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# District Periodic Planning Guidelines

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Local Self-Governance Act, 1999 has stipulated that each District Development Committee (DDC) should prepare their district development plan by encompassing all aspects of the district. It is also made mandatory that the annual programme has to be drawn up and implemented guided along by the same spirit. The underlying purpose of the Act is to institutionalize the development process at the local level through participatory approach.

This Periodic Planning Guidelines have been prepared and enforced throughout the country with a view to ensure that the concerned stakeholders in the respective district authorities get due support in the overall periodic planning process in order to translate the legal provision into action.

In the process of drawing up the basis of the guideline, the National Planning Commission (NPC) with the help of professionals prepared a conceptual and procedural framework and then organized a series of interaction sessions involving district and regional level stakeholders. This Guidelines has been formulated only after duly incorporating the suggestions received in the interactions even as the experts too have put in much efforts.

The Guideline will guide not only in preparing district development plans but also will help formulating sectoral plans and programmes. It will also help institutionalize local development activities at the district level and promote local self-governance system in the long run. It has been taken as a major breakthrough in the history of planned development in the country.

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