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# Assam team studies UP's economic growth model

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**Lucknow:** The Uttar Pradesh govt's compilation of District Domestic Product (DDP) to assess the state's economic development has caught the attention of other states. After a visit by officials from Rajasthan, a delegation from Assam spent two days in UP to study the processes and impacts of the DDP.

In Lucknow on Aug 19 and 20, the delegation led by Jayanta Bhaskar Reddy, secretary, transformation and deve-

lopment department, Assam Govt, and comprising Amit Choudhary, head of department, statistical department, Guwahati University, Assam, and Pankaj Kumar Gogoi, senior statistical officer, DES, Assam, studied the DDP processes and carried out a field visit to Dhakwa village of Mal Development Block in Lucknow district where the periodic labour force (PLFS) survey is taking place.

The delegation met Alok Kumar, principal secretary, planning, and Selva Kumari J, secretary, planning and di-

rector general, economics and statistics. The officials gave the delegation a complete overview of the DDP estimation process and held detailed discussions on the utility of the DDP model. The DDP book for 2023-24 was also shared with the delegation.

"The officials from Assam studied the methodology, data collection, weightage given to various indicators, and the DDP estimation process used by UP. They were also given information about the first-ever bottoms-up approach adopted in the country

for DDPs through PLFS and annual surveys of unincorporated sector enterprises (ASUSE) conducted in all 75 districts," said a govt spokesperson, explaining that the DDP model not only provides an accurate and comprehensive picture of the state's local economy but also aids in making district-level development strategies more effective, result-oriented, and inclusive.

Reddy praised the statistic collection initiative by the UP govt, calling it exemplary for other states.

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