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Moving Jharkhand from 'Mines' to 'Minds' is Our Resolve; Not Just Policies, but Doors of Opportunities are Opening: CM Hemant Soren

Addressing the concluding session of the *National Stakeholders Consultation*, Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren stated that institutions of innovation and research are welcome in Jharkhand to elevate the state's intellectual capacity. He emphasized that Jharkhand must move forward on the path of sustainable progress, aiming to develop the state into a research and innovation hub powered by new technological advancements while working holistically on long-term plans for overall development.

During the event, the Chief Minister presented a fresh vision for the comprehensive and long-term development of Jharkhand to members of the industry, tech experts, investors, tourism partners, and policymakers.

To boost digital governance, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and technological innovation, the Government of Jharkhand signed a total of *fourteen (14) major Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)* with prominent industrial houses and global organizations—including the Tata Group, Jindal Group, Varun Beverages, **Google, EaseMyTrip, Jindal Steel, and Power Nuclear**. **Draft policies of several departments were also discussed during the session.**

The Chief Minister highlighted that while Jharkhand has traditionally been identified with its mineral wealth (*Mines), the time has come for the state to move ahead on the strength of its intellectual capacity and technological innovation (Minds*). Turning the state into a center for research, innovation, and new ideas is the government's top priority.

*** *Not Just Agreement, but Achievement:***

The Chief Minister stated that the MoUs signed today with various organizations are not mere paper agreements, but achievements for the bright future of the state. These are not just policies, but brand-new possibilities for Jharkhand's growth.

*** *Long-Term Partnership and Time-Bound Implementation:***

For the holistic development of the state, the government is focusing on 'Long-Term Partnerships' instead of short-term plans. The Chief Minister issued strict directives to officials to ensure all projects are implemented on the ground within a fixed time limit.

*** *Integrating Tribal Society into the Mainstream:***

Mentioning the current provision of a 25% concession for tribal groups in JIADA (Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority) regulations, the CM directed departmental officials to reconsider how this can be increased to 50%. This is aimed at connecting the tribal community—the very soul of the state—to the core path of development.

*** *Bridging the Communication Gap:***

He acknowledged that due to a lack of better communication in the past, Jharkhand's true potential could not be fully showcased to the world. The government will now bridge this gap and maintain continuous dialogue with domestic and global investors.

The Chief Minister concluded his address by expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries, Union Ministers, tech experts, and investors present, closing with '*Johar*' (a traditional tribal greeting) and inviting everyone to become partners in Jharkhand's journey of development.

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