

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
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Press Release

NITI Aayog – UNDP Training Programme on UT Progress Tracker Dashboard

03/11/2017. A delegation of senior officials from Seven Union Territories and Central Government Ministry/Departments met in Puducherry to familiarize the innovative Dashboard designed by NITI Aayog for monitoring the development progress in Union Territories. The meeting was convened together by NITI Aayog and UNDP India; the knowledge partner to discuss about the various nuances of the UT Progress Tracker. The meeting was attended by representatives of all Union Territories and Nodal Officers from schemes/programmes coming under the National Development Agenda.

Dr. G Narendra Kumar, Development Commissioner, Government of Puducherry chaired the session. He highlighted the role of Union Territories as hubs of innovation and can showcase tremendous potential to achieve progress in a short period of time. It is important to diffuse the innovations at the level of Union Territories across the country with the aim to showcase their high rates of progress to the rest of the country. He recognised the Progress Tracker has the potential to facilitate this goal in an important way and described it as NITI Aayog's strategic approach to contribute towards overall strengthening of governance.

Shri Vikram Singh Gaur, Joint Secretary & UN Nodal Officer, NITI Aayog introduced the various aspects of Dashboard. In his address to the gathering, he spoke about the importance of technology tools in governance and added that technology assisted monitoring of development projects is transforming governance and the last mile delivery. He added that Hon'ble Prime Minister aims at developing the Union Territories as torch bearers of development and be role models for States/UTs. Dashboard can be used for the real time policy interventions.

Nodal officers from Union Territories and the Central Government were provided a live demo of the Progress Tracker and the issues related to data filling were discussed in detail. The aim was to better inform them about the key components of the dashboard and its role in facilitating effective monitoring and evaluation of government schemes. The training workshop set ground for improved interface between the Union Territories and the Central Government, in turn paving way for informed decision-making and real-time policy intervention driven by accurate and reliable data.

Union Territory Progress Tracker Dashboard is one of its kinds of innovative enterprise envisaging real time policy interventions through monthly monitoring of development schemes and accelerate the National Development Agenda and to ensure that Union Territories emerge as role models for other States/UTs in the country. The meeting was attended by other senior officials; Dr Candavelu, Principal Secretary, Planning & Research and Ms Deepika Lohia Aran, Director, NITI Aayog etc.

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