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Acknowledgement

Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) is greatly thankful to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (CS), for giving their staunch support to establish SDGCC under the Planning and Development Department (P&D), GoTN. It would have been impossible for P&D Department to commission SDGCC without them. NITI Aayog, Government of India, has a strong partnership with UNDP to support work on SDG localisation and other areas such as circular economy and youth employment.

It has also been instrumental in efforts of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support State governments to set up SDG Coordination Centres in partnership with the states.

Accordingly, UNDP has appointed Chief Development Goals Specialist to lead SDGCC along with two experts, one on "Skill, Employment and Livelihoods" and the other one on "Sustainable Transport and Mobility" and two Research Associates to support each expert.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – An Overview.

India adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in continuation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) during 2016-17. High-Power Committee meetings were also held during the same period. Subsequently, India submitted its first ever Voluntary National Review (VNR) in 2017 to UN High Level Political Forum.

Decade of Action was also initiated in 2018 for preparing vision document and to finalising State Indicator Frameworks (SIFs), District Indicator Frameworks (DIFs), Block Indicator Framework (BIF). Tamil Nadu's rank has improved from 3rd to 2nd in SDG India Index released by NITI Aayog.

Tamil Nadu also conducted two working group meetings to identify various strategies to achieve SDGs by 2030. For localisation of SDGs at the state level, Tamil Nadu State Government has issued a Government Order (GO) with ToRs for Department units, District units, Block level and ranking of districts on their performance on SDGs.

Further, SDGs were internalised at department level, organized cluster district programme. Efforts are underway for localising SDGs at village panchayat level by integrating SDGs with Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP) and awareness is created among various stakeholders through social media.

Institutional Framework for SDGs in State

At State level, a High-Power Committee (HPC) was constituted with Chief Secretary, Vice Chairman (State Planning Commission) and other department secretaries as Chairman. Under HPC, eight thematic based working groups were formed. Each of these groups are headed by Secretaries of Nodal Department and Member Convenors of Heads of Divisions.

Eight Working Groups (WGs) and their Heads

- **WG 1: Poverty and Hunger** – SDG 1 & 2 Headed by RD Secretary
- **WG 2: Health Care and Sanitation** – SDG 3 & 6 Headed by H&W Secretary
- **WG 3: Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education** – SDG 4, Headed by Secretary, Education Department
- **WG 4: Women Empowerment and Issues of Inequality** – SDG 5 & 10, Headed by Secretary, SW & NMP

- **WG 5: Innovation, Industrialization and Sustainable Development** – SDG 7, 8, 9, 11 Headed by Secretary, Industries department.
- **WG 6: Sustainable Consumption and Production** – SDG 12 Headed by APC, Agriculture Department
- **WG 7: Environment and Climate Change** – SDG 13, 14, 15 Headed by Secretary, Environment and Forests
- **WG 8: Promotion of Peace and Partnerships** – SDG 16, 17 Headed by Secretary, Home

Activities taken for achieving SDGs by 2030

SIF (314), DIF (104), BIF (93) were finalised with consultations.

An interactive dynamic Dashboard and SDG portal was developed.

Low Performing Indicators were assessed for effective monitoring.

District SDG units and indicators tracking were established.

Capacity building at various levels was organised.

Partnerships with UNICEF, UN Women, GIZ was fostered.

Urban-focused indicator development – resettlement indicators were developed.

SDGCC for the state was set up in association with UNDP.

Setting up of Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), Tamil Nadu

To further facilitate localization, monitoring and implementation of SDGs, the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), Tamil Nadu was set up by the Planning and Development Department (P&D), Government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). SDGCC is mandated to support the activities of eight thematic working groups that have been formed under the aegis of the Additional Chief Secretary/ Secretary/Principal Secretary of the following Departments: (i) Rural Development (ii) Health and Family Welfare (iii) School Education

(iv) Social Welfare (v) Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce (vi) Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (vii) Environment, Climate Change and Forests and (viii) Home, Prohibition and Excise. Also, SDGCC is responsible for policy analysis, capacity and competency enhancement of the nodal officers of various line departments to fast track the localisation of SDGs, promotion of best practices, data analytics monitoring and evaluation through a robust evolving technology. SDGCC also coordinates with the central line ministries, the private sector, NGOs, CSOs and SGHs for fostering convergence in implementation of SDGs at the grassroots level.

