



## NITI Aayog

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(National Institution for Transforming India)

## HISTORY- PLANNING COMMISSION

Set up in **1950**  
to direct investment  
activity

Replaced by **NITI  
Aayog** on January  
1, 2015

### Composition of #NITLaayog

#### 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 Inviters

Experts, specialists, practitioners with  
domain knowledge

#### Chief Executive Officer

Appointed by PM for fixed tenure  
(Secy rank)

#### Secretariat

As deemed necessary

## OBJECTIVES

- ↳ Foster **cooperative federalism**
- ↳ Develop mechanisms to **formulate credible plans (village level)**
- ↳ Interests of **national security** in economic strategy and policy
- ↳ Special **attention to weaker sections**
- ↳ Provide advice and encouragement to partnerships between **key stakeholders, national-international Think Tanks, research institutions**
- ↳ Create **knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system**
- ↳ **Platform for inter-sectoral and inter-departmental issues resolution**
- ↳ Maintain **state-of-the-art Resource Centre**

### NITI Aayog vs Planning Commission

NITI Aayog	Planning Commission
Advisory Think Tank	Extra-constitutional body
Wider expertise	Limited expertise
Secretaries (CEO) appointed by PM	Secretaries appointed by usual process
Bottom-up approach	Top-Down approach
No Mandate to impose policies	Imposed policies on states
No power to allocate funds	Allocated funds to ministries/state govts

## Major Initiatives

- ↳ SDG India Index
- ↳ Atal Innovation Mission
- ↳ e-AMRIT Portal (electric vehicles)
- ↳ Good Governance Index
- ↳ India Innovation Index
- ↳ Aspirational District Programme
- ↳ 'Methanol Economy' programme

## Issues

- ↳ **No powers** in granting **discretionary funds** to states
- ↳ Only an **advisory body**
- ↳ **No role in influencing private or public investment**
- ↳ **Politicisation of the organisation**
- ↳ **Lacks the requisite power** to bring positive change

