

**T**he Development & Planning Department is responsible for the formulation of the State's Annual Plans and the Five year Plans in collaboration with the different Departments of the Government and in consonance with the guidelines of the Planning Commission of India. The Department also facilitates the preparation of the District Plans by the District Planning Committees. With the help of other Departments and District Authorities this Department monitors the implementation of the District Plans, Annual Plans, & the Five Year Plans. The Development & Planning Department finalises any matter involving policy which concerns more than one Department but not included in the Rule of Business of any other Department. The Development & Planning Department takes the responsibility of looking into all matter relating to the constitution and functioning of the State Planning Board, District Planning Committees and Uttarbanga Unnayan Parshad. The Department is the controlling authority of the Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics.

A "Human Development Resource Coordination Centre" had been set up under the Department as a way forward to focus on Human Development issues in the planning process. The project "Strengthening State Plan for Human Development had been initiated since 2005 and it gets its fund from Planning Commission of India and United Nations Development Programme.

The Development & Planning Department is the Nodal Department for monitoring of the implementation of the Government of India programmes - 'Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme', the 'Twenty Point Programme-2006' and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects. The Department also implements and monitors schemes of Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakalpa and Natural Resource Data Management System.