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## **SPEAKERS**



Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana



Mr. Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance and Planning, Government of Haryana



Mr. Pankaj, IAS, Secretary Finance, Government of Haryana



Dr. Gautam Goswami, Head "Foresight & Vision" Division TIFAC, Dept. of Science & Technology, Government of India



Ms. Lazima Onta Bhatta, Deputy Resident Representative, **UNDP** India



Mr. Vikas Verma, North Region Head, **UNDP** India



Ms. Meenakshi Kathel, Senior Advisor, SDG Acceleration, UNDP India (Moderator)



Ms. Aarathi Krishnan, Senior Advisor on Strategic Foresight, UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific



### **OBJECTIVES**

Outlining a framework to kickstart the Strategic Foresight approach in Haryana and discussion of the list of Signals created for each of the 6 thematic groups.

#### **KEY MESSAGES**

- The following 5 questions were highlighted as focus pointers to kickstart the Strategic Foresight approach in Haryana.
  - Why are we doing this, and what will be the facilitation process?
  - How will we get there?
  - Where are we now?
  - How will technology influence the journey?
  - What are today's signals that can be tomorrow's drivers?
- The vision execution for 2047 is unique as it is a co-creation exercise between internal stakeholders and external stakeholders, including academia, youth, industry, media, and civil society.
- It focuses on future scenario building using the Strategic Foresight Approach. It is an approach that "helps us act in the present to shape the future we want".
- Strategic forecasting necessitates internal redesigning of internal systems and external redesigning of services for citizens following an agile framework that responds faster to changes.
- Mr. Vikas Verma communicated that 6 Working Groups have been formed, and a collaborative website has been developed. He informed that the analysis of Signals (A signal is a first indicator of an event, local trend or organisation that has innovative, disruptive and/or strategically discontinuous potential to grow in scale and geographic distribution of food and nutritional security) and thematic discussions & brainstorming sessions are key steps in realising the Haryana @ 2047 vision.
- Dr. Gautam Goswami described the Government of India's Tech-Vision 2047 as being a technology-independent nation and technology leader along with a holistic vision for the nation on technology, cutting across all sectors and stressed on investing heavily in ideas.
- Mr. Vikas Verma emphasised the importance of horizontal scanning exercises, viz., identifying early warning signals, strategic foresight tools, and the necessity of it being an iterative process. He also urged the departments for their full coordination and cooperation going forward and shared a list of tasks that need to be completed for the Strategic Foresight approach to move to its next phase.
- A list of Signals and their implications on society were presented by the 6 thematic groups.
- Dr. Satbir S. Kadian, Engineer-in-Chief and CEO, Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Haryana, informed that two meetings of the working group on Growth Enablers and Infrastructure Development have been conducted, and an initial report has been prepared. He stated that in addition to the 77 Signals shared, 5 core indicators have been added.





#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal suggested that in addition to looking at Signals common to most states across the country, there is a need to identify specific Signals vis-a-vis Haryana.
- He laid prominence on data-backed interventions and their practicality in implementation. "Whatever we do, it should be practicable. Unless we can implement it on the ground, it is just a piece of paper."
- Mr. Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance and Planning, Government of Haryana, urged for a fresh perspective to tackle problems. "We actively need a departure from the past." He also suggested moving to a results-based approach.
- In addition, Mr. Anurag Rastogi talked about the identification of already existing best practices and their compilation by UNDP. Lastly, he recommended a novel approach of dividing a state into three to four regions and generating a comparison to extract best practices in a particular region.
- Stating changing trends across industries, Mr. Vikas Verma stressed the need for constant reskilling for the working population.
- To address Signals holistically, the convergence of various departments and a seamless mechanism for the purpose was suggested.



