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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh
Dated Shimla-1 the, July, 2025.

To

1. The Registrar,
   Himachal Pradesh University Shimla /
   Sardar Patel University Mandi H.P
2. All the Principals,
   Govt. Degree / Sanskrit Colleges and Private Colleges,
   Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:- Minutes of the first Meeting of the Project Steering Committee of the GSDP-NITI Project held on 30.04.2025-reg.

Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the copy of letter No. PLG(PI)1-48/2019-SDGs PPR-II dated 21.07.2025 received from Principal Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, on the subject cited above.

In this context, you are requested to kindly share the best practices adopted by your University/College in the **implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. This information may be shared with this Directorate at the earliest for onward submission to the concerned authorities.

Encls:- As Above

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh
July, 2025

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Planning) to the Govt. of H.P for information please.
2. The T.O IT cell with the direction to upload the same on the official website of the Directorate of Higher Education.
3. Guard File.

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

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No: PLG (PI) 1-48/2019-SDGs PPR-II
Government of Himachal Pradesh
"Planning Department"

From

Principal Secretary (Planning) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

To

All the Head of the Departments,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-2, the 21st June, 2025.

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Director (Higher Edu.)
HP, Shimla-1.

Subject: Minutes of the first Meeting of the Project Steering Committee of the GSDP-NITI Project held on 30.04.2025-reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of letter No. I-14059/01/2021-SDGs dated 3rd June, 2025 from Mr. Hemant Kumar Meena, Director, SDG Division, NITI Aayog, Government of India on the subject cited above.

In this context, you are requested to share the best practices followed by your department in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals at district and block level.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Basu Sood)
Adviser (Planning)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

Endst. No. As above. Dated: Shimla-2 the 21st June, 2025.

Copy forwarded to the PS to Pr. Secretary (Planning) to the GoHP, Shimla-2 for information.

Adviser (Planning),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2

I-14059/01/2021-SDGs
Government of India
NITI Aayog
Sustainable Development Goal Vertical

NITI Bhavan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi, Dated- 03.06.2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the first Meeting of the Project Steering committee of the GSDP-NITI Project held on 30.04.2025-reg.

This is in reference to the meeting notice dated 25.04.2025 regarding first meeting of the Project Steering Committee of the GSDP-NITI Project.

2. In this regard, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Rajib Sen, PD (SDGs) on 30th April 2025 virtually to review the progress the performance of the activities under the project and to discuss means to optimise the project strategies.

3. The approved minutes of the meeting are enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

3/6/2025
(Hemant Kumar Meena)
Director,
SDG Division

To

1. Ms. Geetu Joshi, Adviser (IER II), DEA, Ministry of Finance
2. The Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh
3. The Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Meghalaya
4. The Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
5. Ms. Henrike Peichert, Project Head – GSDP, GIZ India
6. Representative from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

First Project Steering Committee Meeting

GSDP-NITI Project on support for SDG Localisation in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Madhya Pradesh
30th April 2025 (Wednesday)

A virtual meeting was held on 30.04.2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Rajib Sen, PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog for the Project Steering Committee Constituted vide OM dated 09.05.2024 to discuss the progress of activities on the GSDP-NITI project for SDG localisation.

The meeting began with a welcome address by Shri Hemant Meena, Director, NITI Aayog followed by a round of introductions. Shri Rajib Sen, PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog delivered the opening address, setting the stage for the session and emphasising on the expectations of the NITI Aayog from this collaboration. A brief overview of the GSDP-NITI project was shared by Shri Gerald Guskowski, after which state-wise project updates and ideas for upcoming activities were presented for Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Madhya Pradesh. The session concluded with an open discussion and a vote of thanks by the GIZ team. The list of participants is placed at Annexure-1.

Key points of the discussion are as follows:

1. PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog encouraged GIZ and the states to work towards implementation and tangible outcomes, with special focus on SDG 3,4,5, and 13. Best practices regarding SDG implementation should be captured.

2. Creation and dissemination of SDG Awareness Material: PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog recommended that this activity be taken up on priority this year, preferably by June 2025.

3. Project Head, SDGCAC, Himachal Pradesh suggested that a finance mobilisation consultation/roundtable can be organized for better CSR utilisation and community engagement. He also suggested that bilateral exchange could also be facilitated between the GSDP states to encourage knowledge sharing.

4. Review of SIFs: PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog clarified that the SIFs should largely remain unchanged to maintain consistency in tracking SDG progress, with the review focusing on the enhancing the SIF by inclusion of relevant indicators and revision of indicators where saturation has already been achieved.

6. Development of SDG Dashboard of Madhya Pradesh: CEO, MPRNA highlighted that the dashboard would complement the CM Pragati Dashboard. Director (SDGs), NITI Aayog suggested that a district ranking could be included in the dashboard features.

7. Knowledge exchange with other States: PD (SDGs), NITI Aayog suggested that small thematic workshops may be planned around different topics such as financing to ensure active exchange between relevant stakeholders. It was suggested that the multilateral knowledge exchange with Haryana SDGCAC can be facilitated by NITI Aayog as a measure under the State Support Mission (SSM).

8. PD (SDGs) advised that in case any states are agreeable to take up a Voluntary Local Review, the contours of the framework to be adopted may be discussed with NITI before embarking on the activity.

9. Director (SDGs), NITI Aayog suggested that a comprehensive project plan with detailed timelines be prepared for each activity under the GSDP-NITI project.

Action Points emerged from the discussion are given as under:

1. Creation and dissemination of SDG awareness material.

[Action: GIZ]

2. Documentation of best practices in SDG implementation at district and block level.

[Action: GIZ, All states]

3. Knowledge exchange workshop on priority themes with states/UTs. Some workshop can be organised under SSM, NITI Aayog.

[Action: GIZ, NITI]

4. Development of comprehensive project plan with detailed timelines for each activity under the GSDP-NITI project.

[Action: GIZ]

Annex-1

List of Participants

1. **NITI Aayog**
   a. Shri Rajib Sen, Senior Chief Adviser (SDGs)
   b. Shri Hemant Meena, Director, SDGs
   c. Ms Ishita Aggarwal, Young Professional, SDG

2. **Department of Economic Affairs**
   a. Shri Amit Anurag, Section Officer, UN&SF Section

3. **Govt of Himachal Pradesh**
   a. Dr Basu Sood, Project Head, SDGCAC – HP
   b. Shri Ravinder Kumar, Deputy Project Head, SDGCAC-HP

4. **Govt of Meghalaya**
   a. Dr. Joram Beda, IAS, Commissioner Secretary, Planning Deptt
   b. Mr. Naman Kumar, SDG Consultant, KPMG

5. **Govt of Madhya Pradesh**
   a. Mr Rishi Garg, CEO, Madhya Pradesh Rajya NITI Aayog
   b. Mr Abhishek Bhargava, Consultant, Madhya Pradesh Rajya NITI Aayog

6. **GIZ India**
   a. Mr Gerald Guskowski, Programme Director & Cluster Coordinator
   b. Ms Henrike Peichert, Project Head, GSDP Support Project
   c. Dr Shweta Sharma, SDG Adviser, GSDP Support Project
   d. Ms Seema Choudhary, SDG Adviser, GSDP Support Project
   e. Mr Kenneth Pala, SDG Adviser, GSDP Support Project

7. **Representative from Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation**

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