**Press Release**

**PM GatiShakti: Kerala capital to host south zone workshop on Aug 13**

**Thiruvananthapuram, Aug. 11**: The Southern Zone District level capacity building workshop of the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) project for integrated infrastructure planning will be held at Hyatt Regency here on August 13, covering various districts of five southern states.

Minister for Industries, Coir, and Law, Govt of Kerala, Shri P Rajeeve, district collectors from the districts concerned and officials of the state departments and Central ministries and departments concerned will attend the workshop.

The workshop is being conducted by the Logistics Division, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, with cooperation of Government of Kerala.

This is the third in a series of region-specific workshops, focusing on ‘Area Development Approach’ in holistic and integrated planning of projects under the ambitious national programme.

PMGS-National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity is a digital platform that brings 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.

The multi-modal connectivity will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services from one mode of transport to another. It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.

Seeking to take PMGS to the district/local level, the Logistics Division with the technical support of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N), seven workshops have been planned across the country, covering more than 100 districts.

The first two workshops were held in Bhopal (Central Zone) and Pune (Western Zone) respectively.

The authorities of 14 districts from Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana will be attending the Southern Zone workshop.

The meet will showcase the best practices and use cases of PMGS, by various Infrastructure and Social Sector ministries and departments such as Roads, Highways and Transport, Shipping & Waterways, Telecom, School Education, Tribal Affairs etc.

The meet will deliberate on dovetailing the PMGS’s geo-spatial technology and Area Development Approach with NITI Aayog’s aspirational districts program, facilitate collaboration and better planning, illustrating the utility of PMGS NMP platform in effective planning of infra, social and economic facilities and the role of District Collectors in facilitating comprehensive area-based planning.

The envisaged outcome includes effective planning and implementation under the Area Development Approach, saturation of selected locations with necessary social and economic infra, facilitating first and last-mile connectivity, effective implementation of existing schemes and programs, ultimately leading to inclusive growth and sustainable development across the region.

These workshops serve as an effective means for bringing together relevant stakeholders of the PM GatiShakti NMP for extensive deliberations and cross learnings between Districts, States/ UTs and Central Ministries/Departments.

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