Record of discussion of Orientation Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held on 5th January'2016 at Assam Administrative Staff College (AASC), Khanapara

- An Orientation Workshop was organised on 5th January'2016 at AASC, Khanapara with the objective to facilitate the Departments in preparation of Action Plan as well as Vision document "Assam-2030 in the light of SDGs".
- The Workshop started with the registration of the participants from 10 AM. The list of the participants is annexed.
- Initiating the Workshop Shri K.V Eapen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam delivered welcome address and offered felicitation to the resource persons Shri Anurag Goel, IAS (Retd.), Shri Shiladitya Chatterjee, IAS, (Retd.) and Shri Gautam Baruah, Director, IIIT, Guwahati.
- 4. The Chief Secretary, Assam inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural speech, the Chief Secretary welcomed Shri Shiladitya Chatterjee, IAS (Retd.), & Shri Anurag Goel, IAS (Retd.) and welcomed all the participants present in the workshop and explained about the initiative of the Government of Assam for accepting and adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with effect from 1st January'2016 with a Mission for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by UN General Assembly on 25th September'2015, in the State of Assam. Further, Chief Secretary informed that a SDG Cell has already been constituted in the P & D Department, reporting directly to the Additional Chief Secretary, P & D. A centre for SDGs has also been established in the AASC to support all departments in the work relating to SDGs and Shri. Anurag Goel, IAS (Retd) will be the Advisor of the Centre. It was informed that Shri Shiladitya Chatterjee, IAS (Retd.) will also be associated with Government of Assam for providing guidance in terms of monitoring and evaluation of SDGs in the State. The OKD Institute, Guwahati has also agreed to have a partnership with the Government in this effort.

Jeffrey D.Sachs Director, The Earth Institute of Columbia University and Dr. Shiv Someshwar will be also associated with implementation of various activities to achieve the SDGs in the State.

5. Shri Shiladitya Chatterjee made a presentation on "the Millennium Development Goals, Linkages with SDGs and way forward". In the presentation Mr. Chatterjee spoke about the reasons for which the MDG could not succeed. The main reasons are incomplete development framework, ignoring of critical drivers of development and means of implementation like economic growth, basic infrastructure, Governance & institutions, Resources, Technology etc and also the failure to address emerging issues like inequality, urbanisation problems etc.

However, in case of SDGs all these are incorporated including environment and climate change.

- 8. Shri. Gautom Baruah, Director, IIIT, Guwahati spoke about the mechanism of using Technology platform for analyzing data and monitoring etc.
- 9. Dr. Ravi Kota, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department explained about the financial systems and procedures for budget preparation. The Commissioner & Secretary, informed about the preparation of outcome budget and apprised that a column may be included in the outcome budget indicating the targets under various SDGs as worked out from time to time.
- 10. At the end of the workshop the following decisions were taken:
- Planning & Development Department will act as the Nodal Department for implementation of SDGs in Assam.
- The SDG Cell in the P & D Department will put in place an on-line system for communication and co-ordination with the departmental SDG Cells and the Centre for SDGs in AASC.
- A conference of two days duration will be organised either at in the end of January or in the first week of February for detail deliberation on the process of implementation of SDGs in the State. Representative of NITI Aayog, Civil Societies etc will be also invited for the conference in addition to the officials associated with SDGs and different groups.
 - In the Conference Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam will unveil "Assam-2030 in the light of SDGs", the drafting of which is being done by OKDISC.
- > Chairman, Rapporteur and Convenor for each SDG working groups were finalised in the conference.
- Prior to the conference, each of the working groups will work whole heartedly for preparation of papers listing the various activities to be taken up department wise for achieving the SDGs pertaining to their groups. The group member is suggested to sit twice in a week for shaping the papers in right direction.
- > The group will make presentation on their papers to the Chief Secretary on a convenient date to the Chief Secretary.
- Accordingly each Working Group will make presentation on the action plan prepared by the groups in connection to SDGs pertaining to their group in the conference.
- 11. Secretary, P & D Deptt offered vote of thanks to all the members present for their kind presence, active participation and laudable suggestions.

Chief Secretary Assam

ANNEXURE -I

Participants in One Day Orientation Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Held On 5th January, 2016 At Assam Administrative Staff College (AASC) Khanapara

SI No	Name of the officers	Designation
1	V. K. Pipersenia IAS	Chief Secretary Assam
2	Shiladitya Chatterjee	Resource Person
3	Anurag Goel IAS(Rtd)	Resource Person
	Gautom Baruah	
4		Ex-Director, IITG, Resource Person
5	Jaideep Baruah	OKD Institute for Social Change Resource Person
6	V.B .Pyarelal IAS	Addl .Chief Secretary P&RD etc
7	K V Eapen IAS	Addl .Chief secretary P&D
8	Shyam Mewara IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary Labour & employment etc
9	Rajiv Bora IAS	Addl.Chief Secretary WPT & BC etc
10	P K Borthakur IAS	Principal Secretary Education, UDD
11	A.K. Singh IAS	Principal Secretary WMD
12	S. Kumar IAS	Principal Secretary Irrigation
13	Ashutosh Agnihotri IAS	Commissioner & Secretary P&D
14	Ravi Kota IAS	Commissioner & Secretary Finance etc
15	Rajesh Prasad IAS	Commissioner & Secretary FCS &CA
16	K.K. Dwivedi IAS	Commissioner & Secretary P&RD
17	M. C Sahu IAS	Commissioner & Secretary Information &
		Technology
18	Dhrubajyoti Hazarika IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Forest Deptt.
19	Aruna Rajoria IAS	Secretary, P&D
20	Ali Askar ACS	Secretary, Environment & Forest
21	P. Sonowal IAS	Secretary, UDD
22	Lalit Gogoi ACS	Secretary, Transport etc
23	M. R Dutta	Secretary, WPT&BC
24 .	P.P Changkakati	Secretary, Water Resource Deptt
25	Shella Rahman	Secretary, Industries & Commerce
26	M. Baruah	Secretary, Social welfare Deptt
27	A.K Das	Secretary, PHED Assam
28	D. D Deka	Director, Dairy Dev department
29	Ira Deka	Director, Finance (IF) Deptt
30	J. Islam	Director, FCS & CA
31	Indrani Das Bargohain	Director, WPT& BC
32	H. K Deuri	Director, Finance
33	Hemen Das	Director, MAD
34	Alilia Sultana	Director, CADA
35	Dr Loknath Sarma	Director, SCERT
36	Moniratna Mahanta	Controller, Legal Metrology
37	Mahendra Mohan Boro	Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation
38	Girin Ch Das	Chief Engineer, ASEB
39	H. A Ahmed	Addl. Chief Engineer, PHE
40	A.Barkakati	G.M, APGCL
41	And other 155 Participants	