

Niti Aayog member calls on the Chief Minister

Deliberations held for use of new source of energy 'Methanol'

Chief Minister asks the member of the Niti Aayog to make a DPR on the same

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Member of the Niti Aayog Dr. VK Saraswat called on the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath here today at the Shastri Bhawan. During the meeting discussions were held on the use of the new source of energy - methanol. The member of the Niti Aayog gave a presentation - 'Methanol Economy : Opportunities and Options for Energy Security', before the Chief Minister.

During the presentation Dr. Saraswat informed that presently at world level, methanol and its derivative Di-Methyl Ether (DME) is being used as fuel and also to cater to other energy requirements. He also opined that the use of methanol should also be encouraged because other than being cost effective it also helped in keeping the environment clean.

Dr. Saraswat also said that the target of Prime Minister to reduce by 10 per cent the dependence on oil and gas import by the year 2022, methanol can be used as an alternative transportation fuel. DME, LPG and Methanol can also be mixed and used, it was informed. This will also lead to reducing the dependence on LPG. Also because methanol and DME is cheaply priced, the energy needs can be catered to at lesser costs.

The Chief Minister asked the member, Niti Aayog to present a detailed project report (DPR) with regards to this. Also present during the meeting were Urban Development Minister Mr. Suresh Khanna, Chief Secretary Mr. Rajeev Kumar and other senior officers.
