



NITI for States Platform

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Why in News?

Recently, the Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology inaugurated the '**NITI for States**' platform, a digital initiative aimed at empowering states and union territories (UTs) in their pursuit of national development goals.

- The '**Viksit Bharat Strategy Room**' at NITI Aayog was also inaugurated.

What is NITI for States Platform?

- **About:** Developed by [NITI Aayog](#), “the NITI for States” platform serves as a repository of valuable resources, aiming to integrate data across states, centralising findings to inform future decisions by state governments based on **data-driven insights**.
 - The platform incorporates real-time data update and monitoring, spanning 10 sectors and two cross-cutting themes.
 - Sectors include agriculture, education, energy, health, livelihoods and skilling, manufacturing, micro, small and medium enterprise, tourism, urban, water resources, and [WASH](#) (water, sanitation, and hygiene).
 - Cross-cutting themes encompass [gender](#) and [climate change](#).
- **Features:**
 - **Extensive Knowledge Base:** Curated best practices, policy documents, datasets, data profiles, and NITI Aayog publications.
 - **Multilingual Accessibility:** Inclusive access in major Indian languages and foreign languages.
 - **Capacity Building Initiatives:** Tailored digital training modules for officials at block, district, and state levels.
 - **Expert Help Desk:** Specialised guidance through partnerships with leading institutions.
 - **Data Integration:** Leverages data from the [National Data & Analytics Platform \(NDAP\)](#) for comprehensive insights.

What is the Viksit Bharat Strategy Room?

- The Viksit Bharat Strategy Room is an interactive space where users will be able to **visualise data, trends, best practices and policies** in an immersive environment and make a holistic assessment of any problem statement.
- It also allows users to interact through **voice-enabled AI**, and connect to multiple stakeholders through video conferencing.
 - It is designed to become a **plug-and-play model** to enable replication at state, district and block levels.

Composition of #NITIaayog

Chairperson

- Prime Minister

Governing Council

- CMs (States) and Lt Governors (UTs)

Regional Councils

- Formed on need-basis, comprising CMs and Lt Govs of the region

Members

- Full-time basis

Part-time Members

- Max 2, rotational, from relevant institutions

Ex-officio Members

- Max 4 from Council of Ministers, nominated by PM

Special Invitees

- Experts, specialists, practitioners with domain knowledge

Chief Executive Officer

- Appointed by PM for fixed tenure, Secy rank

Secretariat

- As deemed necessary

What are the NITI Aayog's Initiatives Driving Development Across States?

- **Development Support Services for States (DSSS):** NITI Aayog assists with project planning, financing, and implementation to ensure successful infrastructure creation.
 - It also aims to establish **Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)** as governance tools supporting larger development agenda.
- **Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP):** It aims to quickly and effectively transform 112 most under-developed districts across the country.
 - NITI Aayog works with them to **improve core metrics in education, health, nutrition, and basic infrastructure.**
- **Composite Water Management Index (CWMI):** It provides an annual snapshot of the water sector status and water management performance of the states and union territories (UTs) in India.
- **SDG India Index:** This index tracks India's progress towards achieving the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
 - It provides valuable data for states to identify areas needing greater focus and promotes collaborative action.
- **SATH (Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital):** It was launched in 2017 to identify and build three **'role model' States for the school education sector.**
 - **Jharkhand, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh** were chosen for the same.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):** It aims to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country at **school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels.**
 - Recently, Atal Innovation Mission and Meta collaborated to launch **Frontier Technology Labs (FTLs)** in schools across India.
 - AIM has already established **10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)** in schools nationwide, focusing on fostering curiosity and creativity among students.
 - FTLs are an advanced version of ATLs, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure to empower students in frontier technologies like AI, AR/VR, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, Robotics, 3D Printing, and IoT.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

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)