Field Visits to study successful models

KILA Visit

A two-day visit was undertaken to the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) located in Thrissur from 5th to 6th May 2023. A total of 50 Panchayat Presidents from Tamil Nadu along with the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), Tamil Nadu and officials from Planning and Development Department experienced the efforts of panchayats in Kerala in localisation of SDGs. Gram Panchayat (GPs) together with Kudumbashree plays a unique role in identification of poor households, enabling a participatory process, leaving no one behind, preparing a micro plan etc., Hence, these local institutes are empowered to target the right beneficiaries in delivering the benefits of both central and state

schemes. Bottom-up approach and devolution of power including budget to Gram Panchayat (around 27% is allocated to panchayats) are key to addressing immediate (e.g. Extreme Health Conditions), intermediate (e.g. Shelter, Drinking Water, Electricity) and long-term issues (e.g. Skill Development). Learnings – It is time to shift the focus of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from thrift and savings to economic development to address major challenges that are counter productive to development. The state of Tamil Nadu may also empower its Gram Panchayats with more autonomy, functions and allocate more budget to drive the change from the grassroots.

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Haryana Visit



To witness the knowledge and experience of SDGCC, Haryana in implementation of SDGs in the state, a two-day learning cum exposure meeting was organized by SDGCC, Haryana from 5th to 6th June 2023. Delegates of SDGCC, Tamil Nadu along with officials from Planning and Development Department, Department of Economic and Statistics gained

insight towards aligning schemes and programmes (both Central and State) with SDGs; AI tools (Sahayak, Pragati and PRIME Mobile App) enabled monitoring of SDGs and Online Budget Allocation Monitoring Analysis (OBAMA) in enabling the output, outcome monitoring of various schemes. SDGCC, Tamil Nadu will emulate the models, modify to better suit to Tamil Nadu.

Online monitoring tools have helped deliver benefits through family data base on Parivar Pehchan Patra to their 72 lakhs registered users.

<http://meraparivar.haryana.gov.in/>

Besides, the initiatives of SDGCC, Haryana such as Anemia Crack Down Pilot, GEET initiative (to show the list of schemes and eligible people), scaling up of renewable energy sources, strategic foresight approach for Haryana @ 2047, supporting 5 Ps namely Policy, Partnership, People, Place, and Performance etc., in supporting the state of Haryana were inspiring. The success of SDGCC,

Haryana in fast tracking the progress of SDGs and progressing towards achieving SDGs can be attributed to its development of robust online monitoring tools coupled with strong institutional support from the line department of the state. All of them have equally contributed to the happening of SDGs in Haryana. Let's make SDGs happen!

Meeting Series



High Power Committee Meeting

A High Power Committee (HPC) Meeting was organised at Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 13th April 2023 to review the progress of various activities of the High Power Committee (HPC) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to make an inventory of action plans to be taken up in the ensuing days.

This meeting was attended by Head of Departments, members of working groups, representatives from DoES (Department of Economics and Statistics) and professionals from SDGCC. It is proposed that SDGCC will strengthen State Indicator Frameworks (SIFs) 2.0 that are more inclusive, integrated and reflect on the state's progress towards SDGs.

