

4th Batch of Local Government Functionaries going for capacity building training at NIRDPR Hyderabad under LGA-NIRDPR MoU



The **4th batch** comprising of **29 Island Councils representatives & LGA officials** are in India to attend a **2-week** long capacity building training programme at NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India under the **MoU** between National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (**NIRDPR**) and Local Government Authority (**LGA**) of Maldives which was **signed in August 2022**.

The MoU aims at capacity building of Local Governance Institutions representatives & LGA officials. Under the MoU, 03 batches have been conducted - **1st batch** in Dec 2022 and comprised of **20 Atoll Councils** representatives and LGA officials, **2nd batch** in March 2023 and comprised of **23 Island Councils** representatives and LGA officials and **3rd batch** in Dec 2023 comprised of **29 Women Development Committees (WDCs)** representatives and LGA officials.

2. The training programmes conducted under the MoU provides all the participants an opportunity to learn best practices from India's long experience in decentralisation as well as to share the best practices and experiences of decentralisation in Maldives.

3. During the **2-week stay** at NIRDPR, Hyderabad, participants will have expert talks, group dynamics exercises, experiences sharing & brainstorming sessions & sites 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, Solid and Liquid Waste Mgt., Fisheries, Climate Change Mgt., Renewable energy, Rural Entrepreneurship, Skilling for economic development, Startups, etc. Besides this, the participants will also visit rich Cultural Heritage of Hyderabad including T-Hub, Golkonda Fort, Ramoji Film City, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Geological Survey of India, etc.

4. 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 5 years, more than 3000 Maldivian friends have visited India for various in-person training programmes in various conventional and emerging fields. More than 1700 Maldivians have participated in online training programmes.

6. Under NIRDPR & LGA MoU, with joint 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 inter-related activities of training, research and consultancy.
