

A NOTE ON ANNUAL STRATEGIC INTERACTION MEET-2019 IN AGARTALA, TRIPURA

The Annual Strategic Interaction Meet-2019 was held on 18th April, 2019 at 12:30 hrs in the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Tripura at the Conference Hall of New Secretariat Building.

The meeting started with introduction of Mulkh Raj Jarngal, ADG and HoD, GSI, NER to the Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Tripura. This was followed by a Powerpoint Presentation in which the ADG and HoD gave a brief introduction of GSI and a general overview of the work carried out by GSI under different Missions in Tripura. Shri. Kajal Mondal, Dy. DG, GSI, SU:T&M also took part in this meeting and discussed about the OGP and non OGP areas. The works related to societal issues like medical geology, environmental geology and significant utilization of NGCM data in improving the agricultural & forest activities of the state was also discussed in detail. Dr. Tapan Pal, Director PSS Division, GSI, Shillong briefed the gathering about the pilot project proposed by GSI, Agartala on Quaternary Geology Mapping along Khowai river. This project will deal with bank erosion and its impact on the settlement areas to which the Principal Secretary expressed his appreciation and ensured all support from the Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Tripura. The ADG and HoD informed the Principal Secretary that GSI has already installed DGPS station at GSI office, Agartala and briefed about its utility. Discussion was also held on data sharing related to the work carried out by GSI with the stakeholders under data sharing policy of GSI through OCBIS Portal where GSI reports under different missions, maps on various scales, NGCM data, publications etc can be accessed.

The Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, requested GSI for sharing the NGCM data with the Department of Agriculture for their future planning. In this regard, he instructed his officers to organize a meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Tripura & personnel from forest Department where GSI will present the work and discuss the same with them. He also requested GSI to take up the project on Seismic Microzonation of Agartala city and they will send a formal request to GSI in this regard. The Principal Secretary was also concerned about the landslides in Tripura and requested GSI to take Mesoscale/site specific studies as and when required. Finally, the Principal Secretary expressed his appreciation for the contribution of GSI in Tripura state and requested to share the Geo-Scientific data with them and other stakeholders for development of the state. The ADG and HoD expressed that GSI will extend all possible support to the state Departments for development of the state of Tripura and assured that GSI will consider all the suggestions of the Principal Secretary.



**Interaction Session between the Officials of GSI & Department of Industries & Commerce,
Govt of Tripura**

List of officials attended the meeting:

Name	Designation
Shri. S.R. Kumar	Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura
Shri Mulkh Raj Jarngal	ADG and HoD, GSI, NER
Shri KajalMondol	DDG, GSI SU:T&
Dr. Tapan Pal	Director PSS, GSI NER
Shri. Kiray Gitte	Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura
Shri ChonbenthungYanthan	Suptdg. Geologist, SU: T&M, Agartala
Shri Salim Javed	Senior Geologist, SU: T&M, Agartala
Smt. S. Paul	Geologist, DIC, Govt. of Tripura