



## NITI AAYOG - 2018

# Transformation of Aspirational Districts Baseline Ranking and Real Time Monitoring Programme

### Introduction

Though India is on high growth trajectory, presently the quality of life of many citizens is not paralleled with the growth story since

- India ranked 131 out of 188 in UNDP's Human Development Index (2016)
- There are significant interstate and inter district growth variations.

### About Transformation of Aspirational Districts programme

- Launched by the Prime Minister in January 2018, the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme focuses on **transforming 115 districts** across 28 states that have witnessed **the least progress** along certain development parameters.
- These 115 districts account for **more than 20% of the country's population** and cover over 8,600 gram panchayats.
- It aims to improve performance across indicators that improve the quality of life as well as economic productivity.
- The Aspirational Districts programme, through **real-time monitoring** and **proactive course corrections**, reinforces the mechanisms of cooperative & competitive federalism between the Centre and the States, down to the Districts.

### Baseline ranking

The NITI Aayog launched the baseline ranking for the Aspirational Districts based on the published data of **49 indicators (81 data points) across five developmental areas** with different weightages.

## Aim

- To remove heterogeneity through mass movement (Jan Andolan), to quickly and effectively transform the district.
- Uplifting the districts which have shown relatively lesser progress in achieving key social outcome.
- Focus on the key strengths of each district and identify the low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement.

## Outline



## Prabhari officers

- Officers at the levels of joint secretary/Additional Secretary.
- States appoint State Prabhari officers.

## Selection of Districts

- By a committee of Senior Officers to the Govt of India
- Data sets to be obtained from
  - Socio Economic Caste Census

- Health Sector performance
- Education Sector performance
- State of Basic Infrastructure

## Framework

- NITI Aayog anchors the programme with support from Central Ministries and the State Governments.

1. 30 districts - NITI Aayog
2. 50 districts - Various Central ministries
3. 35 LWE districts - Ministry of Home affairs

## Real time monitoring

- NITI Aayog & Govt. of Andhra Pradesh created dashboard for monitoring real-time progress of districts.
- From April 1 2018 Districts will start entering data.
- From May 2018, Districts will be ranked on their "incremental progress" i.e. **Delta Ranking**, exemplifying the spirit of competitive federalism.
- Districts can learn from each other's experiences using the "**Best Practices**" document that NITI Aayog has prepared and circulated to the district collectors.

### Performance of 101 districts across sectors

Sector	Weightage	Indicators	Rank 1	Rank 101
Health and nutrition	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antenatal care</li> <li>• Postnatal care</li> <li>• Gender parity</li> <li>• Newborn health</li> <li>• Children's growth</li> <li>• Contagious disease</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> </ul>	Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)	Adilabad (Telangana)
Education	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning outcome</li> <li>• Average scores in maths and languages</li> <li>• Toilet access for girls</li> <li>• Drinking water availability</li> <li>• Electricity supply Pupil-teacher ratio</li> <li>• Textbook delivery on time</li> </ul>	Bhupalpally (Telangana)	Shrawasti (UP)
Agriculture and water resource	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price realisation</li> <li>• Yield</li> <li>• Seed distribution</li> <li>• Soil health card</li> <li>• Crop insurance</li> <li>• Artificial insemination</li> </ul>	Vizianagaram (Andhra)	Chandel (Manipur)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal vaccination</li> </ul>		
<b>Basic infrastructure</b>	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household latrines</li> <li>• Drinking water</li> <li>• Electricity</li> <li>• Road connectivity</li> <li>• Common service Centres</li> <li>• Panchayats</li> </ul>	Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh)	Namsai (Arunachal)
<b>Financial Inclusion and skill development</b>	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilling of youth</li> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Skilling of marginalised and vulnerable youth</li> </ul>	<b>Financial inclusion:</b> Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh)  <b>Skill development:</b> Purb iSingbum (Jharkhand)	<b>Financial inclusion:</b> Baksa (Assam)  <b>Skill development:</b> Baksa (Assam)

## Overall Baseline Ranking

- Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh is ranked highest with 48.13 %, Mewat in Haryana tails at the end with 26.02 %.
- Public-Private Partnerships, aided by technology, can bring radical transformation in the country, boosting implementation of various government schemes.

Private hands involved are ITC, IDinsight, Piramal Foundation, Tata trust.

**Q.** Can Government's "Aspirational Districts Programme" manage to uplift the so called BIMARU states?

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