



NITI Aayog and CII Launch Partnership on SDGs

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The NITI Aayog entered into a **three-year partnership** with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to develop vision and action agenda for the industry to contribute towards sustainable development goals (SDGs).

- The partnership focuses on specific activities that seeks to develop:
 - Vision and Action Agenda for businesses and industries to contribute to SDGs,
 - Annual Status Reports,
 - Sector-specific Best Practise Documents.
- The Government reiterated that India will achieve its clean energy goals even earlier than 2022 and the only way to grow and develop sustainably is to use technology to **leapfrog**, use **new and renewable energy** and push for **R&D and innovation** to generate demand for electric vehicles, hydrogen cars, etc. and to **find local solutions** to the diversity of challenges.

Leapfrog: An advance from one place, position, or situation to another without progressing through all or any of the places or stages in between. **E.g.:** India will leapfrog to emission standards of BS-VI from the current BS-IV by 2020, skipping BS-V.

Sustainable Development Goals

- Officially known as **Transforming our world**, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a set of **17 "Global Goals"** with **169 targets** to be achieved over the **next 15 years**.
- They were adopted on September 25, 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda.
- The UN spearheaded SDGs are **successor of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that ended in 2015**.
- The SDGs came into effect in January 2016.