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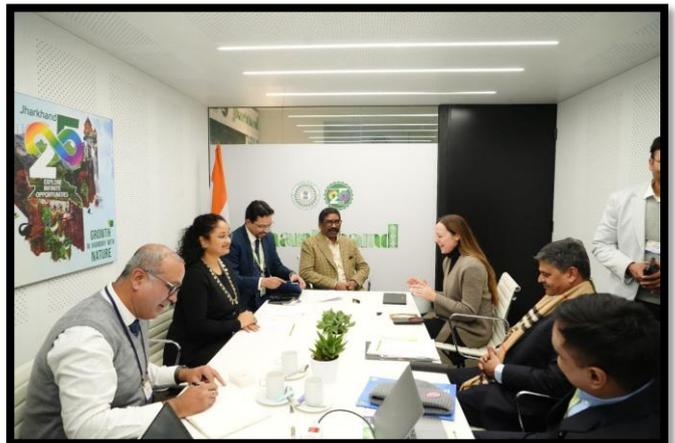
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Meeting between Chief Minister Hemant Soren and the Chief India Representative of the Sweden–India Business Council
Discussions held on strengthening Jharkhand–Sweden business partnership and cooperation in urban mobility

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On the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren, along with Smt. Kalpana Murmu Soren and the official delegation of the Government of Jharkhand, held a courtesy meeting with Ms. Cecilia Oldne, Chief India Representative, Sweden–India Business Council. The meeting focused on strengthening business cooperation between Jharkhand and Sweden.

Ms. Cecilia Oldne expressed the Sweden–India Business Council’s keen interest in expanding trade and investment partnerships with Jharkhand and assured full cooperation in this regard. She noted that more than 50 Swedish companies are currently operating in India, and highlighted Jharkhand’s potential to emerge as an important investment destination for Swedish enterprises.

During the discussions, it was agreed that, building on the outcomes of this meeting in Davos and the engagements held during the Chief Minister’s visit to Sweden last year with companies such as Volvo and others, a dedicated roundtable meeting would be organised in April to take forward identified action points. The proposed roundtable will also deliberate on urban mobility, with a particular focus on financing solutions for urban transport.

The Chief Minister informed that the Government of Jharkhand distributes bicycles to lakhs of students in government schools every year to ensure that their education is not disrupted due to mobility constraints. He requested the Sweden–India Business Council to prepare a feasibility report on bicycle usage in the state and the potential introduction of e-bicycles for schoolchildren, to assess how e-bicycles could be effectively made accessible to students.

The meeting was an important step towards advancing the outcomes of the Chief Minister’s visit to Sweden last year and further strengthening long-term cooperation between Jharkhand and Sweden.

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