Malik provided an overview about the mandate, structure of NITI Aayog and the role played by it in providing directional and policy inputs to the Government of India. He informed about the Team India and Knowledge & Innovation Hub created in NITI, initiatives taken in fostering cooperative federalism and to enable NITI emerge as a major think tank of the Government. He informed about the different sub-groups of Chief Ministers on crucial policy issues such as Swachh Bharat, Skill Development and Centrally-Sponsored Schemes. Through these groups, the views of state Governments are incorporated directly into the policies of the Union Government. He informed that the Government of India has replaced Five Year Plans by a 15 year vision, 7 year strategy and 3-4 year action plan which are being formulated by NITI Aayog. He mentioned that there were a large number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country which have been rationalized to make them more focused and result oriented. He added that a model law on land leasing has been developed by NITI Aayog which needs to be adopted by various States so as to make agriculture more viable.

Shri Malik informed that NITI Aayog has been entrusted with the role to co-ordinate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He added that Monitoring and Evaluation including the identification of the needed resources to strengthen success and scope of delivery is one of the mandates of NITI Aayog. The lessons learnt through monitoring and feedback will be used for making improvements, including necessary mid-course corrections. The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) of NITI Aayog has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluation of Govt. of India's flagship initiatives as well as the SDGs.

The participants who were senior and middle level officials in different Ministries and Departments in their respective countries interacted with officials of various Verticals such as Science and Technology, DMEO, Skill Development, Labour& Employment, Urban Development, Rural Development and Health, Governance and Research, Women and Child Development. Presentations were made by these verticals about their functioning along with details of some of the schemes concerning their respective Verticals. During these sessions participants shared their views and experiences and discussed the challenges. The interactive programme provided an excellent platform to the participants to exchange ideas and gain knowledge of different policies being pursued by Government of India directly from the Senior Officials engaged in each of the specialized areas.

**Some of the glimpses of the programme:**



Shri. Y S Malik, Special Secretary, NITI Aayog addressing the participants of Diploma in M&E and Certificate Course in HRP&D with Shri. Alok Kumar, Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog and Dr. Yogesh Suri, Adviser, NITI Aayog and DG, NILERD)



Participants attending the Key note Address



Dr. Yogesh Suri, Adviser and DG, NILERD addressing the participants



Dr. P K Anand ,Sr. Consultant, DMEO addressing the participants



Smt Sunita Sanghi, Adviser, Skill Development and Employment, addressing the participants



Dr.. C Muralikrishna Kumar, Sr. Consultant, Science and Technology interacting with participants



Dr. Ashok Jain, Adviser, Rural Development addressing the participants



Shri. Jeetendra Singh, Director, Urban Development along with Dr. Yogesh Suri, DG, NILERD, Smt. Sunita Sanghi, Adviser, NITI and Dr. Pitam Singh, Director, NILERD during interaction with the participants .



Shri SumantNarain, Director (Health and Women and Child Development) addressing the participants along with Dr. Yogesh Suri, DG, NILERD



Participants at the visit