Annual Action Plan for SDGCC, Tamil Nadu

Annual Action Plan for SDGCC, Tamil Nadu meeting was organized by P&D, GoTN on 28th April 2023 under the Chairmanship of Mr Vikram Kapur, (IAS) Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), P&D. Major outcomes include development of vibrant dashboard, preparing SIF 2.0, alignment of schemes and programs to SDGs, increasing stakeholder base for SDGs initially for focused sectors, efforts aimed at localising SDGs at district, block and gram panchayat levels, identifying partner institutes to foster collaboration, organising workshops/seminars, working out communication and extension strategies such as game-based activities, competitions, speaking through success stories, social media posting etc., to bring desirable change among all stakeholders including end users. Bringing out a "Newsletter" from SDGCC would be an ideal kickstart point.



Insights from CM Dashboard!

A meeting with CM Dashboard Team was held on 25th May 2023. The meeting was presided over by Mr Davidar (IAS), Chief Guest and Mr Vikram Kapur (IAS), ACS, P&D. The delegates from SDGCC, Tamil Nadu, State Planning Commission (SPC), Tamil Nadu and officials representing the Department of Economics and Statistics (DoES) experienced the nuanced approach of CM Dashboard as to how it enables the state officials to monitor the progress of the schemes regularly at the state level and provide directions to grassroots level officials to take necessary actions to fast track the implementation to benefit people.



"CM Dashboard also serves as the 'one-stop solution' with integration of about 201 dashboards"

and covers major verticals and priority schemes of the state. It was proposed during the meeting that integration of SDGCC Dashboard into the CM Dashboard will strengthen efforts of SDGCC directed at SDGs monitoring.

Follow up Meeting on visit to SDGCC, Haryana State

A follow up meeting was held by Mr Vikram Kapur (IAS), ACS, P&D Department on 12th May 2023.

The take aways from the meeting were considering **Haryana State's Online Budget Allocation Monitoring Analysis (OBAMA) for monitoring SDGs.**

Strengthening the existing TN software i.e. SDGCC-Dashboard, preparation of outcome based budgeting of all schemes and align them with SDGs, considering a pre-consultation meeting before every budgetary session in line with outcome budgeting of SDGs, visioning exercise to prepare visioning document with a particular focus on SDGs, evolving communication and advisory service strategies as well as CSR matchmaking platform for leveraging the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

Meeting with Hon'ble Finance Minister

A briefing of Planning and Development Department to the Hon'ble Finance Minister of GoTN was held on 29th May 2023. Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Finance Minister (FM), GoTN chaired the meeting. The various initiatives, projects and roles that P&D were playing were highlighted during this meeting and its supportive role to the state Government was strongly highlighted.



Cross learning with State Planning Commission (SPC)

A meeting was held with State Planning Commission (SPC) on 13th May 2023 to cross learn the initiatives of SPC in implementation of SDGs. It was chaired by Ms Sudha Raman, (IFS), Member Secretary (SPC), GoTN. During the meeting, it was highlighted that regular sensitization programmes are essential for line department officials to effectively implement SDGs, preparation of State Indicator Frameworks (SIFs) 2.0 and among others. Therefore, more focused approach is the need of the hour to further fast track the progress of the state on SDGs front.

Meeting with Expert Organisations

As part of fostering partnerships for the implementation of SDGs, SDGCC, Tamil Nadu is interacting with many international/national organisations, private sectors, NGOs/CSOs and third sector. To this end, the first ever meeting was held with Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP). It aimed at fostering convergence with ITDP in preparing Sustainable Transport and Mobility Plan. The meetings that SDGCC had in the past quarter are summarised below.



Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

J-PAL is a global research centre which is focusing on formulation of policy towards poverty reduction and impact evaluation studies to make an informed decision on global poverty reduction.

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Rationalisation of the programmes or Schemes concerning Nutrition & Health, replicating the good practices on a pilot basis in aspirational districts or blocks and developing a mission on Nutrition framework were considered and collaboration will continue.

OMI Foundation

For embarking on Sustainable Transport and Mobility, SDGCC efforts are directed at learning the good practices of the OMI Foundation. OMI's wide range of initiatives in mobility includes clean mobility, platform economy, big economy, inclusive mobility, entrepreneurship, etc.

