



Madhya Pradesh Rajya NITI Aayog

VISIT BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO DISCUSS CITIES AS ENGINES OF GROWTH FINDINGS

Date: 6th July, 2022

Venue: AIGGPA, Meeting Hall

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INTRODUCTION / BRIEF

Dr. Albert Park, Chief Economist and Mr. Rana Hasan, Regional Economic Advisor from Asian Development Bank (ADB) came to Bhopal for a Meeting on 6th July, 2022 with Madhya Pradesh State Policy and Planning commission (MPSPPC). In addition, there was representation from Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Urban Administration and development Directorate, Global Skill Park, Institutional Finance and AIGGPA in the meeting.

During the meeting, the main focus was on boosting the Economic competitiveness of Madhya Pradesh and an action plan on how to overcome such gaps. Some of the areas which ADB proposed were issues pertaining to job creation, heavy dependency on agriculture and lack of opportunities for research and capacity building. Along with this, the second focus of the meeting was the discussion on the findings of the study conducted by ADB in collaboration with NITI Aayog titled 'Cities as Engines of Growth' where two cities of Madhya Pradesh were included *viz.* Indore and Dewas. An overarching objective of the project is to develop principles and frameworks for growth enabling urban governance and coordinated spatial planning

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