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Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations

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Why in News

The 27th **Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)** was inaugurated at Kolkata, West Bengal on 11th November, 2019.

The Conference is organized by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**, Government of India **every year**. The **theme** for 2019 is the **“Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”**.

It is a major national forum for **coordination between the Central and State Statistical Agencies** with the objectives of putting in **coordinated efforts** for making available reliable and timely statistics to planners and policy makers.

Background

- The Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations (COCSSO) was organized for the **first time in the year 1971**.
- In September 2016, MoSPI developed a **National Indicator Framework (NIF)** which is a consolidated list of possible national indicators. It consists of 306 statistical indicators to serve as a backbone for monitoring of SDGs.

First of its kind **‘SDG India Index’** has been developed in collaboration with the **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Global Green Growth Institute, United Nations in India, and NITI Aayog**.

NITI Aayog has prepared the SDG India Index spanning across 13 out of 17 SDGs (leaving out Goals 12, 13, 14 and 17).

- The discussion at the conference will be centred around the enabling of the State Governments to develop their **State Indicator Frameworks** in line with the NIF and to strengthen the statistical system of the country.

Objectives

- To provide an overall perspective to the **development of the statistical system** and to **make recommendations/suggestions** on issues having bearing on the development of the statistical system;
- To solve the **technical issues** relating to statistics;
- To set up **Working Groups** on specific issues/tasks relating to official statistics;
- To **provide guidelines** in the collection of statistics and maintenance of statistical standards and quality, besides uniformity in statistical standards;
- To consider the **Action Taken Report** of the follow-up action on the recommendations of the previous meetings(s) of COCSSO; and
- To **review the role of the Statistical Advisers** in the Central and States/UT Governments.

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