TNeGA

TNeGA aimed at the use of information technology in governance and delivery of services to public. SDGCC team has interacted with TNeGA and gained experience on the various e-services implemented for public good.

Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)

ITDP works in all cities to create healthy and livable communities. Its major focus areas include e-mobility, safe spaces for walking & cycling, traffic reduction mechanisms, and people-centered policies. To leverage the knowledge and best practices adopted in transport and mobility, SDGCC, Tamil Nadu interacted with the officials of ITDP. This will also pave the way for leveraging ITDP's strength on sustainable mobility and restructuring the indicators related to mobility in development of SIF 2.0.

Naan Mudhalvan

Naan Mudhalvan is a flagship scheme of Govt. of Tamil Nadu. It is aimed at identification of potential training providers, imparting various skill trainings based on current industry/skill gaps. This scheme provides dynamic information for college students on courses and relevant information about industry specific skills.

Tamil Nadu State Skill Development Council (TNSDC)

SDGCC team held a meeting with the officials of TNSDC to understand various initiatives. TNSDC envisions to transform the state into a skill hub by skilling the youth to enhance their employability and match the expectations of the Industry. It has partnered with 129 training providers covering 38 sectors and 1,74,169 youths so far.

UN Women

Officials of SDGCC have networked with the UN Women team and learned the importance of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) and the possible role that GRB would play in the empowerment of women cutting across all spheres namely social and economic.

Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA)

CUMTA plays a unifying role in coordinating with agencies/departments working on urban mobility in the Chennai Metropolitan Area (CMA). It is headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. It was formed in the year 2010 by a Statutory Act of the Government of Tamil Nadu. SDGCC team interacted with CUMTA to understand its various initiatives related to urban mobility.

Knowledge Attitude Skill and Habit programmes

Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Framework for Action on Disability

A Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Framework for Action on Disability was organized by Planning and Development Department & Department of the Welfare of Persons with Disability in collaboration with RIGHTS Project Team of the World Bank on 12th May 2023. Professionals from SDGCC, Tamil Nadu have facilitated the programme. More than 50 participants attended the Workshop representing line departments such as the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Department of Employment and Training, Public Works Department (PWD), Department of Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, Transport Department, etc., Besides, experts from various organisations such as Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), Council for Persons with Disability, Ektha Foundation, Loyola College and Disability Rights Alliance participated as 'Panelists'. The outcomes that emerged from the workshop paved the way for collaboration among the line departments and between organizations such as local NGOs and grassroots to converge their efforts aimed at inclusive skill and mobility. Various innovative concepts emerged from the Workshop including a social registry to identify Persons with Disability (PwDs), unique requirements of the PwDs during crises (e.g. flood, pandemic) that need to be prioritised, screen reader features need to be made available in government portals or websites, integration of PwDs data or indicators available with various departments, inclusive mobility must be inclusive of vehicles and infrastructure facilities.



Knowledge Corner

The Report called "SDG India Index" is released jointly by Niti Aayog and UNDP every year. It tracks the progress of all States and Union Territories (UTs) of their performance on the pre-defined National Indicator Frameworks that apply to all States/UTs concerning all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A total of three reports of SDG India Index have been released since 2019.

Induction Training Programme for New Joiners, SDGCC Tamil Nadu

Induction Training Programme was organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) from 22nd to 24th May 2023 at SDGCC, Chennai to orient the professionals of SDGCC, Tamil Nadu. It has covered the themes of administration, financial management, travel policy, Human Resources Management, procurement process, vendor creation, communication, ICT, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), security, other legal frameworks and cultural ties among other things.

Training to Statistical Inspectors on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Training programme was organized by the Tamil Nadu State Statistical Training Institute (TNSSTI) of Department of Economics and Statistics from 17th to 18th May 2023 for around 50 Statistical Inspectors (SIs) from both districts and blocks in Tamil Nadu. It aimed at improving their knowledge on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the importance of data collection process. This training was also attended by SDGCC, Tamil Nadu team to provide technical inputs to SIs on the data collection methods.



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