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11 industry leaders to work with officials, lend expertise

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FOR 18 months starting July, the Karnataka government will partner with 11 professionals from the private sector, as part of an Administrative Fellowship. The 18-month fellowship will see corporate leaders work alongside senior IAS officers in various government departments, to provide solutions to India's development problems. Deemed a 'pioneer initiative' in PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model, the first cohort of the Indian Administrative Fellowship was announced on Monday jointly by The/Nudge Foundation and the Government of Karnataka.

Eleven professionals have been chosen from about 2,000 applicants for the fellowship. Founder of PushEngage Ravi Trivedi, co-founder and CEO

of YCook India Dr Gayathri Swahar, CEO of Greycaps Giri Balasubramaniam, Board member and CFO at Fidelity Investments R Balasubramanaya, CEO and board member at Jubilant Motorworks Rohit Malhotra, Director at HP Vani Narayan, head of engineering at KVP Business Solutions Sreenivasa Madenhally, founder of Yushu Consulting Ramachandran Narayanaswamy, co-founder and CEO of SheCommerz Aruna Sampige, finance head of Bosch Sunil Kumar Vaya, and founder of Jalmitra Shobha Ananda Reddy will work alongside IAS officers.

These professionals will work in the departments of agriculture, education, administrative reforms committee, rural development, e-governance, planning and statistics, women and child welfare, Planning Commission, entre-

NITI AAYOG PUSHES KARNATAKA TO FAST-TRACK DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Bengaluru: Sanyukta Samaddar, Advisor to NITI Aayog, visited Karnataka on Monday as part of a two-day workshop on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Samaddar has been visiting various states to hold sensitisation workshops. Samaddar presented a copy of the SDG India Index to Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar and held discussions with officials, urging the administration to take up focused action on high-priority SDGs.

The NITI Aayog advisor is scheduled to hold meetings with officials of various departments at the Vikasa Soudha till Tuesday to discuss Karnataka's target achievement and provide inputs on how other states are tackling development concerns on various fronts. The focus of her visits is to sensitise state governments towards Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures. States are being encouraged to avoid overlapping deprivations and focus on priority areas for action at national, state and district levels to implement initiatives to alleviate poverty. During her visit, Samaddar highlighted that Karnataka's Index score on SDG had improved from 66 in 2019 to 72 in 2020, putting the state ahead in the 'frontrunner' category. ENS

preneurship and livelihood and Panchayat Raj.

Former Karnataka Chief Secretary TM Vijaya Bhaskar has been roped in to work with R Balasubramanya on

the administrative reforms committee. "The Indian Administrative Fellowship is a novel opportunity for citizens to create catalytic change by becoming collaborators with

the government," said Minister for Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Narayana Gowda. The initiative is part of Karnataka's push to emerge to the forefront of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) leadership board.

"IAF Fellowship provided me with an opportunity to make an impact on our state. I had exited my last global company to devote the rest of my career towards nation-building, and this was the best opportunity to make an impact at scale. Agriculture, which I got selected for, as a sector, holds the key to build food security, come out of poverty and provide better livelihood to millions of fellow citizens. This sector can benefit from technology innovations, which have helped other sectors," said Ravi Trivedi, founder of PushEngage.