



8th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog

Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister of India has chaired the **8th Governing Council Meeting of [NITI Aayog](#)**.

- It was attended by Chief Ministers/Lt.Governors representing 19 States and 6 UTs.

What are the Highlights of the Meeting?

- **Theme:**
 - Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India.
- **PM's Address:**
 - The Centre and the States would have to work as "Team India" to realise the objective of a "Viksit Bharat (Developed India)" in 2047.
 - NITI Aayog can play a critical role in **helping the States to develop their strategies for the next 25 years** and align the same with the national development agenda.
 - The States and Union Territories were urged to **work with the Aayog so that the country could take a quantum leap** towards achieving its vision for the "Amrit Kaal".
 - There is a need for the States and the Centre to promote "[Shree Anna](#)" in the International Year of Millets.
 - He also deliberated on the need to work towards water conservation through the "[Amrit Sarovar](#)" programme.

What is NITI Aayog's Governing Council?

- It is the **premier body trusted with developing a shared vision of national priorities** and strategies with the active involvement of States and Union Territories.
- It is a platform to discuss **inter-sectoral, inter-departmental** and federal issues.
- **It comprises:**
 - The Prime Minister of India.
 - Chief Ministers of all the states and union territories with the legislature.
 - Lt Governors of other UTs.
 - Ex-Officio Members,
 - Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog,
 - Full-Time Members, NITI Aayog.
 - Special Invitees.

What is NITI Aayog?

- **About:**
 - The Planning Commission was replaced by a new institution – **NITI Aayog on 1st January, 2015** with emphasis on '**Bottom -Up**' approach to envisage the vision of Maximum Governance, Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of '[Cooperative Federalism](#)'.
 - **It has two Hubs,**
 - Team India Hub acts as an interface between States and Centre.
 - Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the think-tank acumen of NITI Aayog.
- **Initiatives:**

- [SDG India Index](#)
- [Composite Water Management Index](#)
- [Atal Innovation Mission](#)
- [SATH Project.](#)
- [Aspirational District Programme](#)
- [School Education Quality Index](#)
- [District Hospital Index](#)
- [Health Index](#)
- [Agriculture Marketing And Farmer Friendly reform Index](#)
- [India Innovation Index](#)
- [Women Transforming India Awards](#)
- [Good Governance Index](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims

Q. Atal Innovation Mission is set up under the (2019)

- (a) Department of Science and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Ans: (c)

Q. The Government of India has established NITI Aayog to replace the (2015)

- (a) Human Rights Commission
- (b) Finance Commission
- (c) Law Commission
- (d) Planning Commission

Ans: (d)

Mains

Q. How are the principles followed by the NITI Aayog different from those followed by erstwhile Planning Commission in India? (2018)

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