

Interactive Meeting at the Planning & Statistics Department, Government of Rajasthan

In his interactive meeting, **Mr. Naveen Jain, IAS, Secretary - Planning and Statistics Department, Mr. Scott Wang, Vice President - Asia Pacific, World Trade Centers Association (WTCA)**, discussed WTCA's role in supporting trade expansion from India. Mr. Wang emphasized how WTCA's extensive network helps World Trade Center Jaipur connect local businesses to global markets, facilitating opportunities for them to engage with international buyers and expand their overseas reach. He described WTCA as an "international ecosystem" that spans over 90 countries, offering iconic properties and integrated trade services. This global network is supported by a team of 15,000 professionals who provide reciprocal resources to help address various business needs.

Earlier, Mr. Jain shared the Government of Rajasthan's vision for development, led by the Planning Department, which oversees the Schematic Budget, expenditure monitoring, and the execution of government policy initiatives. This department plays a critical role in implementing centrally sponsored schemes, promoting public-private partnership (PPP) projects, and modernizing statistical systems to ensure the availability of accurate, timely data. It also coordinates with Central Ministries, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, NITI Aayog, and other institutions to facilitate effective policy implementation. Additionally, the Planning Department manages the cadre of Economics, Statistical, and Evaluation Services, serving as a bridge between the State and Central Government.

Mr. Jain further explained the department's responsibility in preparing the state's Perspective Plan and Vision Documents, providing secretarial support to the Rajasthan Chief Minister's Economic Transformation Advisory Council (RajCMETAC), and overseeing Externally Aided Projects through the Project Monitoring Unit, which liaises with state departments, the Ministry of Finance, and other agencies. The department also serves as an intermediary between the State Government and banks to support developmental initiatives.

The meeting was held on September 5, 2024 in Jaipur.



In Photo (From left to right): Mr. Naveen Jain, IAS, Secretary to Government – Planning and Statistics; Mr. Scott Wang, Vice President - Asia Pacific, World Trade Centers Association (WTCA); and Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Assistant Director, World Trade Center Jaipur