

Consultation meeting for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy – 2020



A meeting on consultation for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) – 2020 has been organised by Department of Science and Technology with the objective to have for inputs, from the

States for the policy. The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers, Ministers of Science and Technology and Chief Secretaries the States. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Health, Family Welfare and Science and Technology, Government of India, Dr. Harshvardhan and among the panellists were Mr. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Science and Technology, GoI; Dr. K Vijayraghavan, Adviser, Science and Technology, GoI; Dr. V.K Saraswat, Member, Science, NITI Aayog, GoI and Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Scientist 'G' and Adviser, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Secretariat, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The inputs from the States for the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy – 2020 was to discussed in the meeting as provided by the State representatives. Dr. Harshvardhan, Hon'ble Minister Science and Technology, Government of India in his remarks has expressed that there is no dearth of expertise in India and has praised the Scientific community stating that 'take any problem to the Scientist and they would give you the solution'. Further he added that the Government is pro Science and Technology and has taken several initiatives for promotion of Scientific temper and innovation through the Department of Science and Technology and is now in process of formulation of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy – 2020.

In the Meeting the State of Chhattisgarh was represented by Shri Mudit Kumar Singh, IFS, (PCCF & HoFF) and Director General, Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology & Regional Science Centre Society,

Raipur. The Director General in his deliberation informed the gathering about the benefits the villagers are drawing out of Narva, Ghuruva, Gurva and Badi programme and other flagship of the State Government. He expressed the need to collate and vet such citizen-centric programmes from States and take those up as focus areas of the new STIP-2020. He further added that the STIP-2020 should encourage small and innovative community practices as successfully executed under Narva, Ghuruva, Gurva and Badi programme like vermicomposting, water recharging, biomass composting and several other by the Chhattisgarh State. He also emphasized the need of S&T intervention at ground zero that is at the school level so that the talent can be caught young and developed further. He also expressed the need of the same practice at the higher and technical education students level. He also added that the Council of Science and Technology in the States should be the nodal agency to develop a robust innovation ecosystem in the States for ensuring locale specific Science and Technology needs and formulating programmes for the S&T development. In the concluding remarks Dr. Saraswat, Member Science, NITI Ayog added that the States should be divided into groups for detailed discussions for the finalization of inputs for the new STIP-2020.