2nd Batch of Local Government Functionaries going for capacity building training at NIRDPR Hyderabad under LGA-NIRDPR MoU



On 05 March 2023, a sending-off ceremony was organsied for the 2nd batch comprising of Island Councils representatives & LGA officials who are travelling to NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India for a 2-week long capacity building training programme under the MoUbetween National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) and Local Government Authority (LGA) of Maldives which was signed during the visit of His Excellency President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih during his official visit to India in August 2022. The MoUaims atcapacity building of Local Governance Institutions representatives & LGA officials. The 1stbatchcomprised of 20 Atoll Councils representatives and LGA officials which had visited NIRDPR Hyderabad from 19 – 31 Dec 2022.

- 2. High Commissioner Munu Mahawar in his remarks emphasized the ever growing India Maldives capacity building cooperation. He suggested all the participants to learn best practices from India's experience in decentralisation as well as sharing the best practices and experience in this field they practice in Maldives.
- 3. LGA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ms Afshan Latheef conveyed appreciation to Govt of India and NIRDPR for providing capacity building opportunities to Maldives Local Governance functionaries. She encouraged participants to take maximum benefit of the programme and on return sharing their learning with their peers.
- 4. During the 2-week stay at NIRDPR, Hyderabad, participants will have expert talks, group discussions, experience sharing sessions & site visits on topics relevant to decentralization and local governance like self-governance & good governance, Localization of SDGs, Service Delivery, Systems for redressal of Public Grievances, Social protection and Social cohesion, Planning, Revenue, Financial Mgt, Accounting & Audit, Women empowerment, Role of Education in local governance, Group dynamics, Land Use planning, Waste Mgt., Fisheries, Renewable energy, etc. Besides this, the participants will also visit rich Cultural Heritage of Hyderabad.
- 5. The partnership between India and Maldives is truly multifaceted. Collaboration in the area of training and capacity building is a key pillar of this partnership & is further growing. In last 4 and 1/2 years, more than

2000 Maldivian friends have visited India for various in-person training programmes. A similar number of Maldivians have participated in online training programmes.

- 6. Under NIRDPR & LGA MoU, withjoint efforts between NIRDPR & LGA, a long term capacity building plan has been designed by NIRDPR to impart capacity building support to Local Government Institutions in Maldives i.e. City, Atoll & Islands councils, Women Development Committees (WDCs) and LGA Officials and shall be implemented in gradual manner in coordination with LGA.
- 7. **About NIRDPR:**NIRDPR, an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Rural Development, is a premier national centre of excellence in rural development and Panchayati Raj. It is recognized internationally as one of the UN-ESCAP Centres of Excellence and it builds capacities of rural development functionaries, elected representatives of PRIs, bankers, NGOs and other stakeholders through interrelated activities of training, research and consultancy.
