

Gyalshing, 28th March, 2018 (IPR): A review meeting to discuss the Transformation Action Plan for West District was called by Chief Secretary at the Conference Hall, Manan Bhawan, Gangtok. In attendance were Secretary, Health department, Secretary LR & DMD, Secretary Planning Department, Secretary Agriculture & Horticulture, Director HRDD, J.D. (HRDD) West, Director Panchayat Raj, Additional Secretary, Skill Development, Welfare department & SDM Gyalshing.

Shri Kapil Meena, DC, West briefed the gathering about the directions given by NITI AAYOG to improve the indicators spanning Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Areas, and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development & Basic Infrastructure. He outlined the various steps taken by District till now & also the help that would be required from various departments at state & Central Government level. He also requested all Secretaries to keep the West District on priority in all schemes under their purview. He informed that all line departments at district level have already started making interventions and focused activities to improve the indicators but there are some issues of timely fund release, giving autonomy to district in implementation and more priority to west district needs to be taken up by the higher authorities.

Shri. A. K. Srivastav, Chief Secretary appreciated the diligently crafted action plan & has promised to extend all possible help from various departments, right from manpower shortage to fund constraints. Other Secretaries also agreed to provide all help that will be needed to make the action plan successful. The State Prabhari Officer for NITI AAYOG, Shri. Ravindra Telang emphasized on the need to strengthen the Office of District Collector with powers of incentivizing hardworking employees through writing their ACR's against their efforts in making district action plan successful as well as taking action against recalcitrant employees.

A copy of action plan will be forwarded to all Secretaries for further suggestions and necessary action for its successful implementation. A mechanism of regular follow-up on action plan will also be established.